

Islam Question & Answer

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1199 - Does having a tattoo on the body mean that a person cannot go for Hajj?

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What is the ruling about having tattoos on the body? Does it stop a person who has tattoos from performing the duty (fareedah) of Hajj?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is forbidden to have tattoos on the body, because it was reported that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) cursed the one who adds hair extensions and the one who has this done, and the one who does tattoos and the one who has this done. A tattoo may be on the cheek or lip, or elsewhere on the body, where the skin colour is changed to blue or green or black, etc. But having a tattoo does not prevent a person from performing Hajj.