

A painting of a man and a woman in traditional Islamic attire standing in a mosque. The man, on the right, wears a white turban and a dark robe, looking down at the woman's hands. The woman, on the left, is covered in a white headscarf and a dark robe. They are standing in a dimly lit mosque with arched doorways and hanging lanterns. The title "A TREATISE OF MARRIAGE" is overlaid in large white letters.

# A TREATISE OF MARRIAGE

**A simplified compilation of ahadees  
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## **Introduction**

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

On the auspicious occasion of the blessed marriage anniversary of Imam Ali (as) and Sayyeda Fatima Zahra (sa), we, the Al-Karbala team, present this humble gift to the Ummah — a hadith compilation on the topic of marriage, drawn from authentic sources.

This Compilation is a collection of selected narrations that explore the philosophy, virtues, etiquettes, and responsibilities related to marriage in Islam. The chapters include themes such as *The Importance of Marriage*, *Choosing a Spouse*, *Rights and Duties of Spouses*, *Marital Harmony*, and *The Example of the Ahlulbayt (as) in Marriage*. Each section is designed to offer timeless guidance inspired by the words of the Prophet (sawa) and the Ahlulbayt (as).

Though this is only a simplified version, it represents our team's sincere effort to provide something meaningful on this sacred day. InshaAllah, a more detailed and upgraded version of this work will be released in the future.

May this humble offering be accepted by Imam Ali (as) and Sayyeda Zahra (sa), and serve as a source of learning, reflection, and barakah for all who read it.

*With devotion,*  
*Team Al-Karbala*



## **Chapter 01: The Virtue and Encouragement of Marriage**

### **#Hadith 01:**

الإمام الرضا (عليه السلام): لو لم تكن في المناكحة والمصاهرة آية محكمة ولا سنة متبعة، لكان فيما جعل الله فيها من بر القريب وتألف البعيد، ما رغب فيه العاقل اللبيب وسارع إليه الموفق المصيب

Imam Al-Ridha (peace be upon him) said: **"If there were no definitive verse in the Qur'an or established tradition regarding marriage and kinship, the good that Allah has placed in it, such as fostering ties with relatives and uniting with strangers, would be enough to inspire the wise and encourage the successful to seek it."**<sup>1</sup>

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### **#Hadith 02:**

عنه (صلى الله عليه وآله): ما بنى في الإسلام بناء أحب إلى الله عز وجل، وأعز من التزويج

The Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) said:  
**"No structure has been built in Islam more beloved to Allah, the Almighty and Glorious, and more honored than marriage."**<sup>2</sup>

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### **#Hadith 03:**

عنه (صلى الله عليه وآله): تناكحوا تكثرُوا فإني أباهي بكم الأمم يوم القيامة حتى بالسقط

The Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) said:  
**"Marry and increase in number, for I will take pride in your multitude before the nations on the Day of Judgment — even with the miscarried fetus."**<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [Mizan al-Hikmah, Vol 2, P1178](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Ibid.](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Ibid.](#)

#### #Hadith 04:

عنه (صلى الله عليه وآله): «من نكح لله وأنكح لله استحق ولاية الله»

The Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) said:

**"Whoever marries for the sake of Allah and helps others marry for the sake of Allah, has earned the guardianship of Allah."**<sup>4</sup>

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#### #Hadith 05:

رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله): «النكاح سنتي فمن لم يعمل بسنتي فليس مني، وتزوجوا فإنني مكاثر بكم الأمم»

The Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) said:

**"Marriage is my Sunnah. Whoever does not act according to my Sunnah is not from me. Get married, for I will take pride in your numbers before the nations."**<sup>5</sup>

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#### #Hadith 06:

الإمام علي (عليه السلام): «تزوجوا فإن رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله) كثيرا ما كان يقول: من كان يحب أن يتبع سنتي فليتزوج فإن من سنتي التزويج»

Imam Ali (peace be upon him) said:

