



1	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SIMPLIFY MARRIAGES</b> 16 December 2016AD / 16 Rabiulawal 1438H</p>
2	<p>إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَسَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّهُ فَلَنْ يُجِدَ لَهُ وِليًّا مُرْشِدًا.</p>
3	<p>أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ،</p>
4	<p>اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ دَعَا بِدَعْوَتِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.</p>
5	<p>أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.</p>
6	<p>قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ يَتَأْتِيهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا ﴿١﴾</p>
7	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> Let us endeavour to make adequate preparations to attain the victory and success that we seek in the Hereafter by constantly increasing our conviction in Allah SWT, staying away and avoiding all sins and matters that displease Allah SWT, while at the same time doubling our good deeds. May we receive the blessings of true happiness in this world and in the hereafter.</p>
8	<p>The <i>mimbar</i> on this blessed Friday shall discuss the sermon entitled: <b>"Simplify Marriages".</b></p>
9	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b> Marriage has been prescribed by Allah SWT to enable a person to live with a partner responsibly and not aimed merely to meet the demands of lust</p>



	and pleasure, in order to live a more objective life. Besides uniting two people in love, as well as gaining peace of mind, marriage also unites two families in achieving a very noble goal. Indirectly, marriage builds unity and brotherhood among the people in order to be closer and tight-knit, almost like <i>two halves of the same whole</i> , whereby each is dependent on the other for survival.
10	Islam greatly encourages marriage, and it is recommended by Rasulallah SAW in a hadith recorded by al-Bukhari rahimahullah and narrated by Abdullah bin Mas'ud RA: يَا مَعْشَرَ الشَّبَابِ مَنْ اسْتَطَاعَ مِنْكُمُ الْبَاءَةَ، فَلْيَتَزَوَّجْ. فَإِنَّهُ أَغْضُ لِلْبَصْرِ، وَأَحْصَنُ لِلْفَرْجِ. وَمَنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَعَلَيْهِ بِالصَّوْمِ، فَإِنَّهُ لَهُ وِجَاءٌ.
11	<b>Which means:</b> "O, young people! Whoever among you can marry, should marry, because it helps him lower his gaze and guard his modesty and whoever is not able to marry, should fast, as fasting diminishes his lust and desires."
12	Glorious and exalted indeed is the position of marriage in Islam. It becomes a fortress to protect the dignity of a person, and is considered a way out of lust and desires which usually leads to adultery.
13	Marriage is also the Sunnah of Rasulallah SAW and is demanded by our religion. Although we are aware that today's cost of living is increasing, it should not be a reason to make it hard for Muslims to get married by raising the value of dowry and gifts for the bride.
14	Rasulallah SAW once said in a hadith recorded by Ibn Hibban, and narrated by 'Uqbah bin Amir RA: خَيْرُ النِّكَاحِ أَيْسَرُهُ <b>Which means:</b> "The best of marriage is that which is made easiest.(The



	<i>lowest mahr)</i> "
15	Muslims in Malaysia should make no distinction between the living standards of the newlyweds' families as it can become a negative example to others. What is more important is the men and women who want to marry share the same good personal attributes in terms of education and religion, while equality in terms of their parents' taste and wants should not be a factor for consideration.
16	Rasulullah SAW had also said, as recorded by Imam al-Tirmidhi RH and narrated by Abi Hatim al-Muzanni RA: إِذَا جَاءَكُمْ مِنْ تَرْضَوْنَ دِينَهُ وَخُلُقَهُ فَأَنْكِحُوهُ إِلَّا تَفْعَلُوا تَكُنْ فِتْنَةً فِي الْأَرْضِ وَفَسَادٌ
17	<b>Which means:</b> "If to you came a man with his religion and morals you approve of, asking for marriage, then marry him off. If not, slander and damage will arise on earth."
18	<b>Blessed guests of Allah,</b> Do we not realize how powerful the demands of lust and desire are on young people today? Previously, the Muslim community had no access to indecent materials that could corrupt the mind. But, today, with the internet, anyone can watch illicit pictures and videos wherever they are.
19	Through this, the door leading to adultery and immorality will be numerous - rape and the number of children born out of wedlock are likely to rise, followed by baby dumping and other harmful acts. Why is this problem becoming more severe? Is it because marriage is made more difficult? Or, is it because we really do not know how to orientate and act accordingly?
20	Reflect upon the words of Allah SWT in Surah al-Nur, verse 32: وَأَنْكِحُوا الْأَيْمَىٰ مِنْكُمْ وَالصَّالِحِينَ مِنْ عِبَادِكُمْ وَإِمَائِكُمْ ۚ إِنْ يَكُونُوا فُقَرَاءَ يُغْنِهِمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَسِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ



