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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

The following is a summary translation

Questioner: The statement of the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم:

وَفَرِّقُوا بَيْنَهُمْ فِي الْمَضَاجِعِ

“And separate them in the bed.”¹

O Shaykh is this hadeeth general?

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)²: What do you mean by general?

Questioner: Meaning it includes everyone, such as brothers in faith who are not related, and other than them?

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): Yes, meaning between the sons and the daughters, and between the daughters and the daughters, and between the sons and the sons. They are separated in the beds; because evil is feared once they reached ten years of age; evil is feared.

Questioner: Is it permissible for adults over twenty to lie under the same cover and in one bed?

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ): Adults over twenty years old are not to sleep in one bed together. The danger upon them is severe; because the sleeping person may not sense anything.

¹ Aboo Daawood (418) narrated – in a report which was classed as Saheeh by al-Albaanee – from ‘Amr ibn Shu’ayb from his father from his grandfather who said: the Messenger of Allaah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said: “Tell your children to pray when they are seven years old and smack them if they do not do it when they are 10 years old, and separate them in their beds.”

² (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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