

Question 2404) - What is Faraid?

A: It is the plural of Faridah, which is applied to that which Allaah has written upon His slaves. He ordered us to do it, with emphasis, and there is no escape from fulfilling it. The one who does not do it and has no Shar'i excuse is a Fasiq [open sinner].

In common usage it has come to refer to the shares of inheritance Allaah has stipulated for males and females from the estate of the deceased. He says, "Allaah instructs you regarding your children, the male will receive double the share of the female."*

* An-Nisa: 11-12

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