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Short Thread: The Islamic wedding

I begin with the Name of Allaah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

“And among His Signs is this, that He created for you wives from among yourselves, that you may find repose in them, and He has put between you affection and mercy. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who reflect.” Qur’aan 30:21

Qur’aan 25:74

They are those who pray, “Our Lord! Bless us with ■pious■ spouses and offspring who will be the joy of our hearts, and make us models for the righteous.”

The ideal Islamic wedding starts from praying for and choosing a pious spouse. This will ease your wedding.

Ma shaa Allaah! Islam recognizes the inherent need for humans to socialize and be entertained. As it is commonly said, Islam seeks to produce a balanced human. Hence, it creates avenues for him to socialize and to be entertained in a legitimate fashion.

It is vital for a Muslim to always operate within the limits of the Shariah when socializing and when pursuing legitimate entertainment. A Muslim’s life is all about Allaah.

“Say, “Surely my prayer, my worship, my life, and my death are all for Allah—Lord of all worlds” Q6:162

Wedding which is a threshold to marriage can make or break a marriage. If the love and the wedding was based on Allaah, the marriage has every chance of being successful with stability and pious offspring. Remember, Allaah don tests His servants with failed marriages.

Islam has made it permissible for the Muslims to celebrate their weddings. When Allaah blesses anyone, he shows gratitude and celebrates in a manner that will reflect true gratitude. This type of celebration that does not entail sinful acts, attracts more blessings from Allaah.

And ■remember■ when your Lord proclaimed, ‘If you are grateful, I will certainly give you more. But if you are ungrateful, surely My punishment is severe.’” Qur’aan 14:7

This offers us a nexus between celebrating our weddings without being sinful and having a blessed marriage

However, if there is ungratefulness for the blessings of marriage bestowed on us by Allaah and we choose to disobey Him instead by celebrating our weddings in a manner that is opposite of the Shariah, then we could just be in for it. May Allaah forgive us and protect our Iman.

There is the Islamic culture and there is Muslim culture. The Islamic culture sets the standards, the fundamentals, while the Muslim culture varies according to the custom and tradition of the Muslims dictated by tribe and geographical location. The latter operates from the former

Therefore, wedding ceremonies vary from one culture to another but certain things remain constant.

The reason for the acceptability May f these cultural differences is the known legal maxim in the Shariah:

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Custom is a basis for judgement.

These customs and traditions are allowed as long as they do not contravene the fundamentals of the Deen.

Hence, different wedding celebrations within different Muslim communities. This is because Shariah is a manifestation of the Love, Compassion and Mercy of Allaah.

Whatever your custom or tradition is, when celebrating your wedding remember the following...