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Do I have to tell my first wife I'm getting married again?

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen ($\tilde{C}_{\tilde{J}}^{\hat{A}\hat{b}}$) was asked, "I want to get married to a second wife, is it permissible for me to marry again secretly without telling my first?"

So he said, "It is permissible for you to marry again and not tell your wife about it but the nikaah must be in the open and something announced [i.e., not secret], because the Prophet (مُنْفَ اللهُ عِنْهُ وَاللهُ عَنْهُ ordered that saying, "Announce the nikaah." And when you do what Allaah and His Messenger have ordered by announcing the nikaah, then Allaah the Most High will make your wife pleased with you when she finds out."³

[ُ]ولِيُّى اللهُ عَيُّهُ وَسِلُّمَ)²(sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him ³ Fataawaa Nurun-ala-Darb.



^{1 (}رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him