

33594 - She prayed whilst menstruating because of shyness

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She prayed whilst menstruating because of shyness. What is the ruling on that and what expiation should she offer?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

Al-Nawawi said: The ummah is unanimously agreed that it is haraam for a menstruating woman to pray, whether that is obligatory (fard) prayers or supererogatory (naafil).” Al-Majmoo’, 2/351.

Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymeen was asked about that and replied:

It is not permissible for a woman who is menstruating or bleeding following childbirth (nifaas) to pray, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said concerning women: “Is it not the case that if a woman menstruates she does not pray or fast?” The Muslims are unanimously agreed that it is not permissible for a menstruating women to fast, or for her to pray. Based on this, if a woman does that she has to repent to Allaah and to seek His forgiveness for what she did.

Fataawa al-Mar’ah al-Muslimah, 1/285.