
Husband is addicted to smoking

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

Question: My husband is addicted to smoking and he suffers from asthma. Many conflicts aroused between us because of his inability to give up smoking. To come to the point, five months ago my husband prayed two Rak`ahs (units of Prayer) for the sake of Allaah and took an oath not to smoke again. Nevertheless, my husband returned to smoking only one week after taking this oath. Problems started again between us. I thus asked him to divorce me but he promised me that he is giving up smoking forever and that he will never smoke again. However, I do not trust him at all. What is your opinion? What is the Kaffarah (expiation) for my husband's oath that I mentioned above? What do you advise me to do? May Allaah reward you with the best.

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹: Smoking is one of the evil Haraam (prohibited) things for it has many harms. Allaah (Glorified be He) says in Soorah (Qur'aanic chapter) Al-Maa'idah: [**They ask you** (O Muhammad ﷺ) **what is lawful for them** (as food). **Say: "Lawful unto you are At-Tayyibaat** [all kind of Halaal (lawful-good) foods which Allaah has made lawful (meat of slaughtered eatable animals, milk products, fats, vegetables and fruits)].] Allaah (Exalted be He) SAYS also in Soorah Al-A'raaf while describing the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):[**...He allows them as lawful At-Tayyibaat** (i.e. all good and lawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons, foods), **and prohibits them as unlawful Al-Khabaa'ith** (i.e. all evil and unlawful as regards things, deeds, beliefs, persons and foods).] Undoubtedly, smoking is one of the evil things and thus your husband has to abandon and beware of it.

This is to obey Allaah and His Messenger (peace be upon him), beware of reasons of Allaah's Wrath, keep the soundness of his Deen (religion) and health, and to be kind to you.

Regarding the oath that your husband took, he has to make Tawbah (repentance to Allaah) and intend not to do this again and he has to make a Kaffarah of feeding ten Miskeen (needy) persons by giving them lunch or dinner or half a Sa` (about 1.5 kilo) of the staple food of the country, clothing them, or by setting free a believing slave. However, if he is unable to do any of the foregoing; he has to observe Sawm (Fast) for three days.

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

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Finally, we advise you not to ask your husband to divorce you as long as he performs Salaah (Prayer), has a good reputation, and abandons smoking. Anyway, if your husband insists on disobeying Allaah (Exalted be He); you may ask him to divorce you. I ask Allaah to grant him success and guide him to sincere Tawbah.