



The fifth question of Fatwa no. 5912

Q 5: What is the ruling on a man who swore that his wife would be unlawful for him if she entered her maternal uncle's house, then after some time she went there with his consent?

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A: If the husband's intention when he swore that oath was only to forbid his wife from entering her maternal uncle's house, and she did enter it, he must offer Kaffarah (expiation) for breaking an oath. The Kaffarah is to feed ten Miskins (needy people) the average meal that one feeds their family, or to provide them with clothing, or to emancipate a believing slave. In case he is unable to carry out any of these, he must observe Sawm (Fast) for three days. However, if his intention was to declare her unlawful for him as his mother, then he must offer Kaffarah for Zihar (a man likening his wife to an unmarriageable relative) before he can resume intimacy with her. The Kaffarah for Zihar is to emancipate a believing slave. In case he cannot find any, he must observe Sawm for two consecutive months. If he is unable to do this, he must feed sixty Miskins. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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