

The fifth question of Fatwa no. 3618

**Q 5: What are `Aqiqah and Walimah?**

**A 5:** `Aqiqah is a sacrifice offered when a baby is born, in thankfulness to Allah (Exalted be He) for His gift.

A Walimah is a wedding dinner served to those who are invited as an act of the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace be upon him) to thank Allah. It serves as a celebration to make the marriage known to all people.

It can also be generally referred to any banquet, even those made for purposes other than marriage.

May Allah grant us success. May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet, his family and Companions.

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