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the question

A person has vowed that if the team he supports won the match, he would give charity. What is the ruling?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Shaykh ‘Abd ar-Rahmaan al-Barraak was asked this question and he replied:

He is obliged to give charity, but this is blameworthy according to sharee‘ah for two reasons:

1.He connected his vow to a kind of idle pursuit that is blameworthy according to sharee‘ah

2.It is a conditional vow, and conditional vows are haraam or makrooh; they do not put back anything that Allah has decreed; rather all they do is get something out of the miser.