

280967 - Can You Skip Tawaf Al-Ifadah?

the question

There is someone who went for Hajj but he did not do tawaf al-ifadah or sa`i because he did not know that they are required, and he went back to his country. Please note that he is not married. After that, he went for `umrah more than once, and intended when doing tawaf and sa`i that they were for `umrah. Then after doing those `umrahs, he came to know that tawaf al-ifadah and sa`i are obligatory, so he went and did tawaf al-ifadah and sa`i for Hajj. His question now is: what is the ruling on those `umrahs that he did? Are they valid? Did he do the right thing by doing tawaf al-ifadah and sa`i for Hajj after having done those `umrahs? Or did the tawaf and sa`i of `umrah count for the tawaf and sa`i of Hajj? Please note that I am a person who is affected by waswas and I get very stressed when thinking about issues having to do with acts of worship.

Summary of answer

Tawaf al-ifadah and sa`i are two of the pillars or essential parts of Hajj, without which Hajj is not complete. If someone failed to do them, then his Hajj is not complete, and he must do them.

Detailed answer

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Can you skip tawaf al-ifadah and Sa`i?

[Tawaf al-Ifadah](#) and the sa`i of Hajj are two of the pillars or essential parts of Hajj, without which Hajj is not complete.

If someone does Hajj but he does not do [tawaf al-ifadah](#) or sa`i, and he completed the first stage of exiting ihram by [stoning the Jamarat](#) and shaving his head, then only intimacy with women remains prohibited for him, and he must go back to Makkah and do tawaf and sa`i, no matter how long a period of time has elapsed.

Shaykh Ibn `Uthaymin (may Allah have mercy on him) said: “[Tawaf al-ifadah](#) is one of the pillars or essential parts of Hajj, without which Hajj is not complete. If someone failed to do it, then his Hajj is not complete, and he must do it. So he must go back, even from his country, and do tawaf al-ifadah.

In this case, as he did not do [tawaf](#), it is not permissible for him to be intimate with his wife, because he has not completed the second stage of exiting ihram; the second stage of exiting ihram is not complete until after doing tawaf al-ifadah and sa`i, if he was doing tamattu‘ [Hajj and `umrah together, exiting ihram in between]; or if he was doing qiran [Hajj and `umrah together, without exiting ihram in between] or ifrad [Hajj on its own], and he did not do sa`i with tawaf al-qudum [the tawaf of arrival].” (Fatawa Arkan al-Islam, p. 541).

Shaykh Ibn Baz (may Allah have mercy on him) was asked: I am one of the residents of Makkah. I did Hajj last year and I did tawaf, but I did not do sa`i. What is the ruling?

He replied: “You must do [sa`i](#). This was an error on your part, because [sa`i](#) is essential, whether you are one of the residents of Makkah or otherwise. Sa`i must be done after tawaf; after you come back from `Arafat you should do tawaf and sa`i. The one who failed to do sa`i must do sa`i now.” (Fatawa ash-Shaykh Ibn Baz, 17/341)

If this person did `umrah several times after his Hajj, then the first `umrah he did completed his Hajj, as the tawaf and sa`i that he did in `umrah made up for the tawaf and sa`i of his Hajj. It does not matter that he intended that to be for `umrah, because he was still in the state of ihram for Hajj, and his entering ihram for `umrah is not to be counted. In the case of tawaf and sa`i, it is not stipulated that there be a specific intention (niyyah) regarding them, intending that they be for Hajj or for `umrah, according to the correct scholarly view. See: ash-Sharh al-Mumti‘ (7/403).

For more information, please see the answer to question no. 273955 , in which it states that tawaf in a later `umrah completes the previous `umrah.

In conclusion, the tawaf and sa`i of the `umrah that was done after Hajj complete the Hajj, and the questioner does not have to go back again to do the tawaf and sa`i of Hajj.

What to do if you miss Tawaf al-Ifadah?

This questioner must sacrifice a sheep, to be slaughtered in Makkah and the meat distributed to the poor there, because he failed to do the farewell tawaf, as doing the farewell tawaf before completing the rituals does not count.

How to dispel Satanic whispers

He should beware of waswasah ([whispers from the Shaytan](#)), because it is a disease and an evil. The best remedy for it is to ignore it and pay no attention to it.

And Allah knows best.