5239 - She gave her child double the dosage prescribed hoping to hasten his recovery, and the child died

the question

A woman was told by the doctor to give her child an injection once every two days, but because of her love for him and her desire to hasten his recovery, she gave the dosage every day, and her child died. What is the ruling in this case?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

This woman has to pay the diyah (blood money), because she was of sound mind. The kafaarah (expiation) is to free a slave, but if this is not possible then she has to fast two consecutive months. Mothers have to be very careful in such cases, and they have to follow the doctor’s instructions.

And Allaah knows best.