

A HAPPY HOUSEHOLD

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أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ
فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ.
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us all increase our devotion towards Allah the Almighty by performing all that He has decreed and abstaining from all that He has prohibited. Hopefully, we will be blessed in this world and in the Hereafter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Marriage is a contract that legalizes the bond between a man and a woman who are not *mahram* (can be legally married to each other) in order to obtain happiness and have offspring to produce their lineage. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 30 (*Surah Ar-Rum*) verse (*ayat*) 21:

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

Which means: “Another of His signs is that He created spouses from among yourselves for you to live with in tranquility: He ordained love and kindness between you. There truly are signs in this for those who reflect.”



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The key to marital happiness is to choose a partner who has strong religious beliefs and a noble character. A married couple who are religious certainly have strong faith and will always do good deeds. A household like this will be blessed by Allah the Almighty with lasting happiness. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 16 (*Surah An-Nahl*) verse (*ayat*) 97:

مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيٰوةً طَيِّبَةً وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

Which means: *“To whoever, male or female, does good deeds and has faith, We shall give a good life and reward them according to the best of their actions.”*

It is also important to choose a partner from a good and noble family. A good family always teaches their children to be the best human beings, to stay away from forbidden, evil and immoral actions, so that virtuous offspring and a righteous lineage will be born. The Prophet (peace be upon him [PBUH]) said in a *hadith* narrated by Ibn Majah:

تَخَيَّرُوا لِنُطْفِكُمْ فَإِنَّ الْعِرْقَ دَسَّاسٌ

Which means: *“Choose the best for your sperm, and marry compatible women and propose marriage to them.”*

Islamic *Sharia* also recommends choosing a partner who is attractive and has never been married (virgins). Those who have never



married usually have a deep and pure feeling of love for their husband.

The Prophet (PBUH) said in a *hadith* narrated by Imam Muslim:

Which means: “*Why (did you) not (marry) a virgin whom you could entertain and be entertained by*”.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Although the *Sharia* recommends choosing a partner who is of equal status, everything depends on the satisfaction of the partners and their respective families. The Prophet (PBUH) married Khadijah when he was 25 years old, while Khadijah was 40 years old. Another example was the marriage of Zubir bin Awwam, a companion of the Prophet who was poor, to Asma’ binti Abu Bakar *As Siddiq*, the daughter of one of the wealthy companions.

Therefore, poverty should not be an obstacle for someone to marry. Marriage can prevent a person from committing immorality and adultery. Desire to find a wealthy partner is only to make life easier for married couples. May Allah the Almighty bless the marriage of people with a less wealth, and increase their sustenance.

The *Sharia* also recommends choosing a fertile partner so they may give birth to many offspring and descendants. The Prophet (PBUH) will be proud of the large number of his followers. He said in a *hadith* narrated by Abu Daud:

تَزَوَّجُوا الْوُلُودَ الْوُدُودَ فَإِنِّي مُكَائِرٌ بِكُمْ الْأُمَّمَ



Which means: *“Marry women who are loving and very prolific, for I shall outnumber the peoples by you.”*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If there is conflict in the household, the husband and wife should be patient and try to resolve the matter through mutual discussion. If it still cannot be resolved, get the help of a third party such as parents, a counselor or an advisory service at the Islamic religious department. Always be patient and calm. Do not share marital problems on social media because doing so can embarrass your partner and family. Avoid actions that can trigger divorce.

According to the record of marriages and divorces in the state of Pahang between 2022 and 2023, in 2022, the number of marriages in the state of Pahang was 13,811. The number of divorces in the same year was 3,145 people, which is 22 percent of the number of marriages. The percentage increased to 27 percent in 2023. It is hoped that in 2024 the number of those who get married will increase from previous years, and the number of divorces will further decrease. These figures show us that the effort to find happiness in marriage is important to ensure the harmony of the Muslim community in our beloved state of Pahang.

In conclusion, to get marital happiness, choose a partner with strong religious beliefs and noble character, who is from a good family. Married couples should always try to maintain household harmony regardless of their social status, poor or rich. If there is conflict, it should be discussed to resolve it so as not to lead to divorce. Let us pray to Allah



the Almighty as mentioned in the Quran in Chapter 25 (*Surah Al-Furqan*)
verse (*ayat*) 74:

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

Which means: “those who pray, ‘Our Lord, give us joy in our spouses and offspring. Make us good examples to those who are aware of You’.”

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.