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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

Translator's note: This is referring to the supplication made before intercourse; narrated in the following hadeeth:

وَعَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا - قَالَ : قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - لَوْ أَنَّ أَحَدَكُمْ إِذَا أَرَادَ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ أَهْلَهُ قَالَ
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ. اللَّهُمَّ جَنِّبْنَا الشَّيْطَانَ وَجَنِّبِ الشَّيْطَانَ مَا رَزَقْتَنَا; فَإِنَّهُ إِنْ يُقَدَّرَ بَيْنَهُمَا وَلَدٌ فِي ذَلِكَ, لَمْ يَضُرَّهُ
الشَّيْطَانُ أَبَدًا

Narrated from Ibn Abbas (رضي الله عنه)¹, he said: The Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)² said: 'if one of you intends to go to his wife let him say: "In the Name of Allaah. O Allaah; keep Shaytaan away from us, and keep Shaytaan away from the one You have bestowed upon us." Thus if it is decreed they should have a child from this encounter, Shaytaan will never be able to harm him.'³

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رحمته الله)⁴: This question is very good. The questioner says: If a man is intimate with his wife while she is pregnant, should he make this Du'aa, or should he not make it because the child is already developing?

We say, it is better if he makes this Du'aa. This is because Imaam Ahmad; (رحمته الله) said: 'Verily intercourse augments the pregnancy, in the fetus's hearing, sight, and strength. For this reason the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said:

من كان يؤمن بالله واليوم الآخر فلا يسق ماءه زرع غيره

'Whoever believes in Allaah and the last day, let him not water what another man has sown.'⁵

This hadeeth indicates the fetus benefits from the intercourse. So based upon this, he should say it.

¹ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah the Most High be pleased with him

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu `alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ Collected by Saheeh al- Bukhaaree 6388

⁴ (رحمته الله) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

⁵ Collected by Tirmidhee 1131

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