Weekly Question & Answer Session
with The Noble Shaykh Ḥasan ibn ‘Abd Al-Wahhāb Marzūq al-Bannā (حفظه الله)

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The following are the questions presented to the Shaykh with the corresponding minute marker from the audio:

1. I am a Pakistani sister, my husband is a revert American citizen. We wish to make hijrah to a Muslim country in the future In shā’ Allāh. I only have a green card and with it, if I live outside the US for more than two years, my green card will be revoked. If we ever have to leave the Muslim country to come back to the US, I may not be allowed to enter back with my husband, A’ūdhbillāh. Please also note that my country, Pakistan, has stopped giving foreign husbands, that are not Pakistani, any residence permits. They refuse to give a Pakistani citizenship or residence permits. He can only come on visit-visas or through a job with an American citizenship staying out of the country for as long as they want is not a problem, In shā’ Allāh.

   And any children born to an American father, even if it is outside of the US, they get citizenship automatically. But for a person to get the citizenship passport, he or she would have to make an oath that says the person will renounce absolutely and entirely to all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which the applicant was before a subject or citizen. And support and defend the constitution and laws of the US against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and bear true faith and allegiance to the same. Am I only being exempted from the part of the oath...
about joining the army but taking an army for the US? What is the ruling regarding getting an American citizenship for such an oath and is it therefore allowed in my case? If not, please advise us and pray for us, dear Shaykh.

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2. My husband's parents are non-Muslims and they are getting old. They both worked to sustain themselves and they do not have any other children except for my husband. If we make hijrah to a Muslim country, they would be very sad and upset. But it is difficult for us to practice our Dīn openly and be proud of it and not fear harm from the people. We also fear fitnah for our Dīn and for our future-children. What do you advise O Shaykh? Should we still make hijrah or should we stay to take care of my husband's parents?

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