

147812 - Ruling on men putting henna on their hands and feet

the question

We have a custom, which is putting henna on the hands and feet of both the groom and bride at the same time. What is the ruling on doing that?

Detailed answer

With regard to putting henna on the hands and feet of the bride, we do not see anything wrong with that, as it comes under the heading of adorning herself for her husband. As for the man, he should not adorn himself in this manner, because this is a kind of adornment for women, and resembling or imitating women is not appropriate. Therefore it is not appropriate and not permissible for a man to resemble women, whether by using henna or in any kind of clothing, because the Messenger (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) forbade that and cursed the man who imitates women and the woman who imitates men. Therefore that is not permissible. End quote.

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Fatawa Nur ‘ala ad-Darb (2/599).