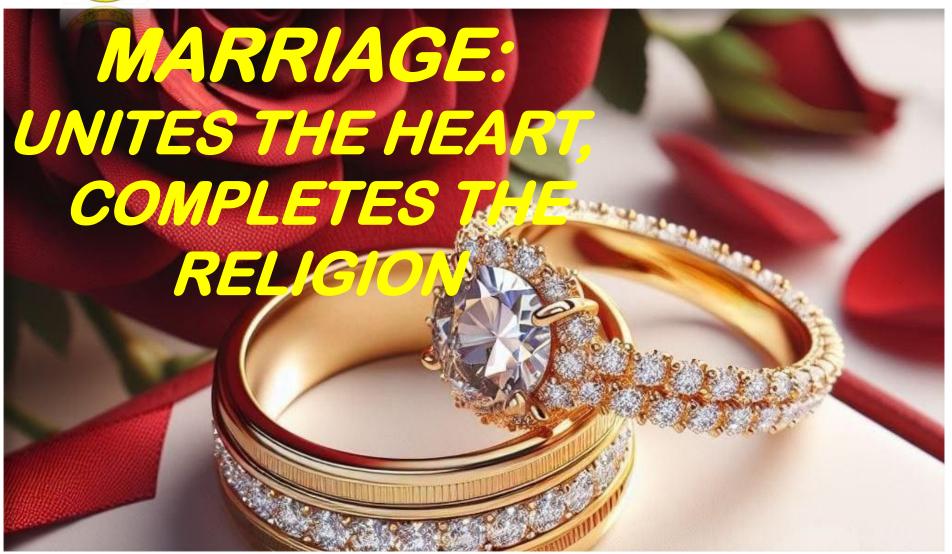


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I sincerely call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our Allah taqwa of Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by performing

all of His Commands and abandoning all matters that He forbade. May we be granted with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

Fellow congregants are reminded not to talk and play with the cellular phone while the khutbah is being delivered.

On this glorious day, I will expound on a khutbah.

titled... MARRIAGE: UNITES THE HEART COMPLETES THE RELIGIO

Marriage is not merely the union of two individuals, moreover it is an 'aqd (contract) that is ma'nawi (inner or meaningful) in its nature, which is a contract that binds the married couple

with an amaanah (trust) and huge responsibility. Through this 'aqd, responsibilities and rights that are waajib (obligatory) be to preserved are established, by

understanding the role of the husband as the head of the family that provides nafaqah (financial support), guidance, and protection. While the wife as the companion who is

obedient, safeguarding the dignity of the family and herself, and supplementing any existing shortcomings. In this regard, the Prophet had firmly

stated in the hadeeth of 'Abdullah bin 'Amr radiyAllaahu 'anhuma where he said:

"Your body has a right over you, your eyes have a right over you and your wife has a right over you."

(al-Bukhaari)

This prophetic narration provides the reminder that in building a household, it becomes waajib upon the husband to fulfill the rights of his wife. Similarly, the shara' obligates the wife to fulfill

the rights of her husband. When these rights are preserved, by the Leave of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, a prosperous family that is founded upon sakeenah (tranquility),

mawaddah (love), and rahmah (mercy) is born. However, if there is any deficiency in fulfilling the responsibilities, whether by the husband or wife, then prioritize upon ihsaan (kindness),

sabr (patience), and shukr (gratitude) so that the bond that was built remains preserved and attains the barakah (blessings) of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in this world and the Hereafter.

Similarly, to bring the marriage upon the path that is pleasing to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala, we need more than just

the feeling of affection. Love alone will not be sufficient. We need to have knowledge in comprehending the limitations sanctioned by sharee'ah and adab (etiquette) in managing

the household. We need to know the principles in fulfilling the commitment and amaanah in carrying out the responsibilities. We must have religious values to nurture the attributes of ihsaan,

affection, mutual respect, and tolerance. Aside from that, it behooves us to have maturity in administering the soul and emotions in enduring the challenges of married life that comes one after another.

Often, we hear the word sakeenah, mawaddah, and rahmah as vital elements in building a prosperous household. However, what is really meant by those terminologies?

Sakeenah here means peace of mind and serenity within the heart that comes from the husband-wife's interactions while living through their daily lives. Mawaddah means

sincere love and deep affection that are not just words, but manifested through sacrifice, attention, and loyalty upon the spouse. While rahmah means compassion that

tolerance, demands mutual patience, forgiveness, and putting one's spouse first in all matters.

