

The tenth question of Fatwa no. 9450

Q 10: A man got engaged to a girl and her father stipulated that the groom would give him additional money besides the Mahr (mandatory gift to a bride from her groom) and the fiancé accepted this; is the money which the father of the bride takes considered illicit? Does the following saying of the Prophet (peace be upon him) apply to it:

If anyone sells a free slave and takes its price, I will be his opponent on the Day of Resurrection?

A: Mahr is the right of the woman. As for the money stipulated by her father, it has to be paid by the groom if he accepts this condition. It is authentically reported on the authority of `Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

The most pleasant of what you eat is that out of what you earn; and your children are from your earnings.

The condition which her father stipulated does not come under the meaning of the mentioned Hadith of the prohibition of consuming the price of a free slave because her father did not sell her but he concluded a permissible marriage contract for her.

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

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