



THE BLESSED WEDDING RECEPTION

I remind myself and fellow congregation to altogether strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of

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His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this life and the Hereafter.

Let us contemplate upon the *khutbah* today titled

"THE BLESSED WEDDING RECEPTION."

Waleemah (wedding reception) and marriage are noble sunnah that are highly recommended in Islam. This is based on the narration of Anas radiyAllaahu 'anh:

The Prophet () saw the traces of sufra (yellow perfume) on 'Abdur Rahmaan bin 'Awf and said, "What is this?" 'Abdur Rahmaan, said, "I have married a woman and have paid gold equal

to the weight of a datestone (as her mahr)." The Prophet (Said to him: "May Allah bless you: Offer a wedding banquet even with one sheep." (al-Bukhaari)

Based on this hadeeth, **Rasulullah had** commanded 'Abdur Rahmaan ibn 'Awf to host a waleemah (wedding feast). However, the waleemah is not necessarily to be done

with only one sheep, but suffice according to one's capability.

Al-Imaam al-Mawardi explained that the *waleemah* is to be done after the completion of the *'aqd nikaah* (marriage contract) and that the married couple are together.

In addition, the ruling of fulfilling the *waleemah* invitation is *waajib*

(obligatory). This is according to the hadeeth of ibn 'Umar radiyAllaahu 'anhuma, where Rasulullah said:

"If anyone of you is invited to a wedding banquet, he must go for it (accept the invitation)." (al-Bukhaari)

In another narration from Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, he mentioned that Rasulullah an and: said:

"... And he who did not accept the invitation (to a banquet) disobeyed Allah and His Messenger." (al-Bukhaari)

However, the obligation of attending the wedding banquet is **NULLIFIED** if there is a valid excuse, as in the following:

1. When acts of disobedience are committed in the waleemah such as the presence of khamr (alcoholic beverages) and other intoxicants.

2. When there is specific categorization in its invitation, where the host differentiates between the wealthy and the poor or needy.

Narrated Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh: "The worst food is that of a wedding banquet to which only the rich are invited while the poor are not invited ... " (al-Bukhaari)

It is encouraged for the hosts of the wedding banquet to invite the people of taqwa, righteousness, and those in need, namely the poor and needy.

This is as mentioned in the hadeeth of Abu Sa'eed radiyAllaahu 'anh where Rasulullah an Said:

"Do not accompany except a believer, and do not serve your food except to one with taqwa." (Abu Dawood)

It is from the sunnah for us to supplicate for the newly wed, for blessings, goodness, and forgiveness upon them, as well as supplicating for those

that extended the invitation to the waleemah. Among the du'aas from the sunnah for us to practice is the one mentioned in this narration:

Narrated Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh:

When the Prophet (congratulated a man on his marriage, he said:



"May Allah bless for you, and may He bless on you, and combine both of you in good (works)." (Abu Dawood)

It is also from the sunnah to supplicate for the ones that invited us to the waleemah, as Rasululah ملتجالته وسلتم supplicated for 'Abdullah bin Busr radiyAllaahu 'anh and his family after he had finished his meal:



"O Allah. Bless them in what You have provided them as a sustenance; and forgive them and have mercy upon them." (Muslim)

We are also highly encouraged to thank those whom extended the invitation to us. In the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu fanh, Rasulullah المربية said:

"He has not thanked Allah who has not thanked people." (Abu Dawood)

Among other *sunnah* acts relating to the *waleemah* is the giving of gift

and assisting in the preparation of the waleemah. In the hadeeth of Anas radiyAllaahu 'anh, he mentioned:

After the Prophet () married Safiyyah, in the following morning he said, 'Whoever has anything (food) should bring it.' He spread out a leather sheet (for the food) and some brought dates and others

cooking butter. So they prepared a dish of hais (a sort of sweet dish made from butter, cheese and dates).

(al-Bukhaari)

In attaining the blessings and pleasure of Allah, I would like to remind so that the waleemah held would be safeguarded from matters that are against the Sharee'ah of Islam. As examples,

among them would be the following:

1. The bride, groom, and their families are not properly covering their 'awrah by donning clothing that are see-through, tight, and revealing.

2. Excessiveness in make up and appearance such as shaving the eyebrows and excessive fragrance.

3. Shaking hands with *nonmahrams.*

4. Wastefulness in consuming food.

5. Music and singing that is overboard and leads to heedlessness.

6. Missing *salaah* due to negligence and becoming preoccupied with the *waleemah*.

To end the khutbah today, I would like to invite fellow audience to contemplate upon the following matters:

1. The Muslim ummah must have full certainty that the commands and prohibitions from Allah are matters that should be abided.

2. The Muslim ummah must ensure that all waleemah activities must comply with the rulings of the Shara'.

3. The Muslim ummah must strengthen its silaaturrahm through the waleemah held. 4. The Muslim ummah must always remain vigilant and preserve its adab and akhlaaq when attending the waleemah, so as to remain mindful

in the matters of clothing, food consumption, and social interactions.

"So remain on a right course as you have been commanded, [you] and those who have turned back with you [to Allah], and do not transgress. Indeed, He is Seeing of what you do." (Hood 11:112)





Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and



deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah and was sent to perfect akhlaaq and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us



always increase our salawaat and salaam upon our Prophet Muhammad and Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala **mentions:**



"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace." (al-Ahzaab 33:56)



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us rahmah and ni'mah, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim ummah, as an advanced state,



prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.



Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our imaan and creed according to that of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, accept our righteous deeds, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, unite our



hearts, bestow upon us rizg with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as Qadiyaani, deviant teachings such as



Shee'ah, and other teachings deemed as deviating from **Islamic teachings or** contradicting the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah. 0 Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily



prayers, fulfilling zakaat through the Selangor Zakaat Board, making waqf and infaaq of our wealth to Selangor Waqf **Corporation and Islamic Development Trust Fund of** Selangor.

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