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# AVOIDING EXTRAVAGANCE IN WEDDING RECEPTION



Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. Indeed,  
nothing is more valuable and  
venerated by Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wata'aala* from among His  
slaves except those having  
utmost *taqwa*.

The topic of today's  
*khutbah* is  
**“Avoiding  
Extravagance In  
Wedding Reception.”**

Al-Qur'an has revealed the nature of *dunya* as being temporary enjoyment that is always deceiving mankind.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“Know that the life of this world is but amusement and diversion and adornment and boasting to one another and competition in increase of wealth and children – like the example of a rain whose**

**[resulting] plant growth  
pleases the tillers; then it  
dries and you see it turned  
yellow; then it becomes  
[scattered] debris. And in the  
Hereafter is severe**

**punishment and forgiveness  
from Allah and approval.  
And what is the worldly life  
except the enjoyment of  
delusion.”**

**(al-Hadeed 57:20)**

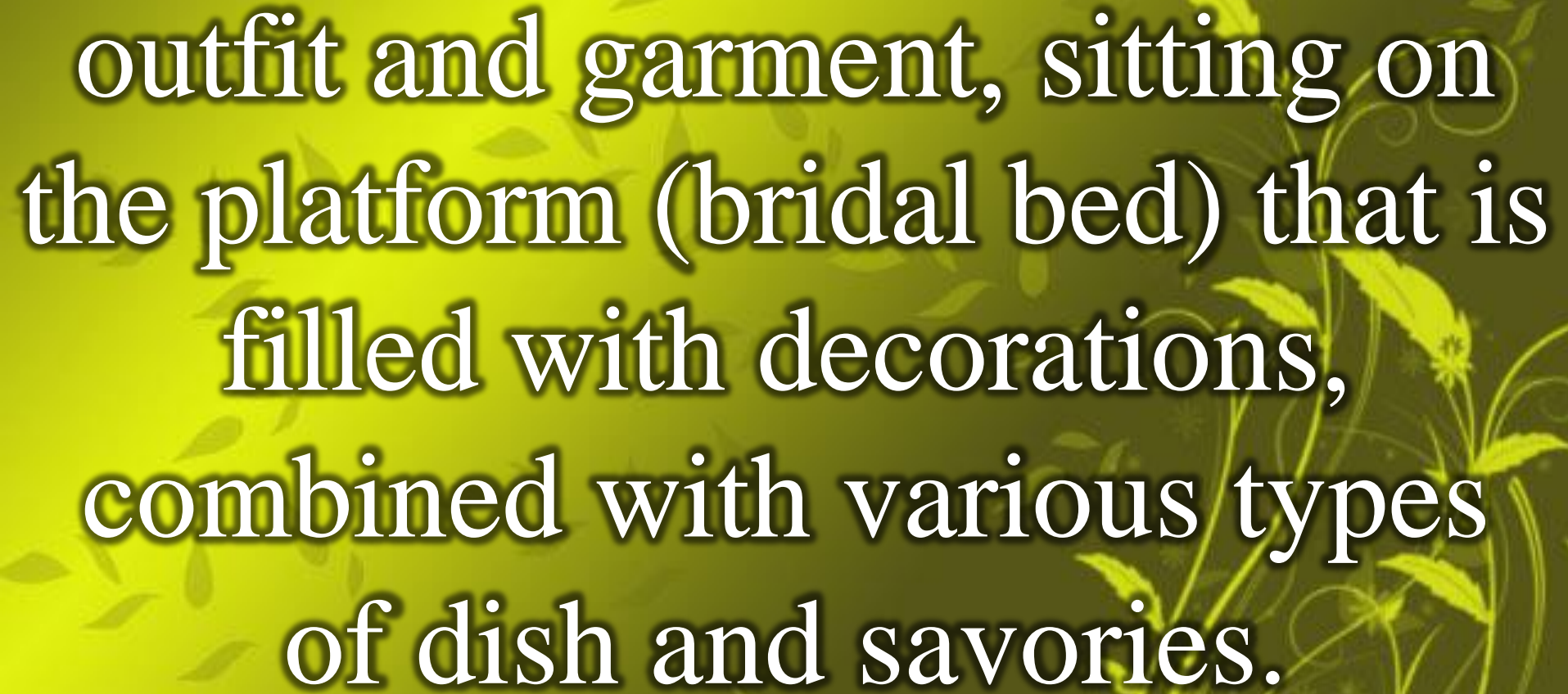
Hence, we are always reminded to make the Hereafter as our ultimate goal in life. And we are to utilize *dunya* as a fertile source to accumulate as much provision possible.



However, the deception and temptation of *dunya* continues to deceive mankind including our own selves. Sometimes, even without adequate capability, humans still diligently strive

to taste the enjoyment of *dunya*  
even though it is short-lived,  
such as the day when they are  
crowned as bridegroom (king  
for a day). Nowadays, it has  
become a norm for many  
newlywed

couples to celebrate the special occasion of their lives with various preparations and expenditures. Often times, the bride and groom will don expensive



outfit and garment, sitting on the platform (bridal bed) that is filled with decorations, combined with various types of dish and savories.

