Question 2091) - A man swore to sin, e.g, "By Allaah, I shall not pray Salah/ I shall never speak to my father/ I shall commit murder." What should he do?

A: Resolve to sin is a sin in it self. He who swears to sin is amongst the worst sinners. Nevertheless he may not commit the sin he swore to. He should break the oath and pay Kaffarah.*

* 'Awf bin Malik narrates from his father: i said, ."O Rasulullaah, (S.A.W) what if I used to go to my cousin and ask him and he refused me and did not maintain ties with me. He then had a need and came to ask of me. I had vowed not to give or maintain ties with him." He ordered me to give what is good and pay Kaffarah for my oath. [an-Nasai and Ibn Majah]

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