



Q3: It is said that the verbal Riddah (apostasy) may take place by uttering the word of Riddah such as cursing one's religion. It is also said that committing verbal Riddah or the like renders one's deeds of Salah, Sawm, Zakah, etc., invalid. If a person vowed to do anything, should they fulfill their vow or make up for what they missed or what was rendered invalid because of Riddah or not? If the answer is affirmative, should he make up for missed days of fasting consecutively or not?

A: Types of Riddah were pointed out earlier. Committing Riddah does not require that a person says that he commits Riddah. But if he says so, then his saying will be counted as Riddah. The Murtadd (he who apostatize Islam) who returns to Islam again is not required to make up for what he missed during his Riddah of Salah, Sawm, Zakah, etc. Moreover, he will not lose the righteous deeds he had done before committing Riddah if he returns to Islam and dies as a believer. Allah (may He be Exalted) makes the loss of righteous deeds in this case dependent upon the person dying as a disbeliever. Allah (may He be Exalted) says: [﴿ Verily, those who disbelieve, and die while they are disbelievers... ﴾](#) He also says: [﴿ And whosoever of you turns back from his religion and dies as a disbeliever, then his deeds will be lost in this life and in the Hereafter... ﴾](#)

The vow made before committing Riddah should be fulfilled as long as it is an obedience to Allah.

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A person should fulfill this vow after returning to Islam. He should also fulfill the rights of Allah and the rights of servants he that he owed before committing Riddah.

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