

## 6201 - Is Finding the Baby's Sex Before Birth Allowed in Islam?

## the question

What is the ruling on finding the sex of the baby in the mother's womb before its birth by doing ultrasound and other medical equipment?

## **Summary of answer**

There is nothing wrong with finding out the sex of the baby before its birth unless it involves great expense.

## **Detailed answer**

Praise be to Allah.

Shaykh Muhammad ibn Salih Al-`Uthaymin (may Allah have mercy on him) said:

There is nothing wrong with finding out the sex of the baby before its birth unless it involves great expense.

It could be said that it is a waste of money because there is no need to know the sex of the baby except for the purposes of merely feeling happy because one knows whether it is a boy or a girl.

If finding out the sex of the baby in the mother's womb before its birth could not be achieved without spending a lot of money, then it is a waste of money and is not permitted.

And Allah knows best.