

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS: SHABAB'S EXIT FROM THE MAJAL

In an earlier "Question-Answer" you have used the Sahaba's immigration to Abyssinia as evidence about the permissibility of the Shabab's exit from the Majal, knowing that the Sahaba at the time were not obligated to carry the Da'awa and their immigration to Abyssinia was not regarded as a neglect of the duty, whereas the Shabab of the party are obligated to carry the Da'awa, and leaving the Majal would mean leaving the Fard (obligation). Could you please explain?

- The carrying of the Da'awa was not obligatory upon the Muslims as a whole prior to the revelation of the command in Madinahh. Therefore, the non obligation was in fact general and not specific to the Sahaba. The issue is not restricted to the obligation or the non obligation, it is rather linked to the permissibility or the prohibition of leaving the Majal. Therefore, the Messenger of Allah's (SAW) action, reflected in giving the Muslims permission to leave the Majal of the Da'awa i.e. to immigrate from Makkah, even as an escape from persecution, serves as evidence that it would be permitted for the party member to leave the Majal of the party. As for the carrying of the Da'awa, this is not connected to the issue, and the party member is at present commanded to carry the Da'awa, whether he were in the Majal or outside it. Therefore, his exit from the Majal would not exempt him from carrying the Da'awa, what the party member would be exempted from are the party activities. Therefore, it is permitted for the party member to leave the Majal of the Da'awa and he would be obligated to undertake the party's activities, as for the carrying of the Da'awa, this would not fall from upon his neck.

What is the evidence that demonstrates that the Da'awa was not an obligation upon the Sahaba of Allah's Messenger (SAW) in Makkah? - The Sahaba only carried the Da'awa well after they moved to Madinahh, their state in carrying the Da'awa demonstrates that they used to rarely carry the Da'awa in Makkah, but in Madinahh they used to carry it all the time. Therefore, apart from the fact that the command was revealed in Madinahh, the Sahaba's action vis-a-vis the carrying of the Da'awa rarely in Makkah and constantly in Madinahh serves as evidence that carrying the Da'awa was an obligation upon the Sahaba in Madinahh but not in Makkah.

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