
Satellite dishes in homes

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

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹: And here there is an issue that I remembered now and I wish to caution against it. And it is that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² said:

مَا مِنْ رَجُلٍ يَسْتَرْعِيهِ اللَّهُ رَعِيَّةً يَمُوتُ يَوْمَ يَمُوتُ وَهُوَ غَاشٌّ لِرَعِيَّتِهِ إِلَّا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ

‘There is no man to whom Allaah has entrusted with the care of people, and he dies while neglecting his flock, except that Allaah will forbid Paradise to him.’³

And this responsibility includes the major vast responsibilities and the minor responsibilities. And it includes the man’s responsibility concerning his family.

And based upon this, whoever dies while he has left behind in his house a satellite dish, then he has died while betraying his responsibility and he will be forbidden paradise as it is mentioned in the hadeeth.

For this reason we say, any sin that results from this satellite dish that the person installed before his death, verily every sin that results from it after his death then the sin is upon him; even if a long period of time passes by, and the sins are numerous. Thus beware my Muslim brother, beware not to leave behind you that which will be a sin against you in your grave.

And the satellite dish that you have with you it is obligatory to smash it. Because it is not possible for you to utilise it except in a manner which is prohibited. It is not possible to sell it, because if you sold it then you would have imposed upon the buyer using it in disobedience to Allaah. And then you would be from those who assist in sin and transgression. And there is no way to repentance from that before death except by smashing this machine; this device that brings about evil and calamities that which is known today to all of the people.

Beware my brother that death should surprise you while you have this filthy device in your home. Beware, beware, for verily you will yield its sin and it shall continue upon you after your death. We ask Allaah for safety and security.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ Saheeh al-Bukhaaree (7151) and Saheeh Muslim (142)