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SPOUSE SELECTION – A DETERMINING FACTOR IN RAISING A GENERATION OF EXCELLENCE



I implore all of us to strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and abstaining from all of His prohibitions.

Let us increase our
remembrance of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala and
salawaat and *salaam* upon our
beloved Prophet Muhammad
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam.

We must always strive to implement all of his *sunnah* in our daily lives. Indeed, with these efforts we truly hope that we will attain benefit in this world and in the Hereafter.

The topic of today's *khutbah*
is "*Spouse Selection – A
Determining Factor In
Raising A Generation Of
Excellence.*"

Islam place heavy emphasis with regard to spouse selection for they will be entrusted to form a family that is upon *imaan* in Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. The believing family is the very

foundation for nurturing a generation that will later inherit the glory of the *ummah* of today. The basis in choosing a spouse has been thoroughly elaborated in the *hadeeth* of

Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* stated:

“A woman is married for four things, i.e., her wealth, her family status,

her beauty and her religion.
So you should marry the
religious woman (otherwise)
you will be a loser.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Based on this *hadeeth*, it can be understood that Islam has provided guidelines and recommendations for selecting a suitable spouse, in ensuring the well being of oneself and the family.

The most important criteria highlighted is choosing a spouse that is constantly upright upon the religion, having virtuous *akhlaaq*. In another *hadeeth* narrated by Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*

*‘anh, Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:*

“If there comes to you with a proposal of marriage one with whose religious commitment and attitude you are pleased,

then marry [your daughter or female relative under your care] to him, for if you do not do that, there will be *fitnah* (tribulation) on earth and widespread corruption.”
(at-Tirmidhi and ibn Maajah: *saheeh*)

Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* has enjoined his *ummah* to emphasize on the religious aspect when selecting the potential spouse. This is because religious background plays

a vital role in developing the family institution, hence producing a generation of excellence both physically and spiritually. It is undeniable that wealth, lineage, and beauty are

aspects that can fulfill human's instinctive need and desire, but in reality they cannot guarantee salvation in this world, what more in the Hereafter.

Therefore, it is clear-cut that religion is of

utmost criteria when selecting one's spouse.

There are few more matters that can serve as guidelines and recommendations in selecting a spouse. We are encouraged to find a spouse

that has no family ties or from distant kinsfolk, someone that hails from a large family with many offspring. This is consistent with the *hadeeth* of Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi*

that states:

“Marry the loving and childbearing woman, for I shall outstrip the other nations with your numbers on the Day of Judgment.”

(Abu Dawood, an-Nasaa’ie, Ahmad, ibn Hibbaan: *saheeh*)

Actually, Islam does not prevent
Muslims from marrying
someone deemed as being
young, beautiful, and charming.
This is as it was narrated when
Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi*

wasallam suggested to Jaabir bin ‘Abdullah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* who had married a widow: “... Why did you not marry a virgin whom you could play with and she could play with you? ...”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

This is because it is from human *fitrah* to incline to beauty and wealth. Furthermore, it is undeniable that wealth is a necessity nowadays that can help the married couple in attaining

happiness in their lives. But it must be comprehended that nothing will become meaningful until the religious aspect is given priority. Thus, some of the guidelines and recommendations outlined

for the Muslim *ummah*,
especially in choosing their
spouse.

Marriage that is built upon the
religious foundation will help to
avoid breakdowns in the family
institution.

In other words, it can help prevent future problems such as inheritance disputes, conflicts between parents and children, divorce, and many others. These instances will definitely leave negative

effects upon the generations that will succeed us in the future. The objective of selecting the right spouse is not only to satisfy the carnal desire and for solely building a

household. Instead, what is more important is that it is closely related with developing a generation with the progenies bestowed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.*

Therefore, all the guidelines and recommendations mentioned simply and solely intend to ensure that our descendants will attain adequate protection and care so that they will become

become individuals of excellence, physically and spiritually. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-

Qur'an:

“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.”**

(an-Nisaa' 4:1)

Since parents are the very foundation in nurturing the *akhlaaq* and excellence of the children, therefore it behoove them to undertake sufficient preparation in fulfilling this great

responsibility, entrusted to them
by Allah *Subhaanahu*

Wata ‘aala. Among the
necessary preparations are:

1- Striving to increase the
knowledge that will further
strengthen *imaan* in Allah

Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

Authentic religious knowledge
is very important to be sought,
pondered upon, and practiced
by every individual. This is
because it is the strongest line of

defense in wading through the challenges of life. With sound Islamic knowledge and understanding, the parents will be able to inculcate *akhlaaq* and upright values to the children.

grooming them to become the generation possessing excellent character and persona.

2- Becoming well versed in the knowledge of parenting. We must realize that the duty

and responsibility of parents in raising the children are daunting; it will later determine their good or bad in the future.

Hence, before agreeing to accept the challenge to shoulder the

the *amaanah* from Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala, every
husbands and wives must equip
themselves with the knowledge
of children’s education. The
knowledge of these sciences
will help to

ensure our offspring become individuals of true excellence.

3- The husband and wife must be susceptible and well informed with the world's current development,

whether through reading,
observation, and others. Their
awareness in the advancement
of the increasingly sophisticated
world of science and technology
will enable them

to monitor and supervise the children effectively.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* mentions in al-Qur‘an:
“Wealth and children are [but] adornment of the

**worldly life. But the
enduring good deeds are
better to your Lord for
reward and better for
[one's] hope.”**

(al-Kahf 18:46)

To end today's *khutbah*, it can be concluded that choosing one's spouse is really a matter of great importance for it will truly affect the formation of a generation of excellence.

Thus, selecting a spouse should be based on the religious recommendations as follows:

- 1- Choosing a spouse that is a true believer with sound *akhlaaq*.

- 2- Choosing a spouse without close family relationship.
- 3- Choosing a spouse from a good lineage and large in number (fertile).

4- Those intending to pursue polygamy should also adhere to the selection criteria previously mentioned.

Hopefully with proper and sound spouse selection, according to the criteria outlined in Islam, it will result with blissfulness in this life, furthermore

producing a generation of excellent progenies that will greatly serve the religion, *ummah*, and nation.

“And know that your properties and your children are but a trial and that Allah has with Him a great reward.”

(al-Anfaal 8:28)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاکُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
فَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
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الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ 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 *imaan*, 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. *Allaahummaa
ameen***



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