

Marriage

People sometimes write in, saying they want to get married. OK, you want to get married, but what qualities have you? Can you say you have given up everything for Allah? That you strive day and night to spread His religion? Let us hear it then. Do you say, let Allah show me Hazrat Mahdi (as) and the Prophet Jesus (as)? Let us hear it. That young girl has a duty to seek the person with the greatest piety. What would a woman have done in the time of our Prophet (saas)? She would have chosen our Prophet (saas). Because a young girl does not get married so the man can find relief. That is hugely annoying and belittling. It is an insult for a young Muslim girl. The duty of a Muslim woman is not to show the man a good time, but to spend all eternity with someone whose piety enjoys the greatest level of Allah's approval, who has the best qualities to earn the greatest extent of Allah's good pleasure in this world. A young girl wonders what kind of marriage she must make to ensure the greatest amount of Allah's approval. Women wondered in the time of our Prophet (saas). How can I best serve Allah's religion? How can I earn most of Allah's approval in this world and the hereafter? Who is there as a spouse? The Messenger of Allah (saas). He is the most pious, has the best moral values and the most learning, and it is he who can most spread Allah's religion. Why should she reject him? Someone else say, I want to take it easy. You cannot say that to a Muslim woman. That is very ugly. A Muslim woman's duty is to earn as much of Allah's approval as possible. Nobody can use anyone else as a servant in that sense. She cannot be there just for his comfort. That is to see women as cheap and worthless. Pay up and take her away – that kind of mentality. No pious woman would ever agree. What does a Muslim woman look for? She looks for the most pious man. In the same way that women chose our Prophet (saas) in the time of the Messenger of Allah (saas). And she wishes to marry him and serve Allah's religion with him. She does not seek wealth, or comfort, or food and drink, or youth or anything to keep her parents entertained. Her sole aim is to earn as much of Allah's approval as possible. And so long as she does not abandon that mindset, other people will see they are on the wrong path. A Muslim woman bears the spirit of Allah. A modest person who has come here for a brief test. The life of paradise does not end even after one quadrillion, quadrillion years. Even then, it has only just begun. It is right at the beginning. The life of paradise is that long. Why should a woman look for someone who will be a scourge for that length of time? Why should she choose something so belittling?

For that reason, what a Muslim man must seek most is as much as possible of Allah's approval. In seeking the most of Allah's approval he will accept wherever Allah takes him. He will do what the Prophet Solomon (as) and the Prophet Moses (as) did. What did the Prophet Moses (as) say? "My Lord, I am truly in need of any good You have in store for me." It means seeking the most of Allah's approval. Whatever happens in destiny. One cannot seek marriage in particular, one's own pleasure. Let them look at the lives of the prophets. When did they seek their own pleasure and self-interest? Allah sent them blessings. They did not seek those blessings out. Marriage came to them. They did not look for marriage. The women who loved them came to them. They did not look for property or possessions. Property and possessions came to them. They fled the world, but the world followed them. That is why a Muslim must seek only as much of Allah's approval as possible. What eases a Muslims heart? Repetition of the name of Allah, our Lord says. The heart of someone who repeats the name of Allah finds ease. That is a very infuriating kind of language. One cannot say I want to marry a woman to take things easy. A Muslim has but one aim, to seek the most of Allah's approval. Some people may say, "I am always travelling about." They then say there is a verse of the Qur'an about it. Does Allah tell you to go on your travels when Muslims are dying? There is a time for everything. If one does not seek the most of Allah's approval, the result is a very off mindset. That is why it is key, vital to seek Allah's approval. Someone may say, Allah, I must get married and become rich. OK, but in what order? In that case, you are abandoning Allah's approval. Do people not want as much merit as possible? Muslims want as much merit as possible. If you seek little of Allah's approval, then that is a complete rejection. Allah may approve of one thing once, but of something else a thousand times. You must seek that which He approves of a thousand times.

(A response to a viewer who wants prayer "to get married, not for Islamic Union.")

Some people do not care in the least about Islamic Union or Turkish-Islamic Union or Somalia or Afghanistan or Pakistan or East Turkestan. They do not care about the people being beaten in East Turkestan. You can see what they are preoccupied with, what they are concentrating on. They do not say, "Our brothers must pray for Islamic Union." They have other priorities.

The apathy and collapse of conscience in some people... In East Turkestan they stretch Muslims out and break their arms. They crush the fingers of tiny children. They kick anyone in range. They take young girls away at midnight. They take them off to Mao's brothels, tens or hundreds of thousands of young East Turkestan girls. But some people don't care, they just worry about getting married. This person wants us to pray for him to get married. May Allah bring you to your senses and make you a supporter of Islamic Union, insha'Allah. That is what your most urgent need is.

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