

IMC Workshop Part IV



Mahr in Islam



- Mahr (dowry) is an honorary amount for the wife in Islam
- R It belongs solely to the wife



How Much?



- It should be set according to the standard in her family (Mahr Mithl)
- The amount should not be a contentious point in deciding about the nikah
- It must be a form of material wealth



How Much?



- Mahr Fatimi is a mustahab and a means of blessings
- It should not be extravagant or overburdening upon the husband



When to Pay



- It should be paid upfront, although it can be deferred
- At least some amount should be paid upfront
- Upfront Mahr is due as soon as the husband and wife meet
- Repair It must be paid, cannot be just a formality in words
- It can be forgiven by the wife and only the wife

Dispelling Misconceptions about Mahr



- It is not a means of security, in case of separation
- calt is not due only when separation occurs
- Gold or other jewelry given at the time of nikah can be counted towards the mahr



(اإن أعظم النكاح بركة أيسره مؤونة) (شعب الإيمان ٢٥٦٦)

"The greatest nikah in blessings is the simplest in expenditures."



"Do a Walimah, even if it be with just a goat"



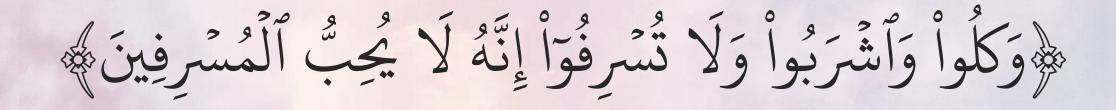


Walimah is an important sunnah and a part of our Deen



Important Warning





"Eat and drink and do not be extravagant. Surely, He does not like the extravagant."

(Surah al-A'raf, 31)



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"And do not squander recklessly. Surely, squanderers are brothers of satans, and the Satan is very ungrateful to his Lord."

(Bani Israil, 26-7)





Occasion of Happiness, but always within limits.



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«أعلنوا هذا النكاح، واجعلوه في المساجد، واضربوا عليه بالدفوف»

(سنن الترمذي ١٠٨٩)

"Announce these marriages. Hold them in the masajid. Beat the daff [in announcement]"

Important Information about Nikah Ceremony



- Nikah is a contract in Islam, requires express offer and acceptance, and two physical witness present, all at once, in one gathering
- The Bride can give her consent to her wali or anyone else
- Rikah cannot be done remotely or secretly



Important Information about Nikah Ceremony



- Verbal agreement is essential, but writing is important
- Civil documents are crucial
- Qualified and experienced alim should conduct the ceremony
- There is no "bad" time for nikah

