





## CHAPTER

### 1

## Believe in the divine books

Azad asked his grandfather (who had information about prophets) to tell him a brief about the lessons that we learn from the revelation of the divine books which were given to prophets.

He said: My son, Allah used to support them with his message, and He would stand before their enemies and expose all their plots by the divine books, and Life is the hardest test for man, with experience the prophets became stronger and more resilient, and even the leaders who were the forerunners of unbelief failed, this is a lesson for their peers and an experience lesson for the oppressed nations to be resilient and to be sure of victory.



Azad: Grandpa, tell me some information about the divine books:

Grandfather: Well my son, some of the books like: Suhuf of prophet Ibrahim and prophet Musa Allah has stated in the Qur'an:

إِنَّ هَذَا لَفِي الصُّحُفِ الْأُولَى (18) صُحُفِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَى

The Torah (Tawart): The Book that Allah sent down to Prophet Musa, and commanded the Prophets who come after Prophet Musa to follow Torah.

Zabur: The name of the book that was revealed to Prophet Dawud, as the Qur'an states:

وَرَبُّكَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۖ وَلَقَدْ فَضَّلْنَا بَعْضَ النَّبِيِّينَ عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ ۖ وَآتَيْنَا دَاوُودَ زَبُورًا

The Bible (injel): The Book that was sent down to Prophet Jesus (Essa) as stated in the holy Qur'an:

ثُمَّ قَفَّيْنَا عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِم بِرُسُلِنَا وَقَفَّيْنَا بِعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ وَآتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنْجِيلَ

The Holy Qur'an: It is the book that the Almighty Allah has sent it down as a miracle to our Prophet (peace be upon him) and it is a universal message for all mankind, as Allah says:

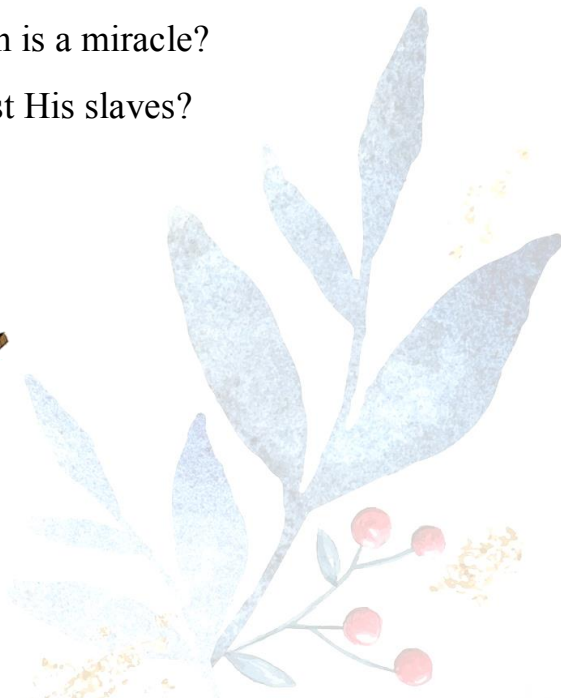
وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

Muslims believe in all these books and the messages of God, because the purpose of all the divine books is to guide mankind.

Azad: Thank you, dear Grandfather, the information is very valuable.

### Conversation

- 1- Define the term of (belief)?
- 2- What is the purpose of sending down the divine books to the earth?
- 3- How do you prove that the Qur'an is a miracle?
- 4- How does the Almighty Allah test His slaves?



## CHAPTER

## The best type of worship

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The Almighty Allah commanded:

بَلَىٰ مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَلَهُ أَجْرُهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

Yea! Whoever submits himself entirely to Allah and is good to others will be rewarded by his Lord; he will have nothing to fear or to regret.

And commanded:

وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ دِينًا مِّمَّنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ وَاتَّبَعَ مِلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ حَنِيفًا وَاتَّخَذَ اللَّهُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلًا

Who has a better Deen (way of life or religion) than the one who is a Muslim (submits himself entirely) to Allah, does good to others and follows the faith of Ibrahim (Abraham) the upright one, whom Allah chose to be His friend?

Let's first talk about the best type of worshipping Allah, which is the answers of Angel Gabriel's questions about Islam and Iman, the story is narrated by companions as the following: While we were one day sitting with the Messenger of Allah there appeared before us a man dressed in extremely white clothes and with very black hair. No traces of journeying were visible to him, and none of us knew him. He sat down close by the Prophet (ﷺ) and rested his knees against the knees of the Prophet (ﷺ) and placed his palms over his thighs, and said: "O Muhammad! Inform me about Ihsan." He (the Prophet) replied, "It is that you should serve Allah as though you could see Him, for though you cannot see Him yet He sees you.

This meaning has been mentioned in the Qur'an several times, Allah states:

أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ يَمُشُونَ سُدُورَهُمْ لِيَسْتَخْفُوا مِنْهُ ۚ أَلَا حِينَ يَسْتَغْشُونَ ثِيَابَهُمْ يَعْلَمُ مَا يُسِرُّونَ وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ ۚ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ

Behold! They cover up their chests to conceal their thoughts from Him! Beware! Even when they cover themselves with their garments, He knows what they conceal and what they reveal; for He knows even the inmost secrets of the chests.

The Almighty Allah in the Holy Qur'an reveals to us that there is nothing hidden from Him and the secrets are revealed, that He is aware of everyone's heart, whether revealed or secret, so the helpless man must feel that Allah is not oblivious of them and is aware of everything.

The highest level of worship is to worship Allah as you see Him, for though you cannot see Him yet He sees you, this means the truth of worship and thus you gain the pleasant of the Lord and you will be successful.



### Question

1- Who went to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and asked him religious questions? What is the meaning of Ihsan?

2 - What does the Almighty mean in this verse:

بَلَىٰ مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَلَهُ أَجْرُهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

### Activity

Based on your information, write an article about good deeds in several ways.