**"Get married, for the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) would often say: Whoever loves to follow my Sunnah, let him get married, for marriage is part of my Sunnah."**<sup>6</sup>

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#### #Hadith 07:

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<sup>4</sup> [Mizan al hikmah, Vol 2, P1178](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Ibid.](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Ibid.](#)

رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله): «النكاح سنتي فمن أحب فطرتي فليستن بسنتي»

The Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) said:

**"Marriage is my Sunnah. Whoever loves my natural way (fitrah), let him follow my Sunnah."**<sup>7</sup>

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**#Hadith 07:**

رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله): «النكاح سنتي فمن أحب فطرتي فليستن بسنتي»

The Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) said:

**"Marriage is my Sunnah. Whoever loves my natural way (fitrah), let him follow my Sunnah."**<sup>8</sup>

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## **Chapter 02: The prayer and sleep of a married person:**

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<sup>7</sup> [Ibid.](#)

<sup>8</sup> [Ibid.](#)

### #Hadith 01:

قال أبو عبد الله (عليه السلام): ركعتان يصليهما المتزوج أفضل من سبعين ركعة يصليها أعزب.

Imam Jafar(peace be upon him) said: **"Two units of prayer performed by a married person are better than seventy units performed by a single person."**<sup>9</sup>

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### #Hadith 02:

قال أبو عبد الله (عليه السلام): ركعتان يصليهما المتزوج أفضل من سبعين ركعة يصليها أعزب.

Imam Jafar(peace be upon him) said: **"Two units of prayer performed by a married person are better than seventy units performed by a single person."**<sup>10</sup>

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### #Hadith 03:

جاء رجل إلى أبي عبد الله (عليه السلام) فقال له: هل لك من زوجة؟ فقال: لا، فقال أبي: وما أحب أن لي الدنيا وما فيها وإنني بت ليلة وليست لي زوجة، ثم قال: الركعتان يصليهما رجل متزوج أفضل من رجل أعزب يقوم ليله ويصوم نهاره، ثم أعطاه أبي سبعة دنانير ثم قال له: تزوج بهذه، ثم قال أبي: قال رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله): اتخذوا الأهل فإنه أرزق لكم.

A man came to Abu ‘Abdillah (peace be upon him) and said to him: “Do you have a wife?” He replied: “No.” My father (i.e., Imam Ja’far al-Sadiq) then said: “I would not like to have the entire world and all that is in it if I were to spend a single night without a wife.” Then he said: “Two units of prayer performed by a married man are better than a night spent in worship and a day spent fasting by a single man.” Then my father gave the man seven dinars and said to him: “Get married with this.” Then my father said: “The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him and his family) said: *Take spouses, for it is more likely to increase your sustenance.*”<sup>11</sup>

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## Chapter 03: Marriage increases Livelihood:

### #Hadith 01:

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<sup>9</sup> [Alkafi, Vol 5, P328](#)

<sup>10</sup> [Alkafi, Vol 5, P328](#)

<sup>11</sup> [Alkafi, Vol 5, P329](#)

عن أبي عبد الله (عليه السلام) قال: من ترك التزويج مخافة العيلة فقد أساء بالله الظن.

Imam Jafar(peace be upon him) said: **"Whoever refrains from marriage out of fear of poverty has thought badly of Allah."**<sup>12</sup>

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#### #Hadith 02:

عن أبي عبد الله (عليه السلام) قال: جاء رجل إلى النبي (صلى الله عليه وآله) فشكا إليه الحاجة فقال: تزوج، فتزوج فوسع عليه.

Imam Jafar(peace be upon him) said: **"A man came to the Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) and complained to him about poverty. The Prophet said to him: 'Get married.' So he got married, and his sustenance was expanded."**<sup>13</sup>

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#### #Hadith 03:

عن أبي عبد الله (عليه السلام) قال: أتى رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله) شاب من الأنصار فشكا إليه الحاجة، فقال له: تزوج فقال الشاب: إني لأستحيي أن أعود إلى رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله) فلحقه رجل من الأنصار فقال: إن لي بنتا وسيمة (1) فزوجها إياه قال: فوسع الله عليه [قال: فأتى الشاب النبي (صلى الله عليه وآله) فأخبره فقال رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله): يا معشر الشباب عليكم بالباه.

