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Is it permissible for him to go to his second wife if he forsakes his first wife for a shar'i reason [i.e., withholds conjugal relations for disciplinary purposes]? Or should he stay in the same house with the wife whom he is forsaking?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

We put this question to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-'Uthaymeen, may Allaah preserve him, who answered as follows:

For the sake of dividing his time fairly among his wives, giving each wife a night and a day, he should stay with her. And Allaah knows best.