21	<p><b>Which means:</b> “Marry those among you who are single, or the virtuous ones among yourselves, male or female: if they are in poverty, Allah will give them means out of His grace: for Allah encompasses all, and he knows all things.”</p>
22	<p>Remember, Islam never hinders or create difficulties upon those who want to get married. Make it easy for what is most important and avoid what is not important, so that Islam would not be regarded as a religion that makes the affairs of marriage difficult. Let us strive to ensure the processes and affairs of getting married in our Muslim community an easier and more meaningful effort by implementing these joint actions:</p>
23	<p><b>First: Seeking knowledge and understanding</b></p> <p>Grab your chance while there is still time to find the knowledge and a clear understanding of marriage, as well as the tenets and laws associated with it. Those wishing to marry must refer to those who are knowledgeable in order to ensure all the processes and procedures are in line with the religious requirements.</p>
24	<p><b>Second: Reconsider the usual dowry amount and gifts</b></p> <p>It would be wonderful if families of both the bride and groom can discuss and agree to reduce the amount of dowry and gifts in order to allow the couple to start their married life in peace and tranquillity. Avoid being in debt from the very first day of married life and work together to manage your finances well.</p>
25	<p><b>Third: Prioritising what is most important</b></p> <p>Each prospective bride and groom must wisely organise between needs and wants. Discuss and plan early in managing the household, including managing the finances. Avoid any unnecessary expenses that will add to the cost that will burden the marriage and lead to wastage. A wise man would certainly be capable of managing himself and his family in any situation.</p>
26	<p>Before the <i>khatib</i> ends today’s sermon, the <i>khatib</i> would like to remind the congregation about the obligation of <i>Zakat</i>. At the end of each year, we are</p>



	<p>usually encouraged to calculate our annual income to see whether we are eligible to pay <i>zakat</i> or otherwise. Remember, for whatever provisions we receive, there are parts of it that belong to the more deserving. Hopefully, with the payment of <i>zakat</i>, the life and family we build will receive the blessings it deserves. Come, let us cleanse our property and purify the soul through payment of <i>Zakat</i>.</p>
27	<p><b>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</b></p> <p>The conclusions that can be drawn from the sermon delivered from the <i>mimbar</i> this Friday are as follows:</p> <p><b>First:</b> Marriage is the Sunnah of Rasulullah SAW who deserves to be the guide and reference for Muslims.</p> <p><b>Second:</b> Choose a life partner who meets the characteristics of a righteous person and who leads an exemplary life, so as to always be blessed by Allah SWT.</p> <p><b>Third:</b> Make the process and procedures of getting married easier, in order to ensure the marriage is blessed and harmonious, akin to paradise on earth.</p>
28	<p>As stated by Allah SWT in Surah al-Rum, verse 21:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ</p>
29	<p><b>Which means:</b> “And among His Signs is this, that He created for you partners from among yourselves, that you may dwell in tranquility with them, and He has put love and mercy between your (hearts): verily in that are Signs for those who reflect.”</p>



30	<p>بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِجَمِيعِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ يَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.</p>
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