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Stipulating a wage for leading Taraweeh

Question:

Dear respected Mutakallim-e-Islam Maulana Ilyas Ghuman DB,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

What is the ruling regarding stipulating a wage for reciting the Glorious Qur'an in Taraweeh Salah and what is the ruling for accepting gifts once the Qur'an has been completed?

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Answer:

وعليكم السلام ورحمة الله وبركاته

Understand a few points here:

- 1) Stipulating a wage for leading Taraweeh is not permissible.
- 2) If a wage hasn't been stipulated, the reciter isn't expecting anything, and in the case that he doesn't get anything he wouldn't feel offended, upset or get angry, thereafter the people in charge decide to present a gift then it would be permissible for him to accept.
- 3) If a wage hasn't been stipulated, but the reciter expects that he will receive something, however upon not receiving he wouldn't feel offended, upset or get angry then in this situation if someone presents something out of his own happiness then it would be okay for him to accept.
- 4) Nothing has been stipulated, however in his heart he hopes to receive something, and upon not receiving he feels offended, upset or gets angry, or by

his words or actions he makes it out to the people in charge that he wasn't taken care of, then in these situations it would not be permissible for him to accept anything.

In conclusion, stipulating a wage for taraweesh is not permissible. If a Hafiz leads Taraweesh for the pleasure of Allah ﷻ and any sum hasn't been stipulated from prior, thereafter a Muqtadee offers something to this Hafiz then he will be able to accept, and it is highly recommended to offer a gift in such moments.

والله أعلم بالصواب

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