

Question 315) - Is there any other action besides salah in the two eclipses?

A: 'Aishah radiyAllaahu 'anha narrated that Rasulullaah (S.A.W.) said, "Verily the sun and the moon are signs from amongst Allaah's signs. They do not eclipse due to the death or life of anyone. when you see that, make du'a to Allaah, Salah and Sadaqah. Al-Bukhari, Chapter on charity during eclipse.

Asma radiyAllaahu 'anha narrated, "The Nabi (S.A.W.) commanded that we set slaves free during solar eclipse.? Al-Hidayah states, "Rasulullah did it once and did not do it the next time, so it is not Sunnah."

Ash-shami states in Raddul Muhtar, "That is because a sunnah is what he constantly acted upon. Doing it once and then leaving it means that it is recommended."

I say that negating the Salah in its entirety is to contradict authentic Ahadith. It is therefore appropriate to interpret Imaam Abu Hanifa RAH. words as negation of the emphasis of the sunnah and not it being sunnah.

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