

Question:

If someone swears by Allah (i.e: saying wallahi) not to do something and then does it, what is the status of this Muslim. Also can you say wallahi to yourself not to do something?

Answer:

Assalamu Aleikum

Sheikh Omar answered this question before as follows:

The answer is subject to what the oath is made for. If it is made to do a duty and is broken then one needs to pay kafara of either freeing a slave or fasting three days or feeding ten miskeen but there is no need to ask forgiveness, indeed the Messenger Muhammad (saw) used to make an oath and find something better, which would make him break the oath and make kafara. If the oath is not to do something Mubah and it is broken then you must ask forgiveness and pay kafara. To make an oath not to do something haram is not valid in the first place. To say wallahi is a kassam which is not required to be done in the presence of others anyway, and will constitute an oath with the consequences discussed above.

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