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Not displaying grief or happiness on Day of 'Aashoora

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) said, "The Day of 'Aashoora is one of the Days of Allaah (عزوجل), there is nothing that has been legislated concerning it except one thing which is the fast, and yet even then the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) gave the order to fast a day before or after it in order to be different to the Jews."

And he (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) said, "The Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم) was asked about fasting on the Day of 'Aashoora and so he said, 'It expiates the past year,' i.e., the one before it.

No part of the 'Eed [celebrations] have a place on this day. So just as none of the rites of 'Eed are a part of it, none of the rites of grieving are either—displaying grief or happiness on this day is in opposition to the Sunnah, nothing has been reported from the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) concerning this day except to fast it."⁵



^{1 (}رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

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

Fataawaa Nurun-'Alad-Darb, vol. 2, p. 1199.

⁵ Fataawaa fil-'Aqeedah, vol. 2, p. 1121.