

Extravagant Weddings

In Islam, the concept and conclusion of Nikah is simple and uncomplicated.

Sadly today Nikah ceremonies have evolved into extravagant and glamorous wedding receptions and a host of unnecessary functions that have become prevalent.

Attention has shifted away from the simplicity and significance of the Islamic Nikah and has focused upon costly and glorified wedding events which have become displays of affluence and social standing.

While the covenant of two people in Nikah before Allah Ta'ala is an occasion of happiness, one needs to be mindful of making the wedding event a function of show and ostentation.

Furthermore, the instance of happiness should not distract us from the real needs of people in our communities - both locally and internationally.

Often it happens, in the heat of festivities that people are overwhelmed by the celebrations and un-Islamic practices creep-in.

Before embarking on holding any function it is imperative for Muslims to be cognisant of the guidance and teaching of the Quran and Sunnah in this regard.

Allah Ta'ala says in the Noble Quran: *"And do not*

squander (your wealth) recklessly. Surely, the squanderers are brothers to shaytan, and shaytan is most ungrateful to his Sustainer."

(Surah Bani Israel)

Hazrat Aisha (Radiyallahu Anha) narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said, *"Surely, the Nikah with the most Barakah (blessings and goodness) is one in which the least expenses are incurred."*

(Musnad Ahmad, Bayhaqi)

Modern wedding trends are expense driven, extravagant and a waste of good resources that entail excessive shopping, exorbitant travel and accommodation costs, lavishness and other unnecessary expenses.

Additionally, huge amounts are spent on 'wedding cards', hall and stage décor, flower arrangement, layout, draping and other finer details - the list is endless.

All this and much more is generally done to accomplish that 'perfect wedding'. This is apart from the prohibitions and vice that take place at Muslim weddings which is another matter of serious concern.

Muslims are urged to abandon these un-Islamic practices and adopt simplicity. Wealth is a trust given to us by Allah Ta'ala and will be a subject of reckoning on the Day of Qiyamah. Let us use it in the proper manner so we can safely account for it on that Day.



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