

44978 - They called upon the angels to witness their marriage

the question

I am a female student living on my own away from my family.... i became friends with one of my colleges last yr .he was ill those days and even had some more problems in which he definitely needed someone to rely on and few words of strength. i became that support for him that time. I thought it is nice to help people.....Allah would reward me for that .But after a month or so we became very good friends and later got much involved in each other. till now we never touched each other..... once we were playing, i don't remember what happened that dayhe leaned on me and kissed me .both of us being muslims felt guilty and at our own places asked forgiveness from Allah ...and i don't remember how the same thing happened once more and we decided to marry...As we were students and due to some economical and social problems we were not able to do it properly and disclose itMoreover we didn't think it was Allah who knows everything and we should be clear in front of him. one night after offering salat of isha and two rakaa' of naflah we started searching for verses and rules and regulations of marriage in Quran. We found some lines but not exactly what we wanted that timeAnyhow we read few verses from it and swore holding Quran in our hands that we consider each other as our spouse. and would never betray each other ...and thought Angels would be our witnesses. and therefore we thought we are married..and kissing and holding each other never haunted us...and we never felt guilt... after 3 months or so ,as we thought we are married many times we shared bed. This yr (after 11/12 months), i was reading some questions on this site on divorce and marriage ...(i used this site earlier but never used it for this topic as i never thought i did wrong ...)and there i found certain questions like this but not exactly...there arose a doubt in my mind that i am practicing wrong things so i spoke to him and we stopped practicing it sir, we want to know ,whether this marriage is considered or not ...? have we done "zinna" and whether we will be punished for it even if we repent... And sir, if we want to marry in future can we marry (if our marriage is not considered)? .

Detailed answer

What happened between that man and that woman – based on what is mentioned in the question – is undoubtedly zina. Where was the woman's wali (guardian) in this marriage? It is strange that the angels were witnesses to this marriage but they did not see those witnesses.

What you have to do is repent to Allaah from what you have done, and realize that you have committed a major sin. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "No adulterer is a believer at the time when he is committing adultery." Narrated by al-Bukhaari (2343) and Muslim (57). For more information please see question no. [11195](#) and [21223](#).

If a person repents, Allaah rejoices at his repentance and accepts it and forgives him, as Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

"And those who invoke not any other ilaah (god) along with Allaah, nor kill such person as Allaah has forbidden, except for just cause, nor commit illegal sexual intercourse and whoever does this shall receive the punishment.

69. The torment will be doubled to him on the Day of Resurrection, and he will abide therein in disgrace;

70. Except those who repent and believe (in Islamic Monotheism), and do righteous deeds; for those, Allaah will change their sins into good deeds, and Allaah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful"

[al-Furqaan 25:68-70]

See also questions no. [27113](#), [624](#) and [20949](#).

They have to cut off all ties with one another, so as to close the door to temptation and desire. If they want to have a good, legitimate relationship, then they should enter houses by the proper doors, as Allaah has prescribed, and they have to fear Allaah and be patient in heeding His sacred limits. A person may be able to put up with the pain of separation but he will not be able to put up with the heat of the Fire. So let them keep away from one another, so that they will not fall into doing that which will earn the wrath and punishment of Allaah, or let them hasten to get married in the proper Islamic manner, after repenting from what they have fallen into of zina. And Allaah knows best.