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The Third Question from Fatwa no. 3863

**Q3: What is the ruling on making vows by other than Allah?**

**A3:** Making vows by other than Allah is Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah) as it glorifies the person by whom the vow is made and is an attempt to draw close to them. Fulfilling a vow made by such a person is an act of `Ibadah (worship). It is obligatory that vows made to perform acts of obedience or `Ibadah should only be made by Allah Alone, and this is supported by a great deal of evidence, including these Words of Allah (may he be Exalted): ( And We did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad, peace be upon him) but We revealed to him (saying): La ilaha illa Ana [none has the right to be worshipped but I (Allah)], so worship Me (Alone and none else).” )Accordingly, dedicating worship to other than Allah is Shirk.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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