What should the husband do on the first night with his wife?

Explained by Shaykh Muqbil may Allah have mercy upon him

**Question:** What should the husband do on the first night with his wife before consummating the marriage?

**Shaykh Muqbil:** This is a good issue. The brother asks: ‘What should the husband do on the first night with his wife before consummating the marriage?’

It is befitting that he is nice and friendly to her—and I say befitting because I do not recall the proofs at this time, perhaps I will recall it later—it is befitting that he is nice and friendly to her and makes her feel as though she is not a stranger. Allah سبحانه وتعالى says:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً ۚ

And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. (Soorah Ar Rum 30:21)

Thus it is befitting that he is nice and friendly to her, and kind to her. And if he is able he should present her with a gift, to make her feel at ease.

And likewise it is befitting for the woman herself to be kind towards him, and nice and friendly. And it is not befitting that they should be like predatory animals. And with Allah aid is sought.

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