14528 - He has repented from zina; does the hadd punishment have to be carried out on him?

the question

I am married and my wife is in my homeland but I work in a western country in order to earn a living and educate my children. But I committed the sin of zina, and I regretted it and repented to Allaah. Is that sufficient or not? Or must the hadd punishment also be carried out?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Undoubtedly zina is a major sin, and among the means that lead to it are nakedness of women, mixing of men with non-mahram women, the decline in morals and the corruptness of the environment in general. If you committed zina because of being away from your wife and mixing with evil and corrupt people, then you regretted your sin and repented to Allaah sincerely, then we hope that Allaah will accept your repentance and forgive your sin, because Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“And those who invoke not any other ilâh (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]

And it was narrated from ‘Ubaadah ibn al-Saamit (may Allaah be pleased with him), in the hadeeth

about the women’s oath of allegiance, that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Whoever among you is faithful (to this pledge) his reward will be with Allaah, and whoever does any of these things and is punished, his punishment will be an expiation for him, and whoever does any of these things but Allaah conceals him, then it is up to Allaah: if He wills He will punish him and if He wills He will forgive him.”

But you have to flee from this corrupt environment that tempts you to sin and seek to earn a living in another country that is less evil, so as to protect your religious commitment. The earth of Allaah is spacious and no one will ever be without a land where he can earn a living and acquire the provision that Allaah has decreed for him. And whoever fears Allaah, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty) And He will provide him from (sources) he never could imagine.