Imam Jafar(peace be upon him) said: **"A young man from the Ansar came to the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) and complained of need (poverty). The Prophet said to him: "Get married." The young man replied, "I am too shy to return to the Prophet." Then a man from the Ansar said, "I have a beautiful daughter; marry her to him." So Allah expanded his provision. The young man went back to the Prophet and informed him, whereupon the Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) said: "O young people, marriage is prescribed for you."**<sup>14</sup>

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#### #Hadith 04:

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<sup>12</sup> [Alkafi, Vol 5, P330](#)

<sup>13</sup> [Alkafi, Vol 5, P330](#)

<sup>14</sup> [Alkafi, Vol 5, P330](#)

قال رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله): من ترك التزويج مخافة العيلة فقد أساء ظنه بالله عز وجل، إن الله عز وجل يقول: (إن يكونوا فقراء يغنهم الله من فضله) (١).

Prophet Muhammad(peace be upon him) said: ***"Whoever refrains from marriage out of fear of poverty has thought badly of Allah, the Mighty and Majestic. Indeed, Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, says: 'If they are poor, Allah will enrich them from His bounty.'"*** (Qur'an 24:32)<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> [Alkafi, Vol 5. P331](#)



## **Chapter 04: Whoever strives in facilitating marriage...**

### **#Hadith 01:**

قال أمير المؤمنين (عليه السلام): أفضل الشفاعات أن تشفع بين اثنين في نكاح حتى يجمع الله بينهما.

Ameerul Momineen(peace be upon him) said: **"The best intercession is to intercede between two people for marriage until Allah unites them.."**<sup>16</sup>

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### **#Hadith 02:**

عن أبي عبد الله (عليه السلام) قال: من زوج أعزبا كان ممن ينظر الله عز وجل إليه يوم القيامة.

Imam Jafar(peace be upon him) said: **"Whoever marries off a single person will be among those whom Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, will look upon with favor on the Day of Resurrection."**<sup>17</sup>

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### **#Hadith 03:**

عن النبي (صلى الله عليه وآله) - في حديث - قال: ومن عمل في تزويج بين مؤمنين حتى يجمع بينهما زوجه الله عز وجل ألف امرأة من الحور العين، كل امرأة في قصر من در وياقوت، وكان له بكل خطوة خطاها أو بكل كلمة تكلم بها في ذلك عمل سنة قيام ليلها وصيام نهارها، ومن عمل في فرقة بين امرأة وزوجها كان عليه غضب الله ولعنته في الدنيا والآخرة، وكان حقا على الله أن يرضخه بألف صخرة. من نار، ومن مشى في فساد ما بينهما ولم يفرق كان في سخط الله عز وجل ولعنته في الدنيا والآخرة، وحرم (الله عليه) (2) النظر إلى وجهه.

The Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) said in a narration:

**"Whoever works to marry two believers so that Allah unites them in marriage, Allah Almighty will grant him a thousand women from the Houris, each woman in a palace made of pearls and rubies. For every step he takes or every word he speaks in that matter, it will be recorded as the reward of a year of night prayers and day fasting.**

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<sup>16</sup> [Alkafi, Vol 5, P331](#)

<sup>17</sup> [Alkafi, Vol 5, P331](#)

**But whoever causes separation between a woman and her husband, Allah's wrath and curse will be upon him in this world and the Hereafter, and it will be incumbent upon Allah to crush him with a thousand fiery stones.**

**And whoever walks in causing corruption between them without separating them will be under the anger and curse of Allah in this world and the Hereafter, and Allah will forbid him from looking at His Face."<sup>18</sup>**

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## **Chapter 05: A Woman's Criteria for choosing a Spouse**

Following are the ahadees on recommendation for a woman and her family to choose a husband whose character, religion, and trustworthiness please them, who is chaste and wealthy, and that it is not permissible to reject him if he proposes.

