11785 - Her co-wife threatens her, is hostile towards her and does not greet her with salaam

the question

What to do when you are married to the same brother and the first wife threatens you and curses at you and will only give salaams when around other people to save face but doesn't speak when no one else is around. Ive been married for 9years to him her longer.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

She has to bear it with patience as much as possible, and not repay evil with evil. She should respond to her co-wife’s provocations by keeping silent and keeping calm. If she can write her a letter expressing her views, this is good. Then after that she will not be responsible for what she (her co-wife) does, because she will have done what she is obliged to do.

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Adhere to the words of Allaah (interpretation of the meaning):

“and when the foolish address them (with bad words) they reply back with mild words of gentleness” [al-Furqaan 25:63]

“Repel (the evil) with one which is better (i.e. Allaah orders the faithful believers to be patient at the time of anger, and to excuse those who treat them badly) then verily he, between whom and you there was enmity, (will become) as though he was a close friend” [Fussilat 41:34]

Know that there is no better way of dealing with her than fearing Allaah concerning her when disobeys Allaah with regard to you..

And Allaah is the Guide to the straight path.