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Q: 167 ? Title: my wife was having a conversation on the telephone with her cousin yesterday and my wife said to her cousin" i have got to go its maghrib time you are a kafir as you dont read your salah"...

Question

my wife was having a conversation on the telephone with her cousin yesterday and my wife said to her cousin" i have got to go its maghrib time you are a kafir as you dont read your salah" but as soon as my wife said this i heard this and told my wife what she said was a very big sin in islam so my wife realising her mistake apologised to her cousin on the phone and the terminated the call and read her maghrib saying this statement what my wife said would we have to renew our nikah or are we ok she has done tubah for this and surely will not be saying that again to any muslim.

Answer

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Assalaamu `alaykum waRahmatullahi Wabarakatuh

At the outset, it is important to mention that one should always be careful and think before they speak, as the utterance of certain words may cause grave consequences.

Abdullah ibn Umar (*RadiyAllahu Anhuma*) says that Rasulullah (*Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam*) said:

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?Whichever person says to his brother, ?O kaafir?, then surely (these words) will be returned to one of them? (Bukhari)

Another *Hadith* of similar wording has been narrated in *Sahih Muslim*. This *Hadith* shows the great severity of addressing a believer by calling him a

kaafir. *Fuqahaa*

however have ruled that if a person calls a believer a *kaafir*

without the intention of actually meaning what he says, then he (the caller) will not be considered a disbeliever. Therefore, the

nikah

will not be nullified. It is however a repulsive act to call a believer a

kaafir,

and it is necessary to ask that person for forgiveness. Thereafter, it is incumbent upon the person to make sincere

tawbah

and

istighfaar

to Allah Ta'ala.

Alhamdulillah, you have stated that the caller had realized the mistake, apologized to the person, and made *tawbah*. It is good to see that an effort will be made in the future to prevent such utterances. May Allah Ta'ala protect us all.

(Sahih al-Bukhari, 7/126, Darul Fikr)

(Fathul Bari, 10/631, Qadimi)

(Sahih Muslim, 1/57, Maktaba-e-Thanvi)

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(Sharhun-Nawawi ?Ala Sahih Muslim, 2/237, Darul Ma?rifah)

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(Al-Bahr-al-Raaq, 5/44, Rashidiyya)

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(Raddul Muhtar, 4/69, HM Saeed)

And Allah knows best

Wassalam u Alaikum

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