



Fatwa no. 6207

Q: Some of my father's acquaintances told me that he killed some people at a time when stealing and corruption prevailed. My father died while I was young. Since knowing this, I am confused regarding what I should do to make up for what my father did. He died without performing Hajj but I offered it on his behalf. It is worth mentioning that he did not have any children other than me. What shall I do? Shall I feed a needy person for every victim my father killed? I swear by Allah that freeing a slave is beyond my means. What shall I do regarding Sawm (fast), which he never observed? May you guide me! May Allah reward you with the best!

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A: If a Muslim dies after deliberately killing a person or persons, then he has committed a major sin other than Shirk (associating others with Allah in His Divinity or worship). He is left to the Will of Allah Who forgives or tortures him according to His Will. Allah (Exalted be He) says: **﴿Verily, Allâh forgives not that partners should be set up with Him (in worship), but He forgives except that (anything else) to whom He wills﴾** Then on the Day of Judgment, there will be a sort of settlement between him and his victim regarding misdeeds and good deeds. You only have to ask Allah to forgive your father and be merciful to him. You can also give Sadaqah (voluntary charity) on his behalf so that Allah may have mercy on him and pardon him.

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

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