

Fatwa no. 378

Q: Once I got angry and said to my wife, "Cover up in my presence." I did not intend to divorce her. Is she regarded as divorced? It should be noted that I neither divorced her before nor granted her divorce in return for money, which is known as Khul` (divorce at the request of the wife in return for compensation to the husband). Eight days have already passed. My wife was in a postpartum period when I said that to her.

A: If the reality is as you mentioned that you said to your wife "Cover up in my presence" when you were angry but you did not intend to divorce her, you have not divorced your wife. This is because the ruling on such situations depends on the husband's intention. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

"The reward of deeds depends upon the intentions and every person will get the reward according to what they have intended."

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

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