

Lawfulness regarding the circumcision banquet

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Is it permissible to make a banquet on the occasion of a circumcision?

Answer: All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

The opinion of Al-Qaadhi `Iyaadh, An-Nawawee, Ibn Al-Qayyim and Ash-Shawkaanee is that banquets which are cooked are permissible if they are by way of thanking, that is to say, thanking Allaah for His favours and it is also by way of beneficence. Among its ways is to make "Al-`Adheera" or "Al-I`dhaar" which is the meal given on the occasion of circumcision.¹

The opinion of the Messenger's صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ companions and their successors is that it is obligatory to answer the invitation to any banquet².

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ. Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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¹ See : An-Nihaaya by Ibn Al-Atheer (3/197).

² See : Tuhfat Al-Maulood by Ibn Al-Qayyim (90), Nayl Al-Awtaar by Ash-Shawkaanee (1/377).