### **#Hadith 01:**

كتب علي بن أسباط إلى أبي جعفر عليه السلام في أمر بناته وأنه لا يجد أحدا مثله، فكتب إليه أبو جعفر عليه السلام: فهمت ما ذكرت من أمر بناتك وأنت لا تجد أحدا مثلك، فلا تنظر في ذلك رحمك الله، فإن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله قال: إذا جاءكم من ترضون خلقه ودينه فزوجوه إلا تفعلوه تكن فتنة في الأرض وفساد كبير. ورواه الشيخ بإسناده عن علي بن الحسن بن فضال، عن علي بن مهزيار قال: قرأت كتاب أبي جعفر عليه السلام إلى ابن شيبه وذكر مثله. ورواه ابن طاوس في كتاب (الاستخارات) نقلا من كتاب الرسائل لمحمد بن يعقوب الكليني في رسائل الأئمة عليهم السلام فيما يختص بالجواد عليه السلام من رسالة له عليه السلام إلى علي بن أسباط وذكر مثله.

Ali ibn Asbat wrote to Imam Baqir(peace be upon him) regarding his daughters and mentioned that he could not find anyone like himself (as a suitable match for them). Imam Baqir(peace be upon him) wrote back to him:

**"I understood what you mentioned regarding your daughters and that you do not find anyone like yourself. Do not concern yourself with that, may Allah have mercy on you. For the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said: 'If someone whose character and religion you are pleased with comes to you (seeking marriage), then marry him (to your daughters). If you do not do so, there will be tribulation on the earth and widespread corruption.'"<sup>19</sup>**

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<sup>18</sup> [Wasa'il us Shia, Vol 20, P46](#)

<sup>19</sup> [Wasa'il us Shia, Vol 14, P51](#)

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### #Hadith 02:

عن إبراهيم بن محمد الهمداني قال: كتبت إلى أبي جعفر عليه السلام في التزويج، فأثناني كتابه بخطه قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله: إذا جاءكم من ترضون خلقه ودينه فزوجوه إلا تفعلوه تكن فتنة في الأرض وفساد كبير

From Ibrahim ibn Muhammad al-Hamadani:

He said, *"I wrote to Imam Baqir(peace be upon him) regarding marriage, and a letter came to me in his handwriting in which he wrote:*

**The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said:**

**'If someone whose character and religion you are pleased with comes to you (seeking marriage), then marry him. If you do not do so, there will be tribulation on the earth and great corruption.'**<sup>20</sup>

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### #Hadith 03:

عن أبي عبد الله عليه السلام قال: الكفو أن يكون عفيفا وعنده يسار.

Imam Jafar(peace be upon him), he said:

**"The suitable match (kuf) is the one who is chaste and has financial means."**<sup>21</sup>

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### #Hadith 04:

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله إذا جاءكم من ترضون خلقه ودينه فزوجوه قلت: يا رسول الله وإن كان دنيا في نسبه، قال: إذا جاءكم من ترضون خلقه ودينه فزوجوه إلا تفعلوه تكن فتنة في الأرض وفساد كبير..

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said:

**"If someone whose character and religion you are pleased with comes to you (seeking marriage), then marry him."**

Imam Ali(as) asked, **"O Messenger of Allah, what if he is worldly in his lineage?"**

He replied,

**"If someone whose character and religion you are pleased with comes to you,**

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<sup>20</sup> [Wasa'il us Shia, Vol 14, P51](#)

<sup>21</sup> [Wasa'il us Shia, Vol 14, P52](#)

then marry him. If you do not do so, there will be tribulation on the earth and great corruption."<sup>22</sup>

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#### #Hadith 05:

قال أبو عبد الله عليه السلام: الكفو أن يكون عفيفا وعنده يسار.

