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266. And the case of those who spend their wealth to seek the pleasure of Allāh and to strengthen their souls is like the case of a garden on elevated ground. Heavy rain falls on it so that it brings forth its fruit twofold. And if heavy rain does not fall on it, then light rain suffices. And Allāh sees what you do.

267. Does any of you desire that there should be for him a garden of palm trees and vines with streams flowing beneath it, and with all kinds of fruit for him therein—while old age has stricken him and he has weak offspring—and that a fiery whirlwind should smite it and it be *all* burnt? Thus does Allāh make His Signs clear to you that you may ponder.

R. 37.

268. O ye who believe! spend of the good things that you have earned, and of what We produce \*for you from the earth; and seek not what is bad to spend out of it when you would not take it yourselves except that you connive at it. And know that Allāh is Self-Sufficient, Praise-worthy.

الْقَوْمَ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾

وَمَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ  
ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ وَتَثْبِيْتًا  
مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ كَمَثَلِ جَنَّةٍ بِرَبْوَةٍ  
أَصَابَهَا وَابِلٌ فَاتَتْ أَكْثَارَهَا ضِعْفَيْنِ  
فَإِن لَّمْ يُصِْبْهَا وَابِلٌ فَطَلٌّ ۖ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا  
تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٣٧﴾

أَيُّودُ أَحَدِكُمْ أَنَّ يَكُونَ لَهُ جَنَّةٌ  
مِّنْ تَخْيِيلٍ وَ أَغْنَابٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ  
تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۖ لَهُ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ  
الثَّمَرَاتِ ۖ وَأَصَابَهُ الْكِبَرُ وَلَهُ ذُرِّيَّةٌ  
ضُعْفَاءٌ ۖ فَأَصَابَهَا إِعْصَارٌ فِيهِ نَارٌ  
فَاخْتَرَقَتْ ۖ كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ  
لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْفِقُوا مِمَّنْ  
طَبَّعْتُمْ مَا كَسَبْتُمْ وَمِمَّا أَخْرَجْنَا  
لَكُمْ مِّنَ الْأَرْضِ ۖ وَلَا تَيَمَّمُوا  
الْخَبِيثَ مِنْهُ تُنْفِقُونَ وَلَسْتُمْ  
بِاخْذِلِيهِ إِلَّا أَنْ تُغْمِضُوا فِيهِ ۖ  
وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ حَمِيدٌ ﴿٣٧﴾

\*268. and seek not what is bad to spend out of it, when you would not take it yourselves except **with eyes downcast with shame.**

269. Satan threatens you with poverty and enjoins upon you what is foul, whereas Allāh promises you forgiveness from Himself and bounty. And Allāh is Bountiful, All-Knowing.

270. He grants wisdom to whom He pleases, and whoever is granted wisdom has indeed been granted abundant good; and none would be reminded except those endowed with understanding.

271. And whatsoever you spend or whatsoever vow you vow, Allāh surely knows it; and for the wrongdoers there shall be no helpers.

272. If you give alms openly, it is well *and good*; but if you conceal them and give them to the poor, it is better for you; and He will remove from you *many* of your sins. And Allāh is aware of what you do.

273. It is not thy responsibility to make them follow the right path; but Allāh guides whomsoever He pleases. And whatever of wealth you spend, it is for yourselves, while you spend not but to seek the favour of Allāh. And whatever of wealth you spend, it shall be paid back to you in full and you shall not be wronged.

274. *These alms are* for the poor who are detained in the cause of Allāh and are unable to move about in the land. The ignorant man thinks

الشَّيْطٰنُ يَعِدُكُمُ الْفَقْرَ وَيَأْمُرُكُمْ  
بِالْفَحْشَاءِ ۗ وَاللّٰهُ يَعِدُكُمْ مَّغْفِرَةً  
مِّنْهُ وَفَضْلًا ۗ وَاللّٰهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٦٩﴾  
يُؤْتِي الْحِكْمَةَ مَن يَّشَاءُ ۚ وَمَن يُؤْتَ  
الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ أُوتِيَ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا ۗ  
وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿٢٧٠﴾  
وَمَا أَنفَقْتُمْ مِّنْ نَّفَقَةٍ أَوْ نَذَرْتُمْ  
مِّنْ نَّذْرٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُهُ ۗ وَمَا  
لِظَّالِمِينَ مِّنْ أَنْصَارٍ ﴿٢٧١﴾

