

Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr

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Rasūlullāh ﷺ ordered the giving of one ṣā' of dates or one ṣā' of barley as Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr on every Muslim slave and free person, male and female, minor and adult. (Al-Bukhārī)

❖ What is Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr?

Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr is a charity which is given to the poor on the day of 'Īd so that they can also acquire the happiness of 'Īd without having to beg.

❖ Upon whom is Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr obligatory?

Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr is obligatory upon every free sane Muslim who has wealth beyond his basic needs and which reaches the value of niṣāb (612.36 grams of silver).

It is also necessary for a father to give Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr on behalf of his minor children if they do not possess their own wealth to the value of niṣāb. If a minor child has his/her own personal wealth which reaches the niṣāb then the father can give from this wealth.

❖ When does Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr become obligatory?

Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr becomes obligatory on every person mentioned above if they are alive at the dawn of 'Īdul-Fiṭr.

❖ When should Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr be given?

It is preferable to take out the Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr before going for 'Īd Ṣalāh after dawn on the day of 'Īdul-Fiṭr.

❖ Can Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr be given in advance?

Yes. Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr can be given anytime once Ramaḍān commences. The spirit of Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr is to ensure that even the poor people do not feel deprived on the day of 'Īd. In view of this, it will be advisable to give Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr in advance.

❖ Will a person's obligation be absolved if he does not give Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr on the day of 'Īd?

No. The obligation of Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr will still remain and he will be obliged to give it even after the day of 'Īd; anytime during his lifetime.

❖ How much is Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr?

Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr is ½ ṣā' of wheat or 1 ṣā' of barley, raisins or dates.

❖ What is the current value of Ṣadaqatul-Fiṭr?

The prices of the above items vary considerably, hence, after taking into consideration their retail prices in Leicester, an acceptable price for each of them is given in the chart below. It will be allowed to suffice on the lowest amount, **£5.00***, however, to give according to the value of the dearer items is more virtuous.

Wheat	Barley	Raisins	Dates		
£5.00	£8.00	£21.00	£19.00 Khudrī	£31.00 Ṣafawī	£50.00 'Ajwah

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