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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: A woman married a young man on the basis that he was upon the noble legislation and that he was Salafee; then she discovered that he was an innovator. The Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)¹ said:

كل بدعة ضلالة وكل ضلالة في النار

“Every innovation is misguidance and every misguidance is in the Fire.”

So is she to stay with him in spite of his deviation or leave him? What is your advice?

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)²: If the matter were in her hand then she could simply leave him (i.e., pronounce divorce upon him). However, the Messenger (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

إنما الطلاق بيد من أخذ بالساق

“The divorce is only in the hand of the one who takes hold of the leg. (i.e., the man)”

It is upon her to get a Khul’ (annulment) from him if she wants to be free of him and his Bid’ah.

¹ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

² (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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