

Fatwa no. 21410

Q: I got angry with my wife and told her that I did not want her. This took place on 2/2/1421 A.H. Is this considered a Talaq (divorce pronounced by a husband) or an oath that necessitates Kaffarah (expiation)? Please answer me before it is too late. May Allah safeguard you.

A: If you have intended to pronounce Talaq by this sentence, it is considered one pronouncement of Talaq, but you can take your wife back in marriage as long as she is still in her `Iddah (woman's prescribed waiting period after divorce).

However, if this Talaq is the third, she becomes unlawful for you unless she marries another person and then gets divorced from him, in which case you can remarry her with a new contract.

On the other hand, if you have not intended Talaq by this sentence, there is nothing due on you.

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

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