
Performing Hajj on behalf of deceased parents

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ was asked, “My mother and father passed away when I was little and, bearing in mind that they were poor, I don’t know whether they performed Hajj or not, so what should I do?” He (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) replied, “There is no Hajj on your parents in such a state and there is no deficiency in their religion which they are to be blamed for, and that is because Hajj is only obligatory on the person who is able to carry it out, due to Allaah’s Statement, (تعالى)²,

‘And [due] to Allaah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House, for whoever is able to find a way thereto.’³

But if you do want to perform Hajj or ‘Umrah on their behalf, then start firstly with your mother and secondly, your father.”⁴

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

² (تعالى) Ta’aala (He, The Most High)

³ سورة آل عمران - Soorah aal-’Imraan [3:97]

⁴ Fataawaa Nurun-’ala-Darb, CD.