

[IFTITAH]

Ladies and Gentlemen, Respected Guests, the bride, the groom and their respected parents, families, relatives and friends, may Allah Subhanallahu wa Ta'ala bless us all.

Assalamu'alaikum Wr. Wb.

All praise to the Almighty, Allah SWT, that we all gather here ^{this morning} today on this sacred wedding ceremony and reception. ^{especially}

First of all, I would like to appreciate the opportunity to deliver a few words in this very occasion, particularly to the bride and groom, to myself, and to all of us here in general. It certainly is an honor for me, thank you.

Let me ^{start by} quote the most popular verse from the Holy Qur'an for this sacred moment which is from Surah ar-Rum Verse 21 (ta'udz)

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

"And among His Signs is that He has created for you, spouses from your own kind, so that you may find peace with them, and created love and mercy between both of you. Surely in this there are many Signs for those who deeply think" ^{About it}

We all believe that the husband and wife relation in a marriage is beyond human civilization. It is heavenly created by The Almighty Allah SWT Himself since Adam and Eve. In our religion of Islam, the most sacred moment in a wedding is when the father of the bride hands over all his duty and responsibility to take care of the life of his daughter on top of the shoulders of the groom, her husband. This is a very serious matter.

so Let's discuss a little bit ^{as we have witnessed just now} What kind of duty and responsibility?

Allah SWT says in Surah at-Tahriim Verse 6 (taudz)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُولُوا أَنْفُسِكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَرَاهُ وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَاظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ

"Oo, you who have believed, save yourselves and your families from the Fire, which fueled by human bodies and stones, over which shall be