

Daniel and Fatemeh
June 1st, 2015
Jackson, NH
5:00 pm

(Fatemeh walks in and sits next to Daniel)

Welcome:

On behalf of Daniel and Fatemeh, I would like to welcome you. This day, not only marks a unity of two families, but a celebration of their rich English, Spanish, American, and Iranian cultures and traditions.

Even though they come from such diverse backgrounds, they share together, and prize above all else.... family. On behalf of the couple, your presence today, marking such a glorious occasion, is unspeakably the greatest gift you could bestow upon them.

(Marina walks up and gives the first reading)

Reading given by Marina:

A reading from the 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
Love is patient and kind;
Love is not jealous or boastful; it's not arrogant or rude.
Love does not seek its own, is not provoked; it's not irritable or resentful;
It does not rejoice at the wrong, but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
Love is the greatest gift.
Love shall never fail.

(Salmon walks up and gives the second reading)

Reading given by Salmon:

A reading from The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran

You were born together, and together you shall be forevermore.
You shall be together when the white wings of death scatter your days.
You shall be together even in the silent memory of God.
But let there be spaces in your togetherness,
And let the winds of the heavens dance between you.

Love one another, but make not a bond of love:
Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls.
Fill each other's cup but drink not from one cup.
Give one another of your bread but eat not from the same loaf
Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each one of you be alone,
Even as the strings of a lute are alone though they quiver with the same music.

Give your hearts, but not into each other's keeping.
For only the hand of Life can contain your hearts.
And stand together yet not too near together:
For the pillars of the temple stand apart,
And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other's shadow.

Reading given by Kim:

May this marriage be like sweet milk and sugar, like sweet drink
and halvah.

May this marriage be blessed with leaves, fruits, and shade like
the date tree;

May this marriage be laughing, today, tomorrow, and forever, like
the hours spent in paradise.

May this marriage be a sign of compassion and a seal of happiness
here, and hereafter;

May this marriage be fair of fame, fair of face, and fair of omen as
the welcome moon in the clear evening sky.

May spirit enter and mingle in this marriage.

Intentions:

Kim: Do you Daniel, accept Fatemeh and promise to be her husband?

Daniel: I do

Kim: Do you, Fatemeh accept Daniel and promise to be his wife?

Guests: The bride has gone to pick flowers.

Kim: Do you, Fatemeh accept Daniel and promise to be his wife?

Guests: The bride is thinking

Kim: Do you, Fatemeh accept Daniel and promise to be his wife?

Fatemeh: With the permission of my father and mother, yes

Kim: Now you may exchange rings

(Luis gives rings to bride and groom and there is an exchange of rings)

Kim: May we have god's blessing to be with the couple in their lives together.....

And now, it gives me great pleasure to say: By the power vested in me by the state of New Hampshire, I now pronounce you husband and wife. May you have a sweet and happy life together.

(Bride and Groom exchange spoons of honey)

Fatemeh and Daniel: I light this candle to signify a light in our new life (light candles on either side of mirror)