

What should husband do on first night with wife?

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: What should the husband do on the first night with his wife before consummating the marriage?

Shaykh Muqbil ibn Haadee al-Waadi'ee (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ)¹: This is a good issue. The brother asks: 'What should the husband do on the first night with his wife before consummating the marriage?'

It is befitting that he is nice and friendly to her—and I say befitting because I do not recall the proofs at this time, perhaps I will recall it later—it is befitting that he is nice and friendly to her and makes her feel as though she is not a stranger. Allaah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) says:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا فِيهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً

[And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquillity in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy.]³

Thus it is befitting that he is nice and friendly to her, and kind to her. And if he is able he should present her with a gift, to make her feel at ease.

And likewise it is befitting for the woman herself to be kind towards him, and nice and friendly. And it is not befitting that they should be like predatory animals. And with Allaah aid is sought.

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (Subhanahu wa-ta'ala) The Exalted, The Most High

³ سورة الروم Soorah ar-Room [30:21]