

The Sanctity of Marriage

- Examining the institution of marriage through the Eyes of God

1) Verses #20-25 of Surah Rum (30)

- All verses begin with the same phrase **وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ** (and from His signs...)

- ❖ Creation of Man (v.20)
- ❖ Creation of the Heavens (v.22)
- ❖ Creation of Earth (v.22)
- ❖ Creation of Languages (v.22)
- ❖ Various colours of Man (v.22)
- ❖ Sleeping (v.23)
- ❖ Rain as a source of life (v.24)
- ❖ Subservience of Heavens & Earth (v.25)

Marriage (v.21)



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وَأَنْكِحُوا الْأَيَامَىٰ مِنْكُمْ وَالصَّالِحِينَ مِنْ عِبَادِكُمْ وَإِمَائِكُمْ ۚ إِن يَكُونُوا فُقَرَاءَ يُغْنِهِمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ

“Marry off those who are single among you and the upright among your male slaves and your female slaves. If they are poor, Allah will enrich them out of His grace, and Allah is all-bounteous, all-knowing.” (Qur’an, 24:32)

➤ The enrichment of God....

The Holy Prophet (S) remarked, “Help your single ones get married, because Allah makes their morality better (improves it) (under the shadow of marriage) and expands their sustenance and increases their generosity (human values).”

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• 2 Categories of Spouse Selection

Category 1: Pillars and Foundation for a Prosperous Hereafter

Religiosity (God-Consciousness)

“A person who marries someone for the sake of their wealth, Allah leaves them in their own condition, and the one who marries only for beauty, they will find in their spouse things which they dislike and the one who marries for the sake of faith (religiousness), Allah will gather up all these things for them.” – Holy Prophet (s); Wasail al-Shia, vol. 14, p 31

Morality (Ethics)

Imam Raza (a.s.) wrote in reply to a person who had asked him if it was advisable to marry his daughter to a person known for his ill nature, "If he is ill-natured (bad tempered), don't marry your daughter to him (Makarim e Akhlaq pg, 203) ." The same will apply where the bride-to-be lacks a good nature. Such a woman, though she may be beautiful and rich, would make the life of her husband miserable. She can never be patient in the difficulties that arise in married life.

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Category 2: Betterment and Welfare of Life in this World

Education/Work Ethic

- The educational foundation to make wise decisions and lead the family (husband)
- Avoiding such traits as laziness, lethargy, idleness

Decent Family

“Look very carefully and minutely as to where you are placing your child because genes and hereditary qualities are transferred in a concealed and unintentional way and have their effect.” – Holy Prophet (s) [Youth and Spouse Selection, Ali Akbar Mazaheri, p. 154]

Compatibility (including physical appearance)

- Not tribal compatibility but one of the Intellect
- Physical attraction is important but can be developed through inner beauty

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