



Handling a Miscarried Fetus

The second question of Fatwa no. (3817):

Q 2: Please be advised that my wife had a miscarriage of a four-month fetus before her death. I buried it without offering the Funeral Prayer for it. Do I have to pay a Kaffarah (expiation)?

A: It should have been washed, enshrouded and the Funeral Prayer offered for it, according to the strongest opinion

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of scholars, because it was four months old. It was narrated by [Abu Dawud](#) and [Al-Tirmidhi](#) from [Al-Mughirah ibn Shu`bah](#) may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) stated, [\(Funeral Prayer should be offered for a miscarried fetus.\)](#) However, it is too late to do anything now, so you do not have to pay Kaffarah.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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