

350692 - What is the ruling on one who swore that he would not do something and he swore that he would not break his oath or offer expiation?

the question

A sister asked me a question, saying: I swore that I would not do something permissible, and at the same time I swore that I would not offer expiation for it if I broke my oath. In other words, she said: By Allah, I shall not do such and such, and by Allah I shall not offer expiation so that I may do it. Then she did that thing. What must she do; does she have to offer two expiations?

Detailed answer

If someone swears not to do something, then does it, he must offer expiation for breaking an oath ([kaffaarat yameen](#)). That is obligatory.

If he swears that he will not break his oath, or he swears that he will not offer expiation so that he may do it, then he must offer another expiation. Thus he must offer two expiations.

Ad-Dardeer said in *ash-Sharh as-Sagheer* (2/217): Or he swears that he will not do such and such, and he swears that he will not break his oath, then he breaks his oath, such as if he says: By Allah I will not speak to Zayd and by Allah I will not break my oath, then he speaks to him. In this case he must offer two expiations: one for breaking his original oath and another for breaking it. End quote.

The expiation is to [feed ten poor](#) persons, or clothe them; whoever is not able to do that must fast for three days.

And Allah knows best.