

The second question of Fatwa no. 2870

Q 2: I was sitting with my wife and advising her to be an ideal wife, who would look after her house and appreciate her husband, but I said something to her that I deeply regret. I only said it with the intention of rebuking her, and now I wish that I had not said it. I asked Allah for forgiveness the moment I said it. What I said to my wife was: "It is Haram (forbidden) that a woman like you be a man's wife." Please give me the ruling on this statement, and may Allah grant you the best reward. Does my saying this affect my relationship with my wife? Because - all praise be to Allah - I have no doubts about this, as our relationship is excellent and both of us respect each other. Please give me the ruling on this matter. May Allah bless you for it.

A: Saying to your wife, "It is Haram that a woman like you be a man's wife," is evil speech that is Munkar (unacceptable or disapproved of by Islamic law and Muslims of sound intellect). You have to make Tawbah (repentance to Allah) for this, but you do not have to perform a Kaffarah (expiation).

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

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