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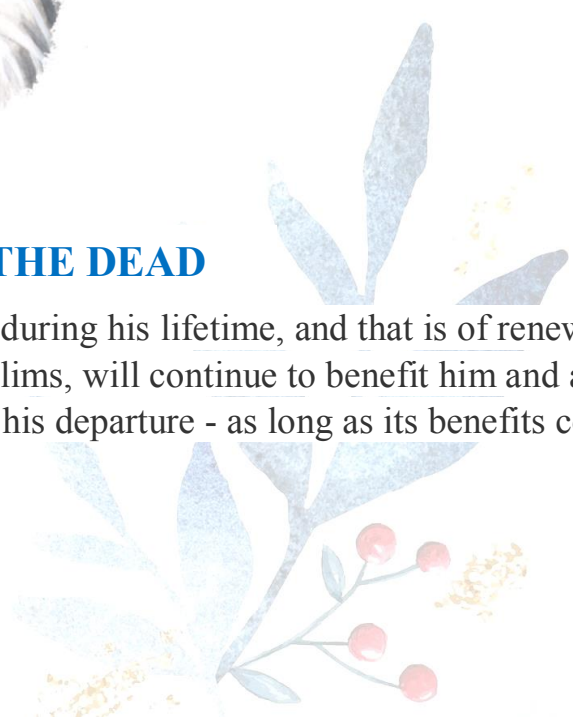
## What benefits man after the death?

We do not know which of our deeds will save us. Therefore, we should use every opportunity to perform good deeds. No deed is too small. For example; after caliph Omar died, someone saw him in his dream and asked, “O Omar, which deed placed you in paradise?” Omar replied, “One day I was going to the Masjid and I saw a little boy with a bird in his hand. He was trying to kill the bird. I bought the bird off him and set it free. This good deed saved me”.



### THINGS THAT BENEFIT THE DEAD

Any good deed that a Muslim starts during his lifetime, and that is of renewed benefit and ongoing use for the Muslims, will continue to benefit him and augment his record of good deeds, even after his departure - as long as its benefits continue to reach others.





Abu Hurayrah, rathiya Allahu Anhu, reported that Allah's Messenger (peace and blessings be upon him), said:

**"When a human being dies, all of his deeds are terminated except for three types: an ongoing sadaqah, a knowledge (of Islam) from which others benefit, and a righteous child who makes du'a for him."**

The reason that one continues to receive rewards for these deeds even though they are done by other people, is that he had initiated them during his life or contributed to them to a certain degree, whether little or large. Since Allah does not neglect an atom's weight of deeds, He records these contributions for a person even after his death.

### Activity

Explain this Hadith with the help of the teacher

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, **"If a Muslim dies and forty people, who do not associate anything with Allah in worship, participate in the funeral prayer over him, Allah will accept their intercession for him."**



## CHAPTER

### 4

## Brotherhood and coexistence in Islam

Nawzad asked his friend Sardar to talk to him about coexistence and living together in Islam.

Sardar said: The Imam of the mosque near us, talked about brotherhood and coexistence in Islam this Friday.

saying: "Islam is the religion of love, respect and equality between human beings and nations. Our beloved prophet based his message on universal humanity and knowing one other, and this foundation is a Muslim's relationship with each other.

عَنْ أَبِي نَضْرَةَ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي وَسْطِ أَيَّامِ التَّشْرِيقِ فَقَالَ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَلَا إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ وَاحِدٌ وَإِنَّ أَبَاكُمْ وَاحِدٌ أَلَا لَا فَضْلَ لِعَرَبِيٍّ عَلَى أَعْجَمِيٍّ وَلَا لِعَجَمِيٍّ عَلَى عَرَبِيٍّ وَلَا لِأَحْمَرَ عَلَى أَسْوَدَ وَلَا أَسْوَدَ عَلَى أَحْمَرَ إِلَّا بِالتَّقْوَى أَبْلَغْتُ قَالُوا بَلَّغَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Abu Nadrah reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said during the middle of the day at the end of the pilgrimage, **“O people, your Lord is one and your father Adam is one. There is no favor of an Arab over a foreigner, nor a foreigner over an Arab, and neither white skin over black skin, nor black skin over white skin, except by righteousness. Have I not delivered the message?”** They said, “The Messenger of Allah has delivered the message.”

And this Hadith makes the tolerance and humanity a principle in their relationship with their loved ones and for all of them, then all of them will live together in peace.

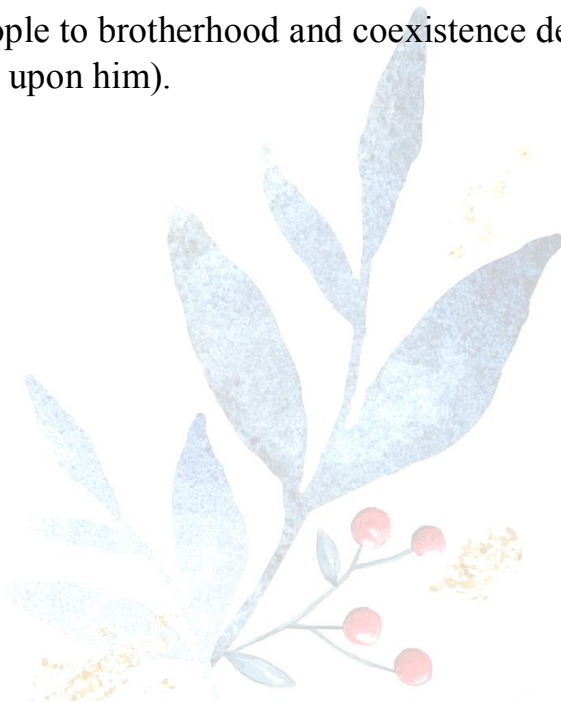
يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا ۚ إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ  
أَتْقَاكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

O mankind! We created you from a single pair of a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes that you might get to know one another. Surely the noblest of you in the sight of Allah is he who is the most righteous. Allah is All-Knowledgeable, All-Aware.

### Conversation

1- What is the divine message?

2- give an example about calling people to brotherhood and coexistence depending on a Hadith of the Prophet (peace be upon him).



## CHAPTER

5

## Justice

The Almighty Allah Commands:

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ ۚ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ﴾

Allah commands doing justice, doing good to others, and giving to near relatives, and He forbids indecency, wickedness, and rebellion: He admonishes you so that you may take heed.

**This verse contains three principles of God's message:**

- 1- justice.
- 2- Doing good deeds in the most beautiful way.
- 3- To help your (relatives and friends).



