

It is related that Ibn Mas'ud (may Allah be pleased with him) refused to enter a house when he knew that there was a picture inside the house. Once they destroyed it, he entered the house.

Ibn Mas'ud saw a picture in a house and went away. Ibn `Omar invited Abu Ayyub, and the latter saw a curtain on the wall. So Ibn 'Omar said, We have been overpowered by the women in this matter. Abu Ayyub said, If I was afraid that some people might do such a deed, I never thought that you would do so. By Allah, I will not eat anything of your food. And so Abu Ayyub returned.<sup>50</sup>

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

## **Supplication While the Wedding Banquet**

It recommended for those who attend the wedding banquet to say the following Du'a:

May Allah bless yours (you Spouse), and you, and join you in a happy union.

[Reported by Abu Dawud and Tirmidhi]

Then he can say:

(1) O Allah! May You forgive them, have mercy on them and bless what you have bestowed them.

[Reported by Muslim and Abu Dawud]

(2) O Allah! May You teed the one who feeds us and provide drink to the one who provided us.

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<sup>50</sup> Covering the walls with curtains is not prohibited but rather undesirable as argued by Ash-Shafi`i and Ahmad. This is because there is no a textual evidence that forbids it. It is narrated that Ibn 'Umar and others did so during the lifetime of the companions of the Prophet (pbuh). It is undesirable to do this because it may be extravagant like excessive clothing or overeating.

[Reported by Muslim and Al-Hakim]

(3) May the righteous people eat from your food. May the angels pray upon you. May the fasting people have their breakfast with you.

[Reported by Al-Hakim]