

How husband deals with differences between mother and wife

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(Al-Hudaa wan-Noor, 437.)

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Questioner: I have a mother and she causes problems with my wife, what should I do?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹: I'm thinking about this question [and as to] what my answer should be—I'm not with you such that I can know how it is that you deal with your mother and how she deals with your wife, so that I can [then, based upon that] say in answer to your question that you should do such and such. I don't know what should be done.

But maybe you can bring to mind Allaah's Statement عز وجل, "And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], "uff," and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word. And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, 'My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small.'" [Soorah al-Israa 23-24]

Maybe you interact with your mother the way your Lord has decreed in this aayah?

Questioner: Oh Shaykh ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): I'm asking you but you're not answering, maybe you are doing what your Lord has decreed in this aayah?

Questioner: Yes ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): So then what's the problem?

Questioner: The problem is that she is ignorant of the legislation and opposes it in my house and with my wife, and when ... I'll give you some examples, O Shaykh ...

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): No, we're not in need of examples. Is she, for example, more misguided than Aazar, [Prophet] Ibraheem's father?

Questioner: I don't know that story well, O Shaykh.

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَهُ اللهُ): Don't you know that Ibraheem عليه السلام was the Khaleel of Ar-Rahmaan, and his father was a polytheist, and in the Qur'aan it mentions that he would [yet still] always admonish him by saying, "O my father! O my father! O my father!" "**O my father! Do not worship the Devil!**" [Soorah Maryam: 44]. So he was always gentle with him even though he was a polytheist—and no matter how ignorant, as you said, your mother is, she still, in'sha'allaah, is not a polytheist, so it is important that you are gentle in dealing with her, this is from one angle.

On the other hand concerning your wife, is she righteous, in'sha'allaah, and listens to what you say and obeys you?

Questioner: This is the other problem, she is also ignorant of some of the legislation.

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَجْمَهُ اللهُ): Then how do you want me to give you an answer to a problem which is sitting between two? The first is to do with your mother and the other is connected to your wife—you find a solution to it according to what the legislation and sound reasoning together dictate.