## **The first principle: justice**

It means to balance your behaviours and treatments as well as to work for reconciliation and to remove Hatred and enmity.

This principle is an important base to be considered by responsible people.

## **The justice has several aspects:**

1- people should do justice with themselves by (preventing themselves from greed and training on contentment and conviction).

2 – people Among themselves should advice each others to avoid betrayal and hurting others.



## Justice in rule and judge

The Almighty Allah has commanded:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا وَإِذَا حَكَمْتُمْ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ أَنْ تَحْكُمُوا بِالْعَدْلِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ نِعِمَّا  
يُعْظُكُمْ بِهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا

Allah commands you to give back the trusts to their rightful owners, and when you judge between people, judge with fairness. Verily, most excellent is what God exhorts you to do: verily, God is all-hearing, all-seeing!

The Almighty Allah has entrusted the interests and works of the people to the judges, so they also need to be fair in ruling. Treat both sides equally in the ruling, and judges must speak calmly and softly and avoid the prejudice because justice is the principal and insurance of the rule.

## Justice in witness

A- the justice is required even with disbelievers and enemies, the Almighty Allah has commanded:

وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَاٰنُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا ۖ اعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ ۖ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

Do not let the hatred of a people lead you to injustice. Be just! That is closer to righteousness. And be mindful of Allah. Surely Allah is All-Aware of what you do.

There is no different for Judging against the enemy, the unbeliever and the relatives, the believers, there is no excuse to be unjust against them, therefore the justice leads to obedience of Allah.

B- Relatives: The Almighty Allah has commanded:



وَإِذَا قُلْتُمْ فَاعْدِلُوا وَلَوْ كَانَ ذَا قُرْبَىٰ

Whenever you speak, be just, even if it affects your own relatives

## The Second principle: Doing good deeds

Having good character and performing good deeds is very important in religion Islam that every Muslim must perform for pleasing Almighty Allah. Allah says in Holy Quran about righteous deeds: **“Whoever works righteousness whether male or female while he (or she) is a true believer (of Islamic Monotheism) verily, to him We will give a good life (in this world with respect, contentment, and lawful provision), and We shall pay them certainly a reward in proportion to the best of what they used to do (i.e. Paradise in the Hereafter)”**

From above verse, we can say that when we perform good deeds for the sake of Almighty Allah then we will get Paradise as a reward. Therefore, doing good deeds actually stands for a person making his or her life better and it also helps Muslims to become closer to Allah. Islam is the religion of society it expects from its followers to develop a society where every individual work towards helping and taking care of each other and where everyone should do good deeds for the sake of Allah Almighty. Islam has given the instructions those have the objective that people could change their lives for better and continue living it in a better manner.

## The third principle: the right of relatives and friends

Islam is a complete code of life. Religion Islam emphasizes on keeping good relationships with family, relatives, and friends. Being a Muslim it is obligatory for you to keep good relation with relatives. According to saying of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), we should visit our relatives, inquire about their matters, spend on them and give them sadaqa if they are poor..





## Conversation

- 1- Define (Justice), how many parts is it?
- 2- How would you witness even if it was against your enemy? Support your answer with a Quranic verse.
- 3 - Explain these sentences.
  - A- The Almighty Allah has commanded us not to deprive our relatives from charity and giving money.
  - B- Why should the level of goodness needs to reach the level of (Ihsan)?

## CHAPTER

6

## Fidelity

The Almighty Allah says:

وَأَوْفُوا بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ إِذَا عَاهَدْتُمْ وَلَا تَنْفُضُوا الْأَيْمَانَ بَعْدَ تَوْكِيدِهَا وَقَدْ جَعَلْتُمُ اللَّهَ عَلَيْكُمْ كَفِيلًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَفْعَلُونَ

Fulfil the covenant of Allah when you have pledged to do so, and do not break your oaths after you have sworn them; for swearing in His name you have made Allah your surety; surely Allah has knowledge of all your actions.

The fidelity is to be true to your bonds and covenant, it leads to the pleasant of Allah and it is a religious principle.

As long as the covenant does not cause harm to anyone and does not encourage to sin as well as does not support wrongdoing and does not prevent the divine message of Allah, it is important to know in the covenant that Allah will watch them, And that Allah will hold people accountable for the covenant.

Fulfilling the covenant is the quality of intelligent people, as Allah commands:

أَفَمَنْ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ الْحَقُّ كَمَنْ هُوَ أَعْمَىٰ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿١٩﴾ الَّذِينَ يُوفُونَ بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَنْفُضُونَ الْمِيثَاقَ

How can the one who knows that which has been revealed to you from your Rabb is the Truth, be like the one who is blind to this fact? Only those who use their common-sense benefit from this reminder (19) They are the ones who fulfil their covenant with Allah and do not break their pledge;(20)

In this verse it is stated that the wise men never break their covenants and words, because they See The Almighty Allah as a witness and watchful.

## Types of fidelity

1- To Fulfil bonds and covenants.

The Almighty Allah commands:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَوْفُوا بِالْعُقُودِ ۖ أُحِلَّتْ لَكُم بَهِيمَةُ الْأَنْعَامِ إِلَّا مَا يُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْكُمْ غَيْرَ مُحِلِّي الصَّيْدِ وَأَنْتُمْ حُرُمٌ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَحْكُمُ مَا يُرِيدُ

O believers! **Fulfil your contract obligations.** All four-legged animals from livestock are lawful to you other than those which are hereby announced. However, do not violate the prohibition of hunting while you are in Ihram (Hajj dress). Indeed, Allah orders whatever He pleases.

That is every Muslim should fulfil the bonds and covenants that they do with others.

### The covenants are:

A – The covenants that inwardly, (as if he himself swears to do a lawful deed).

B - The Covenants that are between he himself and his God, such as Islamic principles and duties such as performing prayers and giving Zakat ... etc.).

C – The covenants that are between people themselves, (such as being partners and doing business).

2 - Justice and clearness in weights and measures:

The Almighty Allah Commands:

وَأَوْفُوا الْكَيْلَ إِذَا كِلْتُمْ وَزَنُوا بِالْقِسْطَاسِ الْمُسْتَقِيمِ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا

You shall give full measure, when you measure, and weigh with even scale; this is the best way and will prove to be the best in the end.



