

4459 - Does the father have to pay for the children to travel to visit their divorced mother?

the question

the children from a previous marriage were living with me.their mother moved 400 miles away and remarried. she claims that it is my duty to provide the children with transportation to visit her. is that true?

Detailed answer

We put this question to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-‘Uthaymeen, may Allaah preserve him, who answered as follows:

No, that is not correct, but if Allaah has made the husband rich and the wife's position is average or less, then it is part of chivalry or manliness that he should pay for that – but it is not obligatory. And Allaah knows best.