

Who is eligible to receive Zakatul Fitr?

Explained by Shaykh Salih Fawzan

**Question:** It is difficult during our current times to find a poor person that does not have enough sustenance for his day. Such that I witnessed in one of the organizations in the city of Riyadh that most of the people who take Zakatul Fitr are people who have enough sustenance to last for a month or a year. Thus is it permissible to give them Zakatul Fitr?

**Shaykh Salih Fawzan:** O my brothers, no one said “do not give (Zakatul Fitr) to anyone except the person who does not have enough to suffice him for his day and his night”. No one has said this. Give (Zakatul Fitr) to the poor. And the poor person is the one who does not have enough to suffice him for the year. The person who does have enough to suffice himself for the year, this is the poor person. He is given Zakat of wealth and Zakatul Fitr.

As for the condition of the person who does not have enough sustenance for the day and night, this pertains to the condition of the person who has to give Zakatul Fitr not the person who receives it.

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