42106 - Fasting the Days of Tashriq

the question

I have the habit of fasting every Thursday and it so happened that I fasted on Thursday 12th Dhu'l-Hijjah. On the Friday, I heard that it is not permissible to fast on the Days of al-Tashreeq and that Thursday was the third of the days of al-Tashreeq. Is there any sin on me if I fasted that day? Is it true that it is not permissible to fast on the days of al-Tashreeq or should we avoid fasting only on the first days of Eid?

Summary of answer

Fasting on the two days of Eid is haram. It is also haram to fast on the days of al-Tashreeq which are the three days after Eid al-Adha.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Can you fast on Eid?

Fasting on the two days of Eid is haraam, as indicated by the hadeeth of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri (may Allah be pleased with him) who said: The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) forbade fasting on the day of al-Fitr and al-Nahr ." (Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 1992; Muslim, 827) The scholars are unanimously agreed that fasting on these two days is haraam.

Can you fast on Days of Tashreeq?

It is also haraam to fast on the days of al-Tashreeq which are the three days after Eid al-Adha (the 11th, 12th and 13th of Dhu'l-Hijjah). because tThe Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "The days of al-Tashreeq are days of eating, drinking and remembering Allah."

(Narrated by Muslim, 1141)

Abu Dawood (2418) narrated from Abu Murrah the freed slave of Umm Haani that he entered with ‘Abd-Allah ibn ‘Amr upon his father ‘Amr ibn al-‘Aas. He offered them food and said, “Eat.” He said, “I am fasting.” ‘Amr said: “Eat, for these are the days on which the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) would tell us not to fast and forbade us to fast, and these are the days of al-Tashreeq .” (Classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh Abi Dawood)

Can a pilgrim fast the Days of Tashreeq?

But it is permissible to fast on the days of al-Tashreeq for a pilgrim who does not have a hadiy (sacrificial animal). It was narrated that ‘Aa’ishah and Ibn ‘Umar (may Allah be pleased with them) said: No one was allowed to fast on the days of al-Tashreeq except one who could not find a hadiy. (Narrated by al-Bukhaari, 1998)

Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymeen said:

“It is permissible for those who are doing Hajj qiraan or tamattu’, if they cannot find a hadiy, to fast these three days so that the Hajj season will not end before they fast. But apart from that it is not permissible to fast on these days, even if a person is obliged to fast for two consecutive months; he should not fast on the day of Eid and the three days following it, but then he should continue his fast.” (Fataawa Ramadaan, p. 727)

See also questions no. 21049 and 36950 .

And Allah knows best.