## Conversation

- 1- What does it mean to abide by Allah's covenant?
- 2- What does a covenant cover in Islam? Count types of covenant?
- 3 - (Justice and clearness in weights and measures, is better for our worldly life) explain this term?



## CHAPTER

7

## Respect in Islam

The respect among human beings is a desirable and important, Muslims should make it their own and recognize it as a high human value.


قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " مَا أَكْرَمَ شَابٌّ شَيْخًا لِسِنِّهِ إِلَّا قَيَّضَ اللَّهُ لَهُ مَنْ يُكْرِمُهُ عِنْدَ سِنِّهِ

"No young person honors an elder due to his age, except that Allah appoints for him one who will honor him at that age."

Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in the above Hadith invites us to this value, which is a pleasing and a high value, and stated that if a young person honors an old man, the Almighty Allah will soften the hearts of the young for what he does, when he becomes old.

That is why the Prophet (PBUH) based Muslims Community on Respect, and only by respecting and reading the opposite, we can get the love of each other.





Respecting in Islam has a definite place and has been emphasized, this virtue is one of the morality of believers and they should be BEST example for others. **We have to respect these personalities and areas:**

1 - Older people, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) states:

لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَمْ يَرْحَمْ صَغِيرَنَا، وَيُوقِّرْ كَبِيرَنَا

"Anyone who does not show mercy to our children nor acknowledge the right of our old people is not one of us."

2 - Respect the teachers for their knowledge and level of information, says one of the students of Imam Shafi'i (**wallahi I never prefer to drink even water in front of my Teacher imam Shafi'I due to his respect**)

3- Respecting the school staff for their hard work.

4 - Respecting the guest is one of the manners of believers, we should be hospitable with them and welcome them without discriminating between the poor and the rich.

5- Mutual respect between employees and citizens to ensure that their work is properly done.

6 - Respecting between sellers and customers, they should deal each other with kind and easily. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) states:

"رحم الله رجلاً سمحاً إذا باع وإذا اشترى وإذا اقتضى"

"May Allah show mercy to a man who adopts a kind attitude when he sells, buys and demands for the repayment of loans."

7- Respecting the followers of other Religions.

8- Respecting the law by following and performing it.





**The one who is a respectful person and respects others is the one who has a Pure soul and a good attitude. The following attitudes are reflected in his/her behaviour and speech:**

- 1- Speaks to people in beautiful words and politely.
- 2- Meets people with A smile face and friendly.
- 3- Calling people by their favourite names.
- 4- greets first.
- 5- warmly shakes hands with his/her friends.
- 6- Listens to the words and opinions of others and does not interrupt them and values them.
- 7- Raises voice as much as needed, because the loud voice is not one of the etiquettes of speaking.
- 8- Kindly behaves with friends.
- 9- He/she often sacrifices his/her own interests for the public interest.
- 10- Visits relatives and friends, and send them gifts.
- 11- Carefully listens to the pain and hurts of people and saddens for them.

### **The benefit of this lesson**

- 1- Respecting my parents proves that I love them.
- 2- When my parents talk to me, listening to them is proof of my sense of responsibility.
- 3 - following the advices of my parents proves that I am a wise and polite at home and school.



## CHAPTER

8

## Kindness in Islam

This trait is inherent in human nature, in the heart and in the senses for a long time, and has a wide place in Islamic laws and regulations, it is a part of the mercy and kindness of Allah to His Creatures. Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) says:

إن الله رفيق يحب الرفق، ويعطي على الرفق ما لا يعطي على العنف وما لا يعطي على ما سواه

"Allah is Forbearer and He loves forbearance, and rewards for forbearance while He does not reward severity, and does not give for anything besides it (forbearance)."

### Fields of kindness

#### 1- Among human beings:



A-To be kind with your parents: Children love and obey their parents and serve them. Help them while they are sick or need help, fulfil their needs while at the same time asking questions and consulting them.

B-Parents' kindness to their children: It is about loving and finding a way of life and challenging life to draw a plan for their future, and Educating them in the best way.

the best example of kindness of the father to his child, is exemplified in the example of Yaqub when he lost his vision for the distant of his son Yusuf.

Allah (s.w.t) states in the Qur'an:

وَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ وَقَالَ يَا أَسْفَىٰ عَلَىٰ يُوسُفَ وَأَبْيَضَّتْ عَيْنَاهُ مِنَ الْحُزْنِ فَهُوَ كَظِيمٌ

He turned his face away from them, crying: "Alas for Yusuf!" His eyes became white with grief, and he became sorely oppressed with grief.

C-Spouse's kindness: Spouses are partners in life, they spend time together, they are responsible for educating their children, they are respecting each other, the Almighty Allah commands:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

And of His signs, another one is that He created for you mates from among yourselves that you may find comfort with them, and He planted love and kindness in your hearts; surely there are signs in this for those who think about it.

D-To be kind with your relatives: Muslims always maintain contact with their relatives and visit them, especially if someone is away from them, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: (إِتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَصَلُّوا أَرْحَامَكُمْ)

E-To be kind to patients: Muslims visit their sick Muslim brothers, and Allah reward them for this kindness, Our prophet (peace be upon him) says:

«مَنْ عَادَ مَرِيضًا لَمْ يَزَلْ يَخُوضُ الرَّحْمَةَ حَتَّىٰ يَجْلِسَ فَإِذَا جَلَسَ اغْتَمَسَ فِيهَا»

"When one visits an invalid, he continues to plunge into mercy till he sits down, and when he sits down he is immersed in it."

F-To be kind to the beggar: As for the beggar, Muslims will be kind and will not be disrespectful to them, Almighty Allah states: وَأَمَّا السَّائِلَ فَلَا تَنْهَرْ

(and do not chide away the beggar).

G-To be kind to widows: A Muslim person spends and wants charity for widows, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said in this regard:

الساعي على الأرملة والمسكين كالمجاهد في سبيل الله " وأحسبه قال: " وكالقائم الذي لا يفتر، وكالصائم الذي لا يفطر "


"One who strives to help the widows and the poor is like the one who fights in the way of Allah." The narrator said: I think that he (ﷺ) added also: "I shall regard him as the one who stands up (for prayer) without rest and as the one who observes fasts continuously".

