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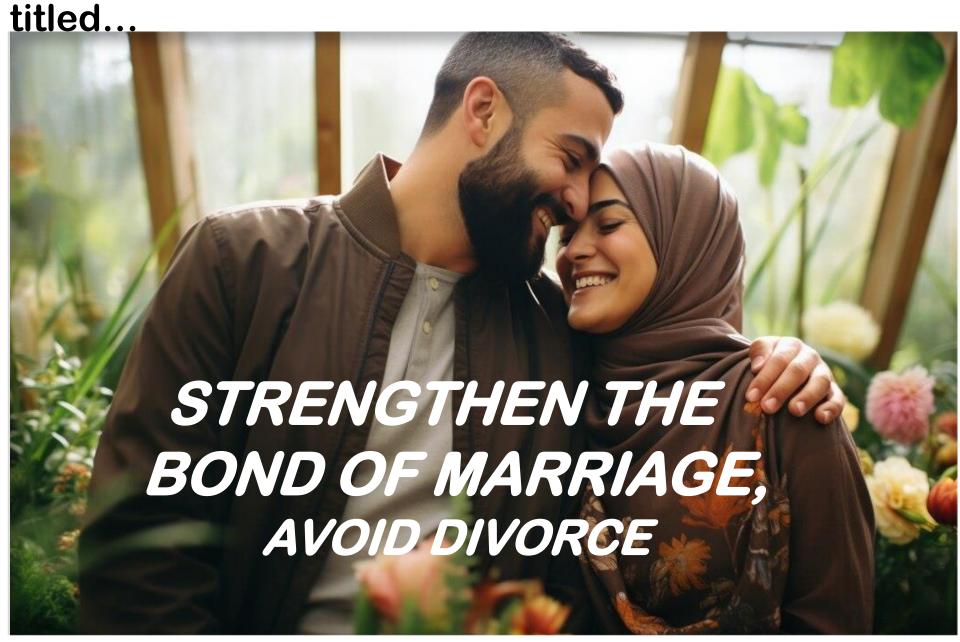
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I humbly call upon all of us to strive in increasing our taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing all of His Commands

and leaving out all of His prohibitions. May we all be bestowed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this glorious day, I will discuss upon a khutbah.



Marriage is an 'ibaadah (act of worship) in Islam. It is also the bond of covenant bounded by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala between a man (husband) and a woman (wife). Al-Qur'an depicts

the strength of bond between the husband and the wife as having a very close and cordial relationship that is akin to clothing, which protects the one wearing it.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 187 of soorah al-Baqarah:

"They [your wives] are clothing for you and you are clothing for them."

The husband or wife's need for their spouse is akin to their need for clothing. Hence, this verse likens the husband and wife as clothing for his or her partner, for they protect each other.

If the purpose of the clothing is to cover the defects on their body and protect it from any harm, then the husband and wife will preserve the nobility of their respective spouses, safeguarding the

dignity and providing tranquility. In the end, there will be solace and blissfulness for them.

Marriage and family life can aid one in attaining perfection in religious

living. It is enjoined in Islam and it is also from the sunnah of Rasulullah

In the *hadeeth* of 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*:
Rasulullah **said**:

"Marriage is part of my sunnah, and whoever does not follow my sunnah has nothing to do with me."

(ibn Maajah)

Among the objectives of the legislation of matrimony is to train sabr (patience) human preserving dignity, the purity of offspring, noble lineage, and instilling love and

responsibility within the household built. Therefore, this will then result in tranquility within the soul and mutual love between the two families including the parents, relatives, all the way to the children.

However, there are times when the calmness, warmth, and affection that were built no longer remain and marks the end of a matrimonial bond. This is due to several factors, among

them communication breakdown among spouses, negligence regarding nafaqah (alimony financial support), disregarding the spouse's feelings, neglecting religious duties, and the presence of a third party.

From among the power and greatness of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala is creating husbands and wives with diversity in terms of attitude, preferences, and ways of thinking. As His mature

servants, we must strive to adapt and celebrate the differences among spouses. Create an atmosphere of harmonious communication between spouses by having open

discussion in solving all arising issues. Seek advice from those who are more experienced such as advisory officers from the Religious Office, if there are any confusion. Throw out our

ego, selfishness, and stop blaming one another. Moreover, refrain from using vulgar words with our spouses, but instead reprimand with prudence, and always be mindful of each other's feelings.

In addition to further strengthen the bond of marriage, the husband must be fully aware of the obligations that are to be fulfilled. Providing nafaqah by the husband

to his family is waajib (obligatory). The refusal by the husband to fulfill his responsibilities in providing nafaqah is a grave sin. Providing nafaqah is akin to sadaqah (charity) that is

waajib to be rewarded by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Mas'ood al-Ansaari *radiyAllaahu 'anh*: Rasulullah said:

"When a Muslim spends something on his family intending to receive Allah's reward, it is regarded as sadaqah for him."