إِنْ تُبْدُوا الصَّدَقَاتِ فَنِعِمَّا هِيَ ۚ وَإِنْ  
تُخْفُوهَا وَتُؤْتُوهَا الْفُقَرَاءَ فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ  
لَّكُمْ ۚ وَيُغْفِرْ عَنْكُمْ مِّنْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ ۗ  
وَاللّٰهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿٢٧٢﴾

لَيْسَ عَلَيْكَ هُدَاهُمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ  
يَهْدِي مَن يَّشَاءُ ۚ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا  
مِّنْ خَيْرٍ فَلَا يُفْسِدْكُمْ ۚ وَمَا تُنْفِقُونَ  
إِلَّا ابْتِغَاءَ وَجْهِ اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا  
مِّنْ خَيْرٍ يُّؤْتِكُمْ إِلَيْكُمْ ۚ وَأَنْتُمْ  
لَا تُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٧٣﴾

لِلْفُقَرَاءِ الَّذِينَ أُحْصِرُوا فِي سَبِيلِ  
اللّٰهِ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ ضَرْبًا فِي الْأَرْضِ

them to be free from want because of *their* abstaining from begging. Thou shalt know them by their appearance; they do not beg of men with importunity. And whatever of wealth you spend, surely, Allāh has perfect knowledge thereof.

R. 38.

275. Those who spend their wealth by night and day, secretly and openly, have their reward with their Lord; on them *shall come* no fear, nor shall they grieve.

276. Those who devour interest do not rise except as rises one whom Satan has smitten with insanity. That is because they say: 'Trade *also* is like interest;' whereas Allāh has made trade lawful and made interest unlawful. So he to whom an admonition comes from his Lord and he desists, then will that *which he received* in the past be his; and his affair is with Allāh. And those who revert *to it*, they are the inmates of the Fire; therein shall they abide.

\*277. Allāh will abolish interest and will cause charity to increase. And Allāh loves not anyone who is a confirmed disbeliever and an arch-sinner.

\*277. **Note:** This verse gives a clear-cut verdict that economies based on interest and usury are bound to perish whereas economies where charity is emphasized will prosper.

يَحْسَبُهُمُ الْجَاهِلُ أَغْنِيَاءَ مِنَ  
التَّعَقُّفِ ۚ تَعْرِفُهُمْ بِسِيمَاهُمْ ۚ  
لَا يَسْأَلُونَ النَّاسَ إِلْحَافًا ۚ وَمَا  
تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٣٨﴾

الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ بِاللَّيْلِ  
وَالنَّهَارِ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً فَلَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ  
عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ۚ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ  
يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾

الَّذِينَ يَأْكُلُونَ الرِّبَا لَا يَقُومُونَ  
إِلَّا كَمَا يَقُومُ الَّذِي يَتَخَبَّطُهُ  
الشَّيْطَانُ مِنَ الْمَسِّ ۚ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ  
قَالُوا إِنَّمَا الْبَيْعُ مِثْلُ الرِّبَا ۚ وَأَحَلَّ  
اللَّهُ الْبَيْعَ وَحَرَّمَ الرِّبَا ۚ فَمَنْ  
جَاءَهُ مَوْعِظَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِ فَانْتَهَى فَلَهُ  
مَا سَلَفَ ۚ وَأَمْرُهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ ۚ وَمَنْ عَادَ  
فَأُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۚ هُمْ فِيهَا  
خَالِدُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾

يَمْحَقُ اللَّهُ الرِّبَا وَيُزِيهِ الصَّدَقَاتِ ۚ  
وَاللَّهُ لَا يَحِبُّ كُلَّ كَفَّارٍ أَثِيمٍ ﴿٤١﴾