# 21137 - Dispute concerning a wife visiting her family

**the question**

There is a woman whom Allah has honoured with a husband who is very good. He is one of those who has the quality of gheerah (protective jealousy), but it may have gone too far. After her sister got married, he stopped allowing her to go to her father's house, because her sister and her husband live in the same house, saying that he [the sister's husband] might see her, although when she goes to her father's house she sits in a separate room where her sister's husband cannot come if she is there. If he does let her go, it is only for a very short time, and he does not let her take her abayah off, thinking that her sister's husband might see her, even though in fact that is not possible, because her family are conservative, in sha Allah. So the question is: is what this husband is doing correct according to sharee'ah, and is his jealousy appropriate, or is it a kind of waswasah (insinuating whisper from the Shaytaan)? Is there is a set limit within which the husband has no right to prevent his wife from visiting her father – I mean such as a maximum limit – or not? Could the husband be asked to let his wife visit her family, say, once or twice a week? Please advise us, may Allah reward you?

**Detailed answer**

Praise be to Allah.

1 – If visits could be made at times when the sister's husband is not at home, this may help to solve the problem.

2 – Perhaps the visits could be done the other way round, with her family coming to visit her.

3 – There may be something that happened to give rise to doubts in the husband's mind, or it may be a kind of waswasah.

4 – The length of visits should be referred to custom and to mutual agreement between the

spouses. The wife should always be advised to fear Allah with regard to her husband; she should strive to obey him and to protect the family atmosphere from disintegrating as a result of the hatred caused by each party clinging to his or her point of view concerning the length of visits and so on.