

Non-Muslims ask:

If Islam allows a Muslim to marry four wives, why did it allow Prophet Mohammed to have more than that?

God allowed the prophet (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) to marry more than four wives because He knew that the prophet (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) didn't marry them for his desire. He stayed till the age of fifty with one wife only, she is lady Khadeeja.

He married the other women after the age of fifty, this was as a settlement for his call and for strengthening the relations between him and his companions. It was and still affinity is the most important thing that increases unity and cooperation between people, so we see that there is a useful effect for the religion of God and a legal reason for every marriage.

He married Aisha, the daughter of Abu-Bakr and Hafsa, the daughter of Omar to care and support the relation between him and his dear companions.

He married Zainab Bent Jahsh to start by himself fulfilling the order of God to abolish adoption and the rules of adopted son's wife. He married Ramla, the daughter of Abu-Sufyan because her husband became Christian after he immigrated to Ethiopia and left her alone with no supporter, and her father was the prophet's strongest enemy at that time, so he had to marry her to keep her religion.

He married Om-Salama when she lost her breadwinner and had many young children in order to help her bringing up her children, and so, we see that every marriage has legal reasons not for a desire. So God allowed him those marriages because they were for lawful purposes and they also help to prevail Islam.