## 2 - Kindness and empathy towards animal

The religion of Islam kindly treats animals, they also have their own world as human beings. The Almighty Allah has given human the leadership and ownership, in order to be fair to other living beings, we should not tire them out, and provide them the food and shelter, and to not carry them more than their ability, during the reign of Caliph Omar bin Abdulaziz, someone had exhausted his horse over its ability, so Caliph Omer permitted the animal to be kept and served for three days.

## 3 - Even the kindness towards plants is needed

In this aspect the religion of Islam encourages people to plant, to green and to water the trees. Islam has put rewards for this aspect and prevented people from cutting down a living tree. Because in addition to giving beauty to nature, it is a key factor in cleaning the environment and producing clean air, as well as an



important source of income and economy for its citizens, as well as a sign of civilization and development.

## The result of kindness and empathy

As a result of kindness and empathy, We reach:-

- 1- strengthening relations with relatives and encourages the communication between friends and neighbors.
- 2 - Strengthening the sense of cooperation and help.
- 3 - Strengthening and updating social relations.
- 4 - The one who is kind to others has a soft heart and is free from mood swings and has a calm mind.
- 5- The gates of goodness and happiness will be opened for him, as the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

مَنْ سَرَّهُ أَنْ يُبْسَطَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقُهُ أَوْ يُنْسَأَ فِي أَثَرِهِ فَلْيَصِلْ رَحِمَهُ

He who is desirous that his means of sustenance should be expanded for him or his age may be lengthened, should join the tie of relationship.

- 6 - The kindness among human beings is the cause of the grace and mercy of the Almighty Allah, as evidenced by this command of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him):

ارْحَمُوا مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَرْحَمْكُمْ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ

Be merciful on the earth, and you will be shown mercy from Who is above the heavens.





## Some examples and stories of kindness

### 1- kindness towards human beings:

A man came to the Prophet. The Prophet (ﷺ) sent a messenger to his wives (to bring something for that man to eat) but they said that they had nothing except water. Then Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Who will take this (person) or entertain him as a guest?" An Ansar man said, "I." So he took him to his wife and said to her, "Entertain generously the guest of Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)." She said, "We have got nothing except the meals of my children." He said, "Prepare your meal, light your lamp and let your children sleep if they ask for supper." So she prepared her meal, lighted her lamp and made her children sleep, and then stood up pretending to mend her lamp, but she put it off. Then both of them pretended to be eating, but they really went to bed hungry. In the morning the Ansari went to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) who said, "Tonight Allah laughed or wondered at your action." Then Allah revealed: "But give them (emigrants) preference over themselves even though they were in need of that and whosoever is saved from the covetousness Such are they who will be successful." (59.9)

### 2 – kindness towards living beings:

Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as sayings:

A person suffered from intense thirst while on a journey, when he found a well. He climbed down into it and drank (water) and then came out and saw a dog lolling its tongue on account of thirst and eating the moistened earth. The person said: This dog has suffered from thirst as I had suffered from it. He climbed down into the well, filled his shoe with water, then caught it in his mouth until he climbed up and made the dog drink it. So, Allah appreciated this act of his and pardoned him. Then (the Companions around him) said: Allah's Messenger, is there for us a reward even for (serving) such animals? He said: Yes, there is a reward for service to every living animal.





## Conversation

- 1- Explain the meaning of the word شَيْخًا in the hadith of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).
- 2- What does the Prophet (PBUH) invite us to do in that Hadith?
- 3- How the respect to people will be?
- 4 - Mention a number of areas of respect among people in the community.
- 5- What is needed to be done at the following stations:
  - You see an old man carries a heavy thing.
  - An old lady who could not stand still.
  - An old man wants to cross a street.
  - A student who is older than you, wants to talk.
  - A student behaves inappropriately towards his teacher.

## Question

- 1-Write a holy Hadith to point out the importance of kindness and empathy in Islam.

ارْحَمُوا مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَرْحَمَكُمُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ

- 2 - and a Hadith about kindness towards widows.

الساعي على الأرملة والمسكين كالمجاهد في سبيل الله" وأحسبه قال: " وكالقائم الذي لا يفتر، وكالصائم الذي لا يفطر"

**Put (True or False) for the following statements:**

- 1- It is the duty of the father to draw a future plan for his children.
- 2- Muslims maintain kinship with their outsiders.
- 3- Muslims treat the beggar kindly and do not belittle them.

**Analyze the following terms:**

- 1- Respectful people raise their voices as much as needed.
- 2- Respectful people sometimes ignore their interests for the sake of general interest.
- 3- The Caliph Omar bin Abdulaziz, ordered a horse to be kept for three days and placed well to rest.

**Choose the appropriate answer for the following blanks:**

- 1- Prophet ..... lost his eyes for the loss of his son.  
(Jacob - Joseph - Shu'aib)
- 2- Muslims are ..... to the orphans.  
(kind - tough)



3- I ... ..... The birds from imprisoning and misfeeding.  
(mind - ignore)

**Match the following statements:**

1- Empathy and kindness in human beings  
lead to strengthening

2- Respectful Muslim speaks to others with

3- The teacher behaves like parents

with students.

the sense of cooperation.

nice and suitable words.



## CHAPTER

9

# The biography of Prophet Ayyub (PBUH)


Prophet Ayyub (peace be upon him) was one of the descendants of Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) and a nephew of Prophet Ya'qub (peace be upon him). He was sent to reform the people who lived in the desert situated in the north eastern corner of Palestine. When Ayyub (Job) was chosen to be Prophet, he started to teach people about God and His religion. He advised people to do good and shun evil. As usual with all Prophets very few people believed in him in the beginning but gradually the number of his followers began to increase.

Prophet Job was thankful to God for all these endowments upon him. Job called people to worship God only. He ordered people with the good acts and forbade them from committing sinful acts.

While afflicted with numerous wounds and sores for a long period of time, he recalled the great recompense to be had for his sickness, and endured it with utmost patience. But later, his sickness penetrated to his heart and his tongue, the seat of the remembrance and knowledge of God. He feared that his duty of worship would suffer, and so he turned in supplication to Allah s.w.t to improve his health.

He did this not for the sake of his own comfort, but for the sake of his worship of God.

