

Deceased's outstanding fasts

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹ said:

If the deceased was obliged to fast for two consecutive months, either one of his heirs may volunteer to fast them on his behalf, or they may feed one poor person for each day.²

And he (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) said:

It is proven from the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)³ that if a person died owing an obligatory fast of Ramadhan or a vow or expiation, then his next of kin may fast on his behalf –i.e., if he wishes.⁴

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² Al-Sharh al-Mumti' (6/453).

³ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

⁴ Fataawa Noor 'ala al-Darb, 20/199