Expensive marriage is good or not?

People have expensive weddings because they want to. The point is people spend their time and money on things that are important to them.

In Islam, marriage is called *nikah.* Islam does not force us to spend much money on marriage but most people spend money to show that they are rich. Most of the people do not prefer simplicity rather they like to waste their money on idle and unnecessary events that don’t have importance in Islam.

Our Holy Prophet SAW said that the nikah where the poor can attend is the best nikah.

The entire reason people spend money is to “make it special” because it will never happen again. Some people end up in such a state of stress that they can’t even enjoy their day because of the burden of paying bills. The money you spend on your wedding is just gone, with no return or appreciation over time

A wedding is often the most important celebration in one's life. So, people can be very concerned with some of the smallest details of the wedding. And it is an extremely emotional event that often has a lot of opinions going into the planning including both wedding parties, their parents, friends, etc. and where many decisions are made by a group rather than by one person. Plans are often changed multiple times and there can be a lot of stress put on both the vendor and the people in the wedding to get something done "perfect."

That said make a wedding that you will like and remember fondly whether you spend money or not. Don’t be pressured into creating a wedding for other people. In the end it should be exactly what you want and made a priority as it is your wedding. Other relatives and friends can always view your wedding without attending a reception and a smaller group can be invited to the reception to cut down costs. You have to decide what is most important to you and work from there. If you want an upscale wedding which is affordable you might want to cut down your guest list. If you can’t do that then change your menus or venue or both. The word expensive is relative to your budget. Others may have waited a long time and feel they need to celebrate in style with the whole world and want to spend a small fortune on their wedding. That idea with a more practical person may think that the cost could be a deposit towards a house or travel.

An affordable wedding doesn’t have to mean a “cheap” wedding. An affordable wedding just means letting go of “perfection” and looking into options that are nice but not unreasonable. It means lowering our expectations and relaxing a bit more. Because after all, this is supposed to be celebrating our union and love, not money and our ability to show off.

We don’t “need” to do or have anything that we don’t personally want to. All these unnecessary and unimportant events are man made and they are not an important part of marriage that the marriage will not complete without these events. If one chooses to have a more affordable wedding, he’ll find that he is less stressed out during the planning process, healthier both mentally and physically, and he’ll enjoy the wedding day itself much more**.**