And people got tired with serving Job through this extremely long illness, except his wife who remained patient with him. One day, she could not find anything to feed her husband. She did something that she should not have done. She cut her hair and sold it to the wife of a rich man. Job's wife used that money to buy food for Prophet Job.



When she offered the food to her husband Job, he asked her, “From where did you get the money to buy this food?” Job’s wife said, “Do not ask, and just eat”. However, Prophet Job insisted to know from where she got the money. Then, she told her husband Job how she had cut her hair and had sold it to buy that food.

Prophet Job became angry with her, for the sake of God. It was forbidden in the rules of Prophet Job, as it is forbidden in the rules now, for a woman to cut her hair and sell it to someone who will use that hair to braid it into her own hair. Both the one who sells it and the one who buys it and uses it are sinful. Prophet Muhammad said that in a hadith.

One day, after eighteen years of sickness, Prophet Job left for an errand. He met an angel who ordered Prophet Job to strike the ground with his foot. Prophet Job did so and water sprang out of the ground. The angel told him to bathe with the water and drink from it. Prophet Job did so and became healthy, as he had been before. As well, God made Prophet Job youthful again.

It was narrated that Prophet Job died at the age of 93 years.

Corresponding to the sicknesses of Ayyub, we have inner sicknesses of the spirit and heart. If our inner being was to be turned outward, and our outward is turned inward, we would appear more wounded and ill than Ayyub. Each sin that we commit and each doubt that enters our mind, inflicts wounds on our heart and our spirit.

Sin will blacken and darken the heart until it extinguishes the light of belief. Within each sin there is a path leading to disbelief. Unless that sin is quickly wiped out by seeking God’s pardon, it will grow from a worm into a snake that bites on the heart.

### **Conversation**

How was the life of prophet Ayyub before the illness?

How did prophet Ayyub get cured?

What did her wife do to feed him?



## CHAPTER

10

## Fast

### Significance of Ramadan

Ramadan is a Holy month for all Muslims. There are three main reasons for this;

#### 1. Qur'an was revealed during the month of Ramadan

One of the reasons which make Ramadan Holy is our Book Qur'an began to be revealed in the month of Ramadan. The Almighty Allah explains the importance of Ramadan. Therefore, Ramadan is the Sultan of eleven months.

#### 2. The night of Qadr is in Ramadan

Qadr is the holiest night in the Islamic calendar. It is a night more blessed than a thousand months.

The reasons which makes this night blessed are;

- A. The Qur'an was revealed on this night.
- B. Prayers performed on this night are rewarded as one thousand months of prayer.
- C. All occurrences which would take place in the following year are decided by Allah on this night.
- D. On this night many Angels including Jibril descends to Earth.

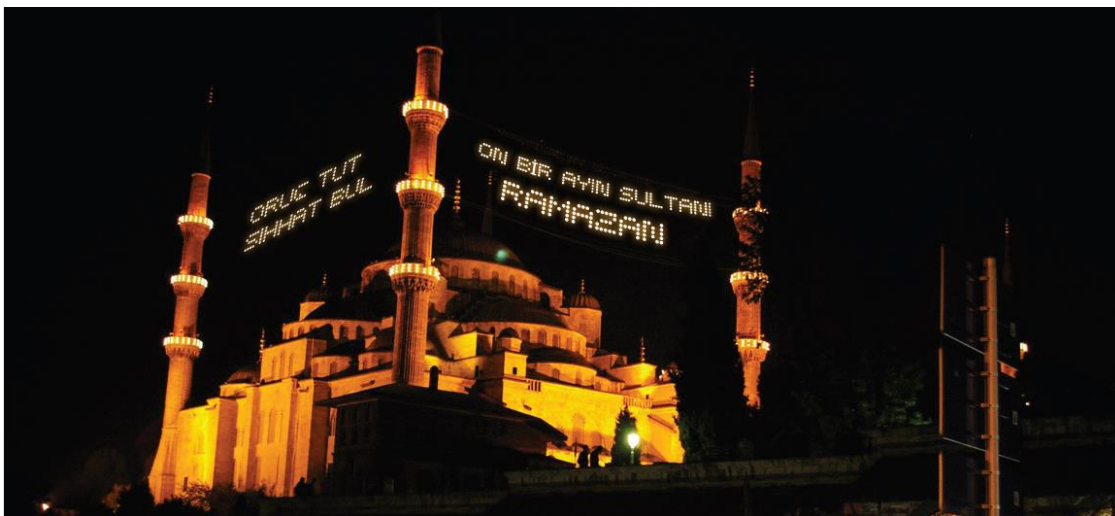


E. On this night the world is covered by peace and angels greet the believers until sunrise.

The exact date of the Qadr is not known, but it is assumed to be on the 27th night of Ramadan.

### 3. Ramadan is the month of fasting

Fasting is one of the most important forms of worship and it is performed during Ramadan. The rewards of fasting during the Ramadan are great. For this reason, Muslims all over the world fast throughout the month of Ramadan. They only expect its reward from Allah.



### Types of Fasting

- 1- The Fard(obligation) days, that is, the days of the month of Ramadan.
- 2- The most known Sunna days:
  - A. The tenth day of the month of Muharram (Ashura).
  - B. The ninth day of the month of Zulhijja which is known as (عرفة).
  - C. Mondays and Thursdays of the week.

D. The 13th, 14th, 15th of each (Hijri) months.

E. Six days in the month of Shawwal.

H. Fasting Days of the month of Sha'ban.

I. Fasting days of the month of Muharram

## CHAPTER

11

## Conditions of the needs for fasting

### What is fasting?

Fasting is performed by refraining from consuming food and drink between the times of sunrise and sunset. Fasting is the third pillar of Islam. The Almighty Allah has ordered us to fast; “O, you believers, fasting is a fard (obligatory) upon you, as it was fard for those before you” This tells us that people before Islam had to fast as well.

