

Marriage in Turkmen

Wedding ceremony among Turkmen natives of Raz and Jergalan, North Khorasan province, has remained virtually the same as that in distant past; like their variegated attire, the ceremony itself is a sort of enigma; wedding is important in terms of bringing tribal glory and economic improvement. Turkmen cherish larger families, since they believe larger number of children would strengthen the tribe by providing for the labor force. Numerous reasons that vary according to the social, cultural, economic, explain the existence of planned and potentially forced, marriage. They have certain customs that show that girls should marry at an early age. After finishing school. Some Muslim families erroneously believe that marrying their children even without their consent is a religious precept. Some parents do not ask their children for their opinion when they consider it appropriate for them to get married. Turkmen weddings have their own traditions.