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Misyaar marriage

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

Translator's Note: Misyaar marriage is where a man does an Islaamic marriage contract with a woman, meeting the conditions of marriage, but the woman gives up some of her rights such as accommodation, maintenance, or the husband's staying overnight with her.

Question: What is your view oh noble Shaykh concerning Misyaar marriage and what is the Islaamic verdict concerning it?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: We do not advise it, because it is not in line with the good interest of an Islaamic marriage. Rather it is merely fulfilling the desires. And he will not have authority over his wife, and she will not live with him in his home. And if they have children they will be far away from him and from his supervision. Thus the intent behind marriage will not be achieved. Therefore we do not advise it.

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