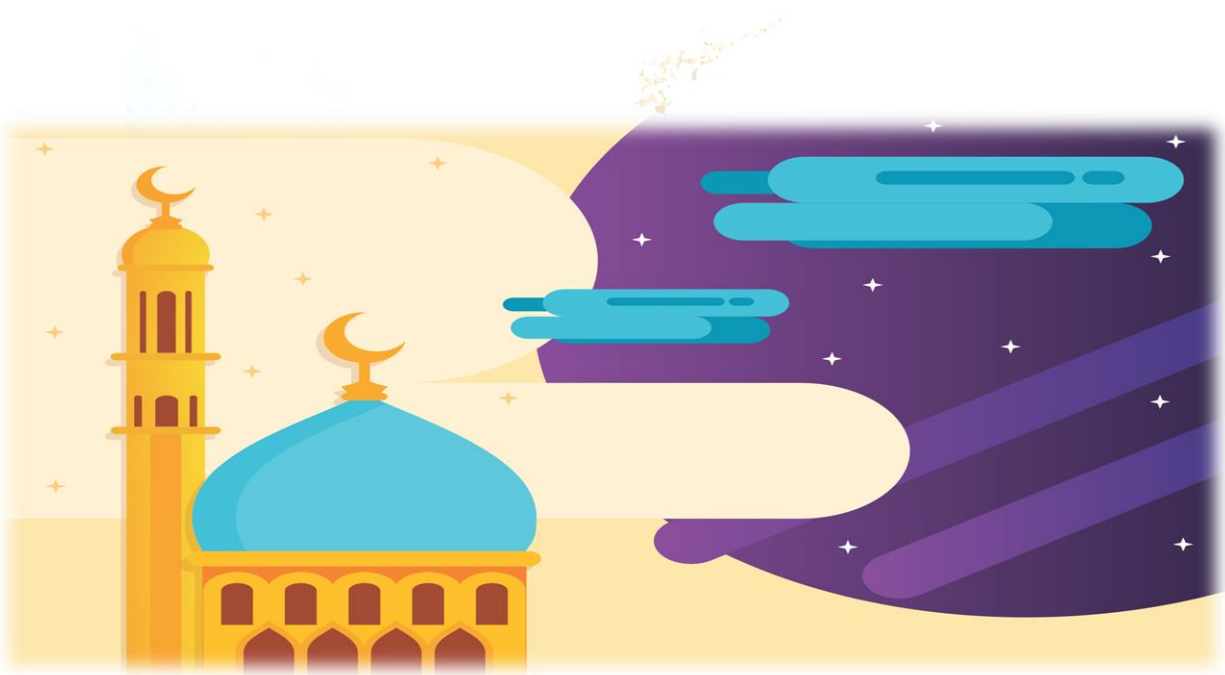
Allah gives special reward to those who fast during the Ramadan and forgives their sins. Regarding the issue, the noble Prophet s.a.w stated; “Allah says all prayers performed by the sons of Adam belong to themselves. However, fasting is for Me, therefore only I shall give its reward”. He also stated: “Whoever believes in the blessedness of Ramadan and fasts, his prior sins will be forgiven”





### A person who fasts;

- ❖ Will receive rewards beyond imagination. It is related by the Holy Prophet that Allah, Almighty said “Fasting is for Me, only I can reward that.”
- ❖ Avoids from fulfilling their desires through the use of self-control
- ❖ Strengthens their patience against hunger and thirst. In a hadith it is said “Patience is half of fasting”
- ❖ Is able to resist pleasures, desires, and actions that cause social instability.
- ❖ Is able to protect his tongue against wrong-doing. In a hadith it is said “If anyone should try to argue with you while you’re fasting just respond by saying, “I am fasting.”
- ❖ Is better able to understand the difficulties faced by those worse off than themselves and in doing so they help with their difficulties.
- ❖ Are aware of the fact that when fasting for the pleasure of Allah, their past sins will be forgiven. This incentive motivates them to protect themselves from committing sin.
- ❖ Is able to use the month of Ramadan as spiritual training ground for the other eleven months of the year.



## What breaks the Fasting?

- Eating or drinking in awareness
- Using nasal or ear drops
- Vomiting mouth full
- Swallowing the water drawn in to the mouth or the nose

Eating or drinking without being aware does not break the fast. However, one must stop as soon as he remembers. Continuing to eat or drink will break the fast.

Breaking the fast without a valid reason or excuse is a big sin.

Being unable to fast because of illness or travelling can be made up by a fast of the same amount of days missed. This is called 'Qadha'.



Those who are not in condition to fast because of illness or old age can feed a poor person for each day they miss.

### Iftar Dua;

Before breaking his fast at the time of iftar, our Prophet made the following du'a (prayer);

**“O Lord, I have fasted for You, I believed in You and I trusted You. I am breaking my fast with the food You have granted and I intend to fast tomorrow.” (Hadith)**

## CHAPTER

12

## The bribery


لَعَنَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - الْرَّاشِيَّ وَالْمُرْتَشِيَّ

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) cursed the one who bribes and the one who takes bribes.

### The Definition of the bribery

It is that wealth or money which will be given to a governor in an illegal way attempting to obtain a right or a job of another person for himself.

This action is haram because it destroys justice, destroys the rights of the rightful owner, leads to the spread of corruption and injustice, so it is forbidden in all religions, and in the Holy Qur'an it is forbidden in several verses as it is mentioned in Surat al-Baqarah.



وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتُدْلُوا بِهَآ إِلَى الْحُكَّامِ لِتَأْكُلُوا فَرِيقًا مِّنْ أَمْوَالِ النَّاسِ بِالْإِثْمِ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

Do not misappropriate one another's property unjustly, nor bribe the judges, in order to misappropriate a part of other people's property, sinfully and knowingly.

It is also mentioned in the Hadiths of the prophet PBUH, as mentioned above.

## **The reason of forbidding bribery**

- 1- Because it is unfairly and illegitimate to get an income such as: tax exemption, or an illegal employment or illegal contract.
- 2 - It infringes on the rights of another person, in terms of job opportunities or the replacement to the job of another person.
- 3 - Achieving important positions, especially if they are not worthy.

## **The solution for this phenomenon:**

- 1- Providing the principles of justice among individuals of the society.
- 2- Putting the right person for the positions and posts.
- 3 - The independency of the law to account the employees and officials for the bribery.



4- Raising the level of religious awareness and responsibility before the Almighty Allah.

### Conversation

- 1- Define the bribery.
- 2 - Why did our Prophet warn us about bribery?
- 3 - What are the reasons for the prohibition of bribery?
- 4 – Mention a verse from the Qur'an for the prohibition of bribery.
- 5- How can we eliminate this phenomenon?