(al-Bukhaari)

The presence of a third person in the marital relationship can lead to conflicts that results in divorce. Islam strongly prohibits for a person to destroy the

relationship between a wife and her husband.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu
Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*'anh: Rasulullah said:

"If anyone corrupts (instigates) the wife of a man or his slave (against him), he is not from us."

(Abu Dawood)

Takhbib refers to the action of the third person who destroys or disrupts the relationship between a wife and her husband, to a level that can cause divorce. The Muslim scholars have opined

that takhbib is haraam (unlawful) and it is a major sin. Moreover, Prophet Muhammad did not acknowledge this third person as from among his ummah.

Perhaps there are deficiencies and weaknesses within the married couple, but we must realize that as humans, we are not spared from committing mistakes. In a married

life, we as husbands must complement our wife's shortcomings and weaknesses, and vice versa for the wives. Take heed, for every deficiency that our spouse possesses,

there are blessings that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has bestowed without us realizing it. Therefore, do not make viral on the social media regarding the ugliness, evil, and fault of our

spouses for it violates the shara' and Islamic akhlaaq (character).

In a married life, we must accept the stark reality that there will be shortcomings and

weaknesses within our spouses. As humans, we are not infallible. The husband in the household must complement the weaknesses and deficiencies of his wife, and similarly for the wife.

Remember, for every shortcomings that we find within our spouse, there are blessings that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has bestowed without us realizing it. Hence, it is unbecoming

if they are widely broadcasted on the social media regarding the ugliness, deficiencies, and fault of our spouses, for it clearly contradicts the shara' and Islamic akhlaaq.

often find Lately, we news going viral in the newspapers and social media regarding divorces famous involving personalities within society. The widespread coverage of news

regarding these divorces shows that the media has no respect for the privacy and private lives of these individuals, which can have negative effects upon these couples. Divorce is not

something that is to be raved and hyped about, for it is a very personal, bitter, and painful experience. Instead, the media should assume the role in building a society that is positive and

healthy, not making things even worse.

media should The disseminate news that is balanced and not just stir up controversy. The media platform is intended to

educate the masses the regarding importance of maintaining a healthy relationship and ways to properly manage separation.

married couple Every always remain must wise in facing the challenges within the household and manage them with positiveness, calmness, and sabr.

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 19 of soorah an-Nisaa':

"For if you dislike them - perhaps you dislike a thing and Allah makes therein much good."

In creating a harmonious atmosphere within the household, it necessitates sound knowledge, that is by increasing one's knowledge especially in the field of communication and psychology pertaining

to the household, as well as authentic religious knowledge, specifically the figh in (jurisprudence) of family relations. Hence, seek knowledge by attending structured lessons,

Islamic especially courses, lessons at the masjid, and read up on the responsibilities of the husband and wife.

To internalize fully the teachings of Islam in the

married life, one can begin with fundamental matters such as strengthening of the 'aqeedah, praying in congregation with family members, recite al-Qur'an and tadabbur (ponder)

together with family members, mutual aiding in completing daily routines with the spouse, and practicing the sunnah Rasulullah . Lead and

guide our families to the path that is pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, so that we will all attain success in this world and the

well as Hereafter, as the marriage that we long for, namely sakeenah (tranquility), mawaddah (love), and rahmah (mercy).

To end the sermon today, let us derive several lessons as guidance in our lives, as in the following:

1. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that the command to get married is from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, in safeguarding the Muslims from committing a major sin, namely zinaa (adultery).

2. The Muslim ummah must strive strengthen the bond of marriage by fully practicing Islamic way of life.

3. The husband and wife that are facing marital conflict must refer to religious offices, and do not express emotions and weakness of the

spouse to inappropriate individuals or through social media, except those permitted by the shara'.

married 4. Every who couple has decided to pursue as their last divorce resort must remain while waiting patient for the divorce process

to take its due course. However, the divorce process determined by the authorities must be efficient and not oppressive upon anyone.

5. The Muslim ummah must increase in supplicating for guide and guidance from Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala so as to be bestowed with mawaddah and rahmah in the marriage.

"And He answers [the supplication of those who have believed and done righteous deeds and increases [for] them from His bounty. But the disbelievers will have a severe punishment." (Soorah ash-Shoora 42:26)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

O Allah! We seek refuge in You from severe trials, from being afflicted with calamities, from evil in destiny, and from the joy of the enemies upon the tribulations and misfortunes

that befell us. O Allah! We beseech Your protection, from losing the favors that You have bestowed, from the loss of health that You have granted, protect our state from calamity and disaster.

O Allah! You are our One and Only Savior, we humbly beg You to save the Muslims and Masjid al-Agsa in Palestine.

O Allah! Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the amaanah. Strengthen our imaan so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities,

and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery, embezzlement, and power abuse. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest,

as well as firm and courageous in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the Sharee'ah. O Allah, make the masaajid and suraus in

the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the ummah's strength.

