

Installing a satellite dish to watch the news

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

Question: O noble Shaykh there are numerous questions surrounding one topic here is one of the questions. What is the ruling on the person who installs a satellite dish in his home just for the news or to listen to Al-Jazeera channel?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: The news is obtained without a satellite dish, it can be obtained in the newspaper, it can be obtained on the radio, and it can be obtained on Saudi television that which is not on satellite. It is obtained without a satellite dish.

The satellite dish brings about evil upon him and upon others such as his children and his family. Thus its evil is greater than its benefit, if there is any benefit. The evil outweighs it. Thus do not install it in the home due to its pure evil or its preponderant evil.

And the affair is not limited to him, rather it will corrupt his family, all of them, the young and the old, except those whom Allaah has mercy upon. And he is responsible for them. He (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² said: **The head of household is a shepherd and he is responsible for his flock.** Who will question him? He will be questioned by Allaah (سبحانه)³ on the Day of Judgment.

Thus it is not permissible for him to install a satellite dish in his home using the argument of watching the news. The news is obtained by many means that do not contain corruption.

And then, what is the news? Most of it is fraudulent and lies, so what will he benefit from it?

He destroys his home in order to get the news? The news, most of it is lies and most of it is incitement and evil. So he should not destroy his home and corrupt his family for the purpose of this false claim.

And the Al-Jazeera channel has a great deal of evil; it contains a great deal of evil and incitement. And they bring people who fumble about in the affairs of the religion and in

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

² (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ (سبحانه) (Subhanahu) The Exalted

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issues of jurisprudence. And they make impermissible what Allaah has made permissible or they make permissible what Allaah has made impermissible, in their verdicts. Thus this is a great evil to listen to and watch the Al-Jazeera channel. Its evil is wide spread now and everything associated with it is evil, and no one praises it.