

**Hassaniya Arabic transcript:**

س: عندكم شي ينقال له الخطبة ولا ماهي خالقة؟

إمرأة: خالقة... الخطبة؟ أهيه، أيجو يخطبهم

س: و كيفاش؟

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**English translation:**

**S:** What about the engagement? Do you have that or not?

**Woman:** The engagement? Yes, the family comes for the engagement...

**S:** So, how does it happen?

**Woman:** How? You would come to me to ask for my daughter for your son... I would tell you: "You are welcome!" Do you understand? I would give you, give your son... do you understand? I would give him my daughter in your presence and the presence of her male relatives. And... and... after people agree, we would make the agreement to marriage for our daughter and now our son. Do you understand? We would make an agreement to marriage in the way of God and his Prophet. Do you understand? And... aaa... and when this ends and they would have had the wedding, they will spend however long they are meant to have together, and may prayers be upon our Prophet.

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