Weekly Question & Answer Session
with The Noble Shaykh Ḥasan ibn 'Abd Al-Wahhāb Marzūq al-Bannā (حفظه الله)

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The following are the questions presented to the Shaykh with the corresponding minute marker from the audio:

1. May Allāh preserve you O Shaykh. My father does not pray except the jumu'ah prayer and we found out that my parents marriage is void due to him not praying. A student of knowledge advised us that because my mother doesn't have a place to live other than my father's house then she should observe her hijāb until she is able to relocate. Originally my mother had already thought she would take a khula' from my father due to years of arguments. She also suffers from a uterus illness that she is unable to attend his needs. Due to this my father's anger has built up and has decided that my mother should leave the house. He says that if this marriage is not valid then she should leave my house. Bearing in mind my mother is salafī and my father isn't. My mother has no place to go and if she seeks help from the government they will put her into a hostel for a while. My older sibling and I are sick and often need our mother. My older sibling suffers from a debilitating sickness such that she is unable to step outside and she loses much energy and is weak. We are in a desperate situation and we do not know what to do? Is my parents’ marriage valid as my father does not pray? Does my father have the right to tell my mother to leave the house even though she is sick herself and doesn't have a place to live? [00:00:42]
2. Me and my husband made *hijrah* to Egypt then we came to UK to have our daughter as I previously had an C section. Then my husband decided he didn't want to return to Egypt where he was working as an English teacher and said that there is too much *fitnah* occurring and his Qur'ān classes were closed due to government. Now since being in the UK I never made *niyyah* to return and stay for a long term. Me and my husband have now decided that he would send me and my children to Egypt and he would remain here in UK and support us financially until he can make a way to migrate to a another *Muslim* land. Is this permissible if he takes us to Egypt and visits us every three months? *BārakAllāhu fik* [00:33:38]

3. A man wants a second wife. He was my good friend hence he knew my sister while she was in a difficult marriage and subsequently a difficult divorce from her first husband. He was counselling her on her rights and her husband's rights. Then my sister and her husband got divorced. The man who wanted the second wife now proposes to my sister and she accepts the idea to be his second wife. My brother and I advise him to seek her father's permission. The man goes and my father told him that he has no problem with polygamy, but would like them to wait two months before giving his final decision. Reasons for my father's hesitation: My father has been advised by others, including the man's family, not to let his daughter marry this person, the man proposing has *Khawārij* friends and is sympathetic to them and refuses to state clearly whether he supports them or not and the man is under observation by the law. The girl's father believes that his grandchildren need time to recover from the divorce and that his daughter
is not ready for the dual responsibility of marriage and single parenthood (because she and this man agreed to him spending only one night with her during the week, in the first year of marriage and his other wife gets 6 nights). My sister now comes to my brother and I and asks us to be her wali. So we told her to respect her father and wait the two months. So now this man/suitor doesn't like the wali's request to wait two months. Therefore, he goes to a private imam and does the marriage secretly and keeps it hidden from her father. He uses that imam and her maternal uncle as the wali. At no point was the father visited a second time and no Islamic authority was ever brought to the father to change his decision. I fear for my sister as she is my blood family and one of the women I am responsible for of the Day of Judgment. Is this a valid marriage? I need someone of knowledge to answer this question. No one in Trinidad can give me a clear answer and the man who married refuses to sit with me in any meeting with someone of knowledge to clarify whether this marriage to my sister is valid or not? [00:38:40]

4. I’m a medical student in Philippines and I am the one who choose this and my family are the ones who support me financially. But the college won't allow keeping a beard more than 1cm. And the college is worst in free mixing and lot of difficulties result because of the free mixing. I have informed my parents regarding discontinuing, them and my relatives became angry on me. Should I obey my parents’? [00:56:59]