



“Seven Simple Points on *Zakaat al-Fitr*”
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- [1]: *Zakaat al-Fitr* is obligatory on every Muslim whether young, old, male, female...¹
- [2]: The wisdom behind the obligation of *Zakaat al-Fitr* is that it rectifies the deficiencies in a Muslim’s fast, and it feeds the needy [on the day of the ‘*Eid*].
- [3]: The amount of *Zakaat al-Fitr* is not to be less than a prophetic *saa’*, which is four *amdaad*: four, average, two-handed scoops. This is equivalent to approximately 3 kilograms (i.e. 6.6 pounds).²
- [4]: *Zakaat al-Fitr* is to be given with food that the people are accustomed to eating in their particular locale.
- [5]: It is not permissible to give cash for *Zakaat al-Fitr*. [It is given in food].
- [6]: The proper time to give *Zakaat al-Fitr* is from the setting of the Sun on the eve of *Salaat al-‘Eid* until the emergence of the *Imaam* for *Salaat al-‘Eid*.
- It is also permissible to give *Zakaat al-Fitr* a day or two before the aforementioned time; however, it is not permissible to delay it past *Salaat al-‘Eid*. If it is delayed beyond *Salaat al-‘Eid*, it is still obligatory for it to be given, even outside its proper time - and a person does not get the reward for *Zakaat al-Fitr*; rather, a person only receives the reward for ordinary charity.
- [7]: *Zakaat al-Fitr* is specifically for the poor. It is not to be given to other than them from the eight groups who are eligible for *Zakaah*, nor is it to be given to charitable causes.

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¹ *Zakaat al-Fitr* is given by the head of the household on behalf of those he is responsible for. See *Zaad al-Mustaqni*.

² The purpose of this translation is not to present a discussion on this issue (point #3). The purpose is to present simple material that conveys the views of a leading, senior scholar on the topic of *Zakaat al-Fitr*.