

The Miswak in Ramadhaan

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Q: "If a person cleansed their teeth with the Miswak while fasting in Ramadhaan, and traces of the flavor from the Miswak reach the throat and are thereupon swallowed, does this effect the fast or not?"

A: "Our Shaykh Abdur Rahman bin Naasir as-Sa'dee, rahimahullah, was questioned regarding this affair, to which he responded. Following is the text of the question and answer, for the sake of presenting the benefit.

Questioner: 'If the Miswak is used while fasting, and there is a sensation of heat or other than that from it's flavor which is swallowed, does this impair the fast? And if they remove the Miswak from their mouth while there is saliva upon it, and put it back into their mouth and swallow it, does this impair the fast?'

The Shaykh, may Allah have mercy upon him, responded, as is written:

'There is no harm in either of the two scenarios, just as it is specified regarding the saahib in the second example, and made clear by the questioners' speech in the first example. The order for the fasting person to use the Miswak and it's permissiveness includes all of this, so there is no problem with it, in shaa Allah.'

[end of Shaykh Sa'dee's response]

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