

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، أَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ حَمْدًا طَيِّبًا مَبَارَكًا فِيهِ كَمَا
يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ
سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَصَفِيَّهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَخَلِيلُهُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ
وَسَلَّمَ وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِ بَيْتِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ وَصَحَابَتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ،
وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

Praise be to Allah Who created and proportioned. And Who destined and then guided. He creates the two mates-male and female. I bear witness that there is no deity except Allah Alone, having no partners. He created for people from among themselves that they may find tranquility in them, and He placed between them affection and mercy. I also testify that Muhammad is Allah's Messenger and Servant, who of all people reached the highest reverence and had the most outstanding character. He was the best friend and companion, the best husband to wives and kindest to sons and daughters. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his Companions, and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

(25:74) - بَيْنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا نُقْرَةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

Marriage marks a unique moment in the life of an individual, the dawn of a new era, the union of two souls, the merging of two minds, bodies, hearts and families.

“You wont find anything like marriage for two lovers”. (Ibn Majah)

“When the salve enters matrimony, he has completed half of his religion,, let him now fear Allah regarding the remaining half”. (Al-Bayhaqi)

MARRIAGE IS A SHIELD from your Nafs, Satan and Dunya, but it also comes with responsibilities, and tests. Marriage makes that which was once **HARAM** into **HALAL** and makes it an act of **WORSHIP**. It brings us in line with our purpose of creation, to carry the trust/message and forward it. A beautiful sunnah from the beginning of creation of Adam عليه السلام to our Noble Messenger Muhammad صلوات الله وسلامه عليه.

“Nikah is my Sunnah, those who do not like or disown my sunnah are not from amongst my followers” (Bukhari)

MARRIAGE IS PERPETUAL IBADAH “in fulfilling of your sexual desires there is sadaqah. ‘placing your lusts in Haram is Sinful, but placing your urges in Halal is a reward” “one who spends on his family will be a charity for him” “feeding your spouse is charity” (Muslim)

MARRIAGE IS CONCEALMENT – هُنَّ لِبَاسٌ لَكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لِبَاسٌ لَهُنَّ

“there are a concealment for you and you are for them” (2:187)

Spouses are like your clothes that hide your faults, provide privacy, protect you from others. Instil honour and prestige, provide peace and relief to the heart. Your spouse should be intimately attached to you like clothes to give you the emotional, physical, mental and spiritual bond.

MARRIAGE EMPOWERS YOU – You life is incomplete without marriage

“Dependant and helpless is he/she who has no spouse, even though he/she may be extremely wealthy” (Al-Bayhaqi)

MARRIAGE GUARANTEES HEAVEN – Sexual diseases, promiscuity, fornication, adultery, violence, one night stands, pornography, orgies, wife swapping, friends with benefits are all addictions that will lead a person into the fire of hell.

“Whoever guarantees me the safeguarding of his tongue and private parts, I will guarantee him paradise” (Bukhari)

MARRIAGE IS ABOUT BECOMING THE BEST – “The best of you is he who is the best to his family, and I am the best of you to my family” (Tirmidhi)
Best spouse, friend, companion, worshiper, neighbour, parent, sibling, colleague, citizen, worshipper....

A person is married for **4 THINGS, wealth, status, beauty & religion**. So we must focus on the religion if we do not want to be at loss in both worlds.

WEALTH is addictive and can corrupt – here today gone tomorrow. Her wealth is hers, not yours; can cause conflict. Expectations of high living standards & not delivering?

STATUS Baraadi, Qawm may give the illusion of power, status & honour, but there are no guarantees, often it causes more problems. Indian / Pakistani / Bangladeshi / British - **NECESSARY IS IMAAN, DEEN AKHLAAQ.**

BEAUTY is a blessing, or curse, it fades away. Beauty can bring vanity, arrogance and shame. Real beauty is of the heart, soul and character.

RELIGION – Faith in Allah & His Rasool, correct Aqidah, Ibadah, Salah, Sawm, Zakah. These are major issues you must put at the forefront as you don't want to see your spouse fail or go to hell. Do they follow **HIS** commands and Prophetic way of life? Understanding Qada and Qadr. Read the Qur'an fluently / Tajweed? **Character** - Honesty, Integrity, Courage, Patience, a sense of Honour, Haya, Modesty, Confidence, Composure, Dignity, Humility, a sense of peace and harmony?

"Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous." (25:74)