98249 - Holding wedding party in a club with each family sitting at a separate table

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I have signed a marriage contract with a good sister months ago. We discussed about the day of the actual marriage. I suggested separating men from women this day, and she suggested to have the celebration in the garden of a club, in an opened place, as every family will have a separate table, then we serve food to them on every table. There will be only nasheeds playing not music. Does this transgress the rulings of sharee'ah. What do you advise us to do? May Allaah bless you

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Mixing of men and women leads to bad consequences and negative effects, whether that is at wedding parties, at work or in school. This has been discussed in the answer to question no. 1200.

Having each family sitting at a separate table does not prevent this mixing when people come in and go out, as it does not prevent them looking at one another and so on, especially if there are among these families people who do not observe proper hijab, and evil consequences occur as a result.

Moreover, if each family sits by itself, that does not achieve the purpose of celebration and spreading happiness and joy, and letting people get to know one another and make friends with one another.

Hence we advise you to hold the celebration as you initially suggested, in a place where men and women can be separated. This is more fearing of Allaah and is more likely to achieve the aims of the gathering.

We ask Allaah to bless you and to bring you together in goodness, obedience and righteousness.

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And Allaah knows best.