

## \$25.000 Wedding

assalammu' alaikum my dear respected brothers and sisters in Islam

The high cost of marriage is causing many young couples to wait several years before they marry.

We live in a society where the haram is easy while our parents make the halal hard now why do you got to make it hard?

Many parents today expect extravagant weddings while they put their kids into nothing but debt.

Did you know the average wedding costs \$25,000?

Not only that but...wait did you say \$25,000 dollars?...(look left)rewind that tape

(play last line in reverse)

25,000! (play in slow-motion)

that's what I thought you said

wow that's a lot of money

that's \$6250 an hour

\$104 per minute

\$1.73 per second

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Yes by the time I finish this sentence, you have now paid about \$10

aaaaahhhhhhhhhh

Most of us are in our 20's when we get married

barely getting out of school

just starting our careers

trying to pay off college expenses

and you want us to jump into this \$25,000 hole?!

how's that for a marriage gift?

(take card from left side) this is for us? thank you. (open the card) congratulations, you are in debt for 25,000?....thank you. what?...joke

joke!

by the time I save up of the money, I'm be in my 30's

and then society teaches us to wait and have fun when we get married and wait until we get older to have kids

what am I suppose to wait till I'm 40 until I start having kids?

by the time my kid's 10 year old, I'm 50

I'm an old man

let's go play soccer grandpa<<

I'm not your grandpa. I'm your dad!

what ever happened to get married when we're young?

protecting us from temptations

and back to the \$25,000 thing

(empty pockets) where am in going to get 25,000 from?

hey bro, we're not even taking about the dowry yet, we're just talking about the wedding day

here's a reality check for you, if the parents are expecting you to spend \$25,000 for a wedding...imagine how much they going to ask you to spend on the dowry .

..bwhahahaha

but its special day that we will remember for our entire life

first off...the whole wedding thing is not a day..it lasts only a few hours

second, yeah I'm going to remember this cuz I'm going to be paying for it for the rest of my life

for those who have never attended one of these fantasy weddings, let me break it down for you so i can tell you what you're missing

imagine sitting alone at a table in a fancy hall.....wondering where everyone is quickly learning that your that you're the last person to figure out that 6pm on the invitation really means 7pm

getting dressed up in uncomfortable clothes

sitting in a huge hall and saying "wow this must be expensive"

getting free refills of soda (ahhhhh)

eating fancy food

staring at the wedding program

saying salam to the people you only see at weddings, funnerals, and eid

signing guest books

playing with your napkin

taking pictures with bride & groom

hear speeches by friends and family crying and saying goodbye

by the way, why are you saying bye...they're not dying...they're just getting married

watching his & her powerpoint presentation

once again, who came up with this idea?

do u remember when you were a kid and your friends would come over, your parents

would take out your baby pictures and they would show it to them  
and you would sit there and they would laugh at you and you would have to put on that  
fake smile...you know what smile i'm talking about

(show fake smile)

imagine that but times 10!..this time you're in a suit, sitting in the spot light, on stage,  
at your wedding

and all those pictures you thought you burned are now back  
on the big screen

on a wall size projector. everyone is looking at laughing  
everyone and their mama is laughing at you and you can't do nothing about it

but there is an alternative

try this...

google the web to find inexpensive wedding invitations

wow, I can really save some money

how about having your wedding in the best location

The Masjid (show picture)

You'll should save a grip of money & what honor is a greater than getting married in

Allah (swt) house

You can even set the time between salat times if you want

Let's say Magrib to Isha

that way people get there on time

can you imagine the reward of bringing 100 people to the Masjid to pray two salats?

that is what I'm talking about man!

contact your local halal restaurant and ask for a deal

(on the phone) you know how they say...hook it up!...so give me a good

deal...uh?...ahhh i love it..i love it!

finally, and most importantly, make du'ah to Allah (swt)and make a pure intention

because if you do it only for sake of Allah (swt) then your reward is with Him

and if you do it for the people, then your reward is with them

and if you don't do it for Allah (swt), then you're getting ripped off

ripped off!

\$25,000 ripped off and even if you're trying to save money, you're still getting ripped

off

anyways the whole thing shouldn't cost you more than a couple thousand dollars

So with all the money you do save,

you and your wife can start traveling

be debt free

maybe if you have enough money to goto hajj

together

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start your marriage off on the right foot

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