When all three of these elements become the

core, the household not only becomes a place of refuge from the shahwah (lustful desire) but also as the nurturing institute for the righteous generation. It is these children that are raised from an

upbringing that is filled with love and religious discipline that will become leaders in the future, and bringing benefits to the entire ummah, as history has proven that 'Umar bin 'Abdul 'Azeez, who was a

caliph that was wellknown for his justice and wara' (piety), was raised in the upbringing of parents who were zuhd (ascetic) and always fearing Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.

Islam never once undermines the dignity of the wife or deem marriage as an obstacle in 'ibaadah (worship). This matter is clearly different than the practice of the priests in

Europe the during medieval who era, rejected marriage in their lives, as if marriage becomes the obstacle upon the holiness of their lives.

Islam is never once like that. Rasulullah himself got married, and his Companions also got married. Even ibn radiyAllaahu Mas'ood 'anh himself said:

"If I only had ten days to live and I knew that I would die at the end of them, and I had any desire to get married, I would get married, for fear of fitnah (temptation)."

Therefore, Islam truly encourages marriage as a path to complete one's religion, and at the same time prohibits tabattul, which is to prevent getting oneself from married solely to isolate

and fully focus on 'ibaadah (worship).

Here, it must be clarified that it is unbecoming for a Muslim who is able to avoid marriage with the excuse of focusing on

'ibaadah or preoccupied with career or even worldly matters. This matter was firmly stated in the hadeeth of Anas bin Maalik radiyAllaahu 'anh where Rasulullah said:

"By Allah, I fear Allah more than you do, and I am most obedient and dutiful among you to Him, but still I observe fast and break it; I perform salaah and

sleep at night and I also marry women. So whoever turns away from my sunnah does not belong to me."

(al-Bukhaari)

Before venturing into the realm of marriage, prepare oneself in the best manner possible. That preparation is not only in the physical aspect but also encompasses mental

intelligence, sanity, and emotional stability, as well as spiritual strength. Similarly, the challenge of this age necessitates for us to be proficient in financial management, efficient in

communicating, and wise in managing life affairs according to sound Islamic teachings for they all important are ingredients in establishing household that a prosperous and blessed

by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Rasulullah had called upon the youth to be prepared in these regards. In the hadeeth

of 'Abdullah ibn Masood radiyAllaahu 'anh, Rasulullah said:

"O young people! Whoever among you can marry, should marry, because it helps

him lower his gaze and guard his modesty, and whoever is not able to marry, should fast, as fasting diminishes his sexual desire."

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

On this basis, some opined scholars that marriage fard is (obligatory) upon a Muslim who is able, and it should not be abandoned for as long as he or she is capable of doing so.

It is unbecoming for a Muslim to refrain from getting married for fear of destitution or feeling with burdened responsibilities to be shouldered. Moreover, the Muslim is demanded

to strive and make effort to earn a living, with full certainty that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has promised the rizq vastness (provision) for those with families.

Wa Allah Subhaanahu Ta'aala mentions in verse 32 of Soorah an-Noor: "And marry the unmarried among you

unmarried among you and the righteous among your male slaves and female

slaves. If they should be poor, Allah will enrich them from His bounty, and Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing."

To end the khutbah today, let us internalize upon several lessons that can be garnered as guidance in our lives, namely:

1. The Muslim ummah must comprehend that harmony within the household is not only based on love and affection alone, but it requires sound

knowledge, internalization upon principles, religious and maturity managing life affairs according to religious ideals.

2. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has promised rizq for those pursuing marriage in preserving their self-dignity.

3. The Muslim ummah must have certainty that marriage is not just a union between two individuals, but it is a contract that demands responsibility, rights, love, and kindness.

sunnah of It is the Rasulullah in completing one's religion and serves as fortress from fitnah (trials) and disobedience.

"O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women.

And fear Allah, through whom you ask one another, and the wombs. Indeed Allah is ever, over you, an Observer." (Soorah an-Nisaa' 4:1)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

O Allah! Strengthen the 'ageedah of the Muslims upon the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, which is upon the path of

Prophet Muhammad and his Companions radiyAllaahu 'anhum. Spare us from all forms of bribery, abuse of power, as well as

misguidance, shirk and superstition, and protect us from fitan that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim ummah.

O Allah! Bestow peace and prosperity upon our state and nation. Protect us from all forms of fitnah and calamities such as murder, bullying, and oppressing others.

Bestow upon us leaders that have utmost integrity, firmness, and courage in upholding Truth the according Your to Sharee'ah.

O Allah! We beseech Your protection from the evil of the enemies and traitors. Protect us from the temptations of shaytaan and his armies.

Guide us to always remain istiquamah in fulfilling all of Your Commands and abandoning all of Your prohibitions.

