37715 - Emission of madhiy (prostatic fluid) does not invalidate the fast

the question

I suffer from easily-provoked desire which happens for many reasons, such as when I walk down the street and see a woman, I lower my gaze immediately, but it so happens that something is emitted. Or when I am sitting thoughts come to my mind which I try to put a stop to immediately, but it so happens that something is emitted. This is not something I do deliberately; I cannot help it. Does this invalidate the fast?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The emission of madhiy (prostatic fluid) does not invalidate the fast, whether it happens because a man is thinking or kissing his wife or for some other reason. This is the view of Imam al-Shaafa'i (may Allaah have mercy on him). See al-Majmoo' by al-Nawawi, 6/323

Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah (may Allaah have mercy on him) said in al-Ikhtiyaaraat, p. 193:

The fast is not broken because of madhiy that is emitted because of kissing, touching or repeated looking. This is the view of Abu Haneefah and al-Shaafa'i, and of some of our companions.

This is also the view of Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen (may Allaah have mercy on him), as was stated in al-Sharh al-Mumti', 6/390, where he said:

The proof concerning that is that there is no evidence to say that the fast is invalidated thereby, because fasting is an act of worship that is enjoined on man, and this act of worship cannot be invalidated unless there is evidence that something invalidates it.