

109274 - Is Sa'i before Tawaf Valid?

the question

I went to do `Umrah but I did not know that Tawaf should come before Sa`i, so I did Sa`i before Tawaf. What is the ruling on my `Umrah?

Summary of answer

If someone performs Sa'i before offering Tawaf, he does not have to repeat his Sa'i. A man asked the Prophet about performing Sa'i before Tawaf, and the Prophet replied, "There is no sin."

Detailed answer

The Standing Committee for Academic Research and Issuing Fatwas said:

"If someone perform Sa`i before offering Tawaf, he does not have to repeat his Sa`i, because of the report narrated by Abu Dawud with an authentic chain of narrators going back to Usamah ibn Sharik who said: I went out with the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) for Hajj, and the people were coming to him, saying: O Messenger of Allah, I did Sa`i before Tawaf, or I did one thing sooner and another thing later, and he kept saying: "There is so sin, there is no sin, except for a man who vilified the honour of a Muslim man; he is a wrongdoer who has sinned and is doomed."

And Allah is the Source of strength. May Allah send blessings and peace upon our Prophet Muhammad and his family and companions." (Shaykh `Abd Al-`Aziz ibn `Abdullah ibn Baz, Shaykh `Abd Ar-Razzaq `Afifi, Shaykh `Abdullah ibn Ghadyan, Shaykh `Abdullah ibn Qa`ud, Fatwa Al-Lajnah, 11/320)

For more details, please see the following answers: 34695, 109274, 109286, and 209165.

And Allah knows best.