## CHAPTER

13

## Thinking in the creations of Allah

Wisdom and mind are among the great gifts of the Most Merciful Allah for human beings, they are sources for thinking, acquiring knowledge and information and the truth, it is also a reason to reach the mysteries of the beauty of creation, the Almighty Allah states:

إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لَآيَاتٍ لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ

For sure, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day there are signs for men of understanding.

The believer man always thinks and uses his intellect to recognize the creations of the Almighty Allah and comes to the fact that beings and all creatures have a creator, that is (Allah).

He also uses the blessings of the eye to see the beautiful and colorful nature, which captures thousands of images and scenes in a second.

Another mystery that God Almighty created in humans is that the eye map and the veins of a human finger are not the same.

On the other hand, the beauty and diversity of colors, flavors, and smells from products in which have been created from one soil one water and one air, acquire deep thinking from us.

The Almighty Allah states:

وَهُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَخْرَجْنَا بِهِ نَبَاتَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ فَأَخْرَجْنَا مِنْهُ خَضِرًا نُخْرِجُ مِنْهُ حَبًّا مُتَرَاكِبًا وَمِنَ النَّخْلِ مِنْ طَلْعِهَا قِنْوَانٌ دَانِيَةٌ وَجَنَّاتٍ مِّنْ أَعْنَابٍ وَالزَّيْتُونَ وَالرُّمَّانَ مُشْتَبِهًا وَغَيْرَ مُتَشَبِهٍ ۚ انظُرُوا إِلَى ثَمَرِهِ إِذَا أَثْمَرَ وَيَنْعِهِ ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكُمْ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ

It is He Who sends down rainwater from the sky and therewith produces vegetation of all kinds: He brings forth green crops producing grain piled up in the ear, palm-trees laden with clusters of dates hanging within reach, gardens of grapes, olives, and pomegranates; though their fruit resembles in kind yet is different in variety. Look at their fruits as they yield and ripen. Behold! In these things there are signs for true believers.

Again, focusing on the structure and movement of insects and the work and products of some of them such as bees and flies and their cells, the law of work and the design of their homes, their day and night, you will see another corner in the details of the creation, which testifies to the great power of Allah.


The Almighty Allah states:

هَٰذَا خَلْقُ اللَّهِ فَأَرُونِي مَاذَا خَلَقَ الَّذِينَ مِن دُونِهِ ۚ بَلِ الظَّالِمُونَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

This is Allah's creation; now, show Me what is there that others (gods) besides Him have created? - In fact, the wrongdoers are in manifest error.

The French scientist (Jacques Cousteau) found that the two seas did not mix water and should not come together, the Qur'an says (يَتْلُكُمَا بَرْزَخٌ لَا يَبْغِيَانِ\*\*مَرَجَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ ) (يَتْلُكُمَا), here which the power and the challenge of Allah appear.

When You look up at the blue sky and look at the thousands of big stars that are all in an organized motion, by the command of Almighty Allah and according to the concept of the law of balance, the coming of night and day, the light of the sun .... etc. This is another lesson in the infinite power of the Almighty Allah, These and



hundreds of other proofs focus on the power and supreme law of Almighty Allah (Subhanah u Ta'ala).

The Almighty states:

وَأَيَّةٌ لَهُمُ اللَّيْلُ نَسْلَخُ مِنْهُ النَّهَارَ فَإِذَا هُمْ مُظْلِمُونَ\*\* وَالشَّمْسُ تَجْرِي لِمُسْتَقَرٍّ لَهَا ذَلِكَ تَقْدِيرُ الْعَزِيزِ الْعَلِيمِ\*\*  
وَالْقَمَرَ قَدَرْنَا مَنَازِلَ حَتَّىٰ عَادَ كَالْعُرْجُونِ الْقَدِيمِ\*\*

(Another sign for them is the night; when We withdraw the daylight from it, and behold they are in darkness\*\* The sun runs its course, this course is pre-estimated for it by the Almighty, the All-Knowing\*\* As for the moon, We have designed phases for it till it again becomes like an old dry palm branch.)

### Question


- 1- Recite a verse from Quran to encourage you to think about Allah's creation.
- 2- Prove with another verse that the products are beautiful and colourful.
- 3 – As an Evidence Recite a Qur'anic verse that the moon and the sun are two signs of Allah's authority.

### Put (true or false) for these sentences.

- 1- The ability to capture images in the human eye is stronger than the most sensitive camera.
- 2 - The vein and nerve map of most people are similar.
- 3 - Birds have no purpose in migration and fly.

### Fill in the blanks below.

- 1- Bees in building their cells are going .....



(Without plan, with a unique plan)

2 -The diversity of vegetables and fruits for human beings makes all flavors .....

(similar, available)

3 - The most precious type of ruby and coral is found in .....

(Factories, deep of seas)

## CHAPTER

14

## Zakat

### What are Zakat and Sadaqah?

Zakat is one of the pillars of Islam. Zakat means a wealthy Muslim must give one fortieth of his wealth to the poor.

Zakat causes an increase, cleanliness and abundance to our wealth.

Islam gives great importance to charity and social welfare. Every Muslim should possess a charitable manner. Helping the poor is a form of worship in our religion.

Allah has provided us with countless blessings. Whilst we benefit from these gifts, we should also think of the needy people. When we sacrifice some portion of our wealth to these people, our wealth does not decrease. On the contrary, our wealth is cleansed from materialistic and unethical filth. Allah will help those who help the needy.

Moreover, according to Islam, the poor have the right to claim this from the wealthy.

Sadaqah is helping the poor or needy people. It is an optional act but it is strongly recommended to help people in need. Sadaqah is not only done with money, it is also done with other things.

For example, smiling at your friend or picking an empty can from the floor can also be considered sadaqah.



### **The importance of Zakat and Sadaqah.**

Zakat is a worship performed with wealth. It is a way of thanking Allah for the wealth He has granted us.


We get closer to Allah by performing our Salah and fasting. By giving Zakat to those who are in need, we show our gratification to Allah. In many verses of Zakat is mentioned next to Salah.

With zakat and Sadaqah, human beings are being tested. Allah is testing us to see if we prefