

Marriage and Qadar

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Question no.5: “Is marriage something allotted, or is it a choice?”

Shaykh al-Albaanee ^(رحمه الله)¹ answers:

“What is the difference between this question and the question: (how come) one is rich and another is poor, and one is beautiful and one is ugly, and so on. No doubt, what is decreed for a person is an affair that will happen and none can repel it. However, he is required to strive; then, he is not asked about the outcome of the matter if whatever happened was contrary to what he chose.

So (let's say) this person was engaged to a woman, and he had tried hard to propose to her (thinking) she was righteous. Then with time, it was revealed that she was bad. Of course, this was something allotted. But everything is decreed, as (the Prophet) ^(صلى الله عليه وسلم)² said: ‘**Everything is decreed, even laziness and being active.**³ However, this does not mean that a person, within his capabilities, is not required to strive to choose that which is good. No, this is something else. A person must strive, then the rest is up to Allaah ^(تبارك وتعالى)⁴.

So the answer is: of course it is something allotted, but we don't want to understand ‘something allotted’ as some people say, that a person puts his trust in Allaah, and that's it. No, (rather) he takes the means, then he puts his trust in the Lord of all lords.”⁵

¹ ^(رحمه الله) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² ^(صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

³ Saheeh aj-Jaami' no.4531

⁴ Tabaraka wa Ta'alaa (Hallowed and The Most High)

⁵ ‘lords’ meaning masters, owners and the like