

9112 - His father killed his mother; can he take the inheritance from him on the basis that it is diyah (blood money)?

the question

My father murder my mother when i was very young 15 years old. Both my mother and father are kafir and i was a kafir at that time. My father never went to prison for the crime, now he is very old and may die soon. He is planning to leave me alot of money. Can i accept this money? Can it be consider blod money?

Detailed answer

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

If he is going to give it to you on the basis that it is diyah (blood money), then you should not take it, because he is a kaafir and you are a Muslim; a Muslim cannot inherit from a kaafir, and diyah is a kind of inheritance. If he is going to give it to you just to make you feel better (as a gift), then there is nothing wrong with taking it. And Allaah knows best.