Imam Jafar(peace be upon him) said:

"The suitable match (kaf') is one who is chaste and has financial means."<sup>23</sup>

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### Chapter 05: A Man's Criteria for choosing a Spouse

#### #Hadith 01:

عن أبي عبد الله عليه السلام قال: إذا تزوج الرجل المرأة لجمالها أو لمالها وكل إلى ذلك، وإذا تزوجها لدينها رزقه الله المال والجمال.

Imam Jafar(peace be upon him) said:

"If a man marries a woman for her beauty or her wealth, he will be left to that (alone). But if he marries her for her religion, Allah will grant him both wealth and beauty."<sup>24</sup>

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#### #Hadith 02:

قال أبو جعفر عليه السلام: أتى رجل النبي صلى الله عليه وآله يستأمره في النكاح، فقال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله: انكح وعليك بذات الدين تربت يداك.

Imam Baqir(peace be upon him) said:

**A man came to the Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) seeking his advice about marriage. The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his**

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<sup>22</sup> [Wasa'il us Shia, Vol 14, P52](#)

<sup>23</sup> [Wasa'il us Shia, Vol 14, P51](#)

<sup>24</sup> [Wasa'il us Shia, Vol 14, P30](#)

family) said:

**"Marry, and choose the one who is religious — may your hands be covered in dust!"**

*("May your hands be covered in dust" is an Arabic expression implying urgency or encouragement, not a literal curse.)<sup>25</sup>*

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#### **#Hadith 03:**

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله: من تزوج امرأة لا يتزوجها إلا لجمالها لم ير فيها ما يحب، ومن تزوجها لمالها لا يتزوجها إلا له وكله الله إليه فعليكم بذات الدين.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said:

**"Whoever marries a woman solely for her beauty will not find in her what he loves, and whoever marries her for her wealth will marry her for it alone, and Allah will entrust her to him. So, choose the one who is religious."<sup>26</sup>**

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#### **#Hadith 04:**

أن النبي صلى الله عليه وآله قال: من تزوج امرأة لمالها وكله الله إليه، ومن تزوجها لجمالها رأى فيها ما يكره، ومن تزوجها لدينها جمع الله له ذلك.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said:

**"Whoever marries a woman for her wealth, Allah will entrust her to him; whoever marries her for her beauty will find in her what he dislikes; and whoever marries her for her religion, Allah will unite for him all of that."<sup>27</sup>**

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### **Chapter 05: It is permissible for a man to look at the face, hands, hair, and beauty of a woman he wants to marry**

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<sup>25</sup> [Wasa'il us Shia, Vol 14, P30](#)

<sup>26</sup> [Wasa'il us Shia, Vol 14, P31](#)

<sup>27</sup> [Wasa'il us Shia, Vol 14, P31](#)



### #Hadith 01:

عن أبي عبد الله عليه السلام قال: لا بأس بأن ينظر إلى وجهها ومعاصمها إذا أراد أن يتزوجها..

The Jafar (peace be upon him and his family) said:

**"It is permissible to look at her face and wrists if he intends to marry her."**<sup>28</sup>

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### #Hadith 02:

قلت لأبي عبد الله عليه السلام: الرجل يريد أن يتزوج المرأة يتأملها وينظر إلى خلفها وإلى وجهها؟ قال: نعم لا بأس أن ينظر الرجل إلى المرأة إذا أراد أن يتزوجها ينظر إلى خلفها وإلى وجهها..

Al-Hasan bin Al-Sarry said to Abu Abdullah (peace be upon him):

***A man wants to marry a woman — can he look at her and observe her back and her face?***He (peace be upon him) said:

***Yes, there is no problem if a man looks at a woman when he wants to marry her; he may look at her back and her face.***<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> [Wasa'il us Shia, Vol 14, P59](#)

<sup>29</sup> [Wasa'il us Shia, Vol 14, P59](#)