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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 this 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’eeef*)

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 اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاکُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَفَعَّلَ
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَفُوْلُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
بِإِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**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 *imaaan*,
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.**

Allaahumma ameen



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