33649 - Can a Woman Enter the Mosque during Her Period?

the question

Is it permissible for a female to attend Jumuah during her menses only to listen to the khutbah?

Summary of answer

It is not permissible for a menstruating woman to enter the mosque unless she is only passing through. However, she may sit in a place that is attached to the mosque or close to it and listen to the Khutbah.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Can a woman enter the mosque during menses?

If you want to sit in the mosque to listen to the khutbah, this is not permitted, because it is not permitted for a menstruating woman to enter the mosque, unless she is only passing through.

But if she is going to sit in a place that is attached to the mosque or close to it , then there is nothing wrong with that, because she is not entering the mosque in this case.

Shaykh Ibn `Uthaymin (may Allah have mercy on him) said:

It is prohibited for a menstruating woman to stay in the mosque; it is even prohibited for her to stay in the Eid prayer place, because of the Hadith of Umm `Atiyah (may Allah be pleased with her) who said: “He (meaning the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)) commanded us to bring out on the two Eids the adolescent girls and the virgins in seclusion, but he commanded the menstruating women to stay away from the prayer-place of the Muslims.” (Narrated by Al-Bukhari, 324 and Muslim, 890. Risalat Ad-Dima’ At-Tabi`iyyah li’l-Nisa’, p. 52-5)

The Standing Committee (5/398) was asked about the ruling on menstruating women entering the mosque.

They replied:

“It is not permissible for a menstruating woman to enter the mosque except to pass through it if she needs to . This is like the one who is in a state of impurity following sexual activity, because Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“O you who believe! Approach not the prayer when you are in a drunken state until you know (the meaning) of what you utter, nor when you are in a state of Janaba (i.e. in a state of sexual impurity and have not yet taken a bath), except when travelling on the road (without enough water, or just passing through a mosque), till you wash your whole body.” [An-Nisa’ 4:43]

Can women go to Jumu`ah during mensus to listen to the khutbah?

The Standing Committee was also asked (6/272) about the Islamic ruling on a woman who enters the mosque when she is menstruating so that she can listen to the khutbah .

They replied:

“It is not permissible for a woman to enter the mosque when she is menstruating or bleeding following childbirth… But simply passing through is allowed, if she needs to and she is certain that she will not make the mosque impure, i.e. by drops of blood falling on the floor, because Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“…nor when you are in a state of Janaba (i.e. in a state of sexual impurity and have not yet taken a bath), except when travelling on the road (without enough water, or just passing through a mosque)…” [An-Nisa’ 4:43]

A menstruating woman comes under the same rulings as one who is Junub, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) commanded Aishah to pass him something from the mosque when she was menstruating.

And Allah knows best.