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Q 2: What is the ruling if a woman seeks refuge in the Name of Allah from her husband, or vice versa?

A: It is obligatory to grant refuge to the one seeking refuge in the Name of Allah, out of glorification to Allah (Exalted be He). It was reported by Abu Dawud and Al-Nasa'y with a Sahih Sanad (authentic chain of narrators), on the authority of Ibn 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with them), that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, *«Whoever seeks refuge in the Name of Allah, grant him refuge; whoever asks in the Name of Allah, gives him; whoever invites you, responds to his invitation; and whoever does you a favor, reward him, but if you find nothing to reward him with, supplicate (to Allah) for him until you believe that you have rewarded him.»* This applies in the case where the seeker of refuge is not duty-bound towards the person he is seeking refuge from. But if he is bound by some obligation to the one from whom refuge is sought, such as a debt, the right of a spouse, Qisas (just retaliation), or anything similar, he should not be granted refuge. Rather, he should fulfill the right he owes to him, unless his opponent exempts him from such a right.

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

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