This is without even considering the wedding gifts that are excessive, gifts for the attendees, the rental cost for the venue, cost for catering, rental cost for wedding garments, and the

total fee for the photography  
service.

In reality, hosting a *waleemah*  
is from the teachings of Islam.  
Therefore, it must be fulfilled  
according to the

stipulations within the religion.

If we are seeking the Pleasure of Allah, then there are various matters that must be avoided and observed:

1- “Competing” in the  
lavishness of wedding  
banquets exposes the society to  
the culture of luxury that will  
only make mankind forgetful  
of their ultimate purpose in the  
Hereafter.



Let us ponder upon how Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
described Qaroon, a man from  
among the people of Prophet  
Moosa *'alayhissalam* who later  
became prominent within

Fir'awn's kingdom. He flaunted his wealth and opulence to his own people such that it created great *fitnah* within their hearts.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“So he came out before his  
people in his adornment.**

**Those who desired the  
worldly life said, “*Oh, would  
that we had like what was  
given*”**

*to Qaroon. Indeed, he is one  
of great fortune.”* But those  
who had been given  
knowledge said, *“Woe to you!  
The reward of Allah is better  
for he*

*who believes and does  
righteousness. And none are  
granted it except the  
patient.””*

*(al-Qasas 28:79-80)*

Hence, Qaroon's appearance with pomp and grandeur had caused some of the Children of Israel to become mesmerized and awed, only to start daydreaming and becoming deluded.

Similarly, the same goes out for wedding receptions that are held with such splendor and glitter that it gets dubbed as the “wedding of the year.” These types of events and ceremonies that are

broadcasted on TV and published in magazines will definitely fascinate many audiences. They closely scrutinize the make-up on the bride's face and the art deco exhibited.



Then they begin to fantasize  
wishing to go through the same  
experience. What is worrisome  
is that such opulence may  
trigger arrogance, pride, and  
showing off in the heart.

2- Extravagance in wedding reception can be the cause of envy in others. Hence, Rasulullah *sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam* himself had taught us to be vigilant and careful in utilizing the bounties

that Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wata 'aala* has bestowed upon  
us. He *sallAllahu 'alayhi*  
*wasallam* mentioned in a  
*hadeeth*:

**“Seek help in having your needs met by being discreet, for everyone who is blessed with something is envied.”**

(al-Bayhaqi, at-Tabaraani: *khilaaf* between *saheeh* & *da'eef*)

Therefore, we should utilize  
the *ni'mah* that Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala* had  
bestowed upon us with great  
moderation, not as public  
display to be viewed by the  
masses.

3- The huge spending in celebration and wedding banquet is definitely a great waste, especially if it goes way beyond the norm and the custom of the society. Even worse if the host family

has to borrow money just to organize such feast. Hence, it is very unfortunate when many offspring had been born from the wedded couple, but their debt from their wedding expenditure has yet to be paid off.

The masjid committee calls upon all of us to practice moderation in our lives, including in the affairs related to wedding ceremony.



Let us not be extravagant in the spending of wedding ceremonies. Are not the wasteful people brothers of *shaytaan*? It is the *shaytaan* that devilishly whisper to us to spend exorbitantly in

celebrating wedded couples.  
On the other hand, such high  
expenditure would be better  
utilized by the newlywed  
couple after their marriage, not  
rapidly consumed in one or  
two days.

May such moderation and frugality bring *barakah* to the newly formed family. As it was mentioned in a *hadeeth* where Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:

**“The woman with the  
greatest blessing is the  
one with the least  
*mahr.*”**

(Ahmad, al-Bayhaqi, an-Nasaa’i: *khilaaf*  
between *saheeh* and *da’eef*)

The males, who will become the husband and head of family, must be responsible in supervising and advising his family members especially the wives, that they will not become

extravagant when spending for the wedding reception of their loved ones (children). Did we know that when 'Ali *radiyAllaahu 'anh* married Faatimah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*, the dowry was only

iron ring. Who is our son compared to ‘*Ali radiyAllaahu ‘anh*’? And who is his wife-to-be compared to *Faatimah radiyAllaahu ‘anha*, the great daughter of *Rasulullah sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*?  
If we are still persistent in

wanting to spend, then it would  
be best if they are to be spent on  
the orphans and the needy in  
conjunction with the wedding  
ceremony.

Or we can bring them in as



guests to the wedding  
reception and enjoy the feast.  
May our prudence in this life  
protect us from the love for  
*dunya*, envy, pride, and  
arrogance within the heart.

**“And give the relative his right, and [also] the poor and the traveler, and do not spend wastefully. Indeed, the wasteful are brothers of the devils, and ever has Satan been to his Lord ungrateful.”**

**(al-Israa’ 17:26-27)**

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ  
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.**

**We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our *imaan*, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,**

**protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.**

**Oh Allah, we ask You to open up  
the hearts of the Muslim *ummah*  
especially in Selangor, to fulfill  
their *zakaat* obligation as You  
had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless  
the lives of those who have  
fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation,  
loving and caring for the poor  
and needy.**

**Purify their wealth and soul so  
that they will live according to  
that which pleases You. Protect  
the poor and needy from  
disbelief and everlasting poverty.**

***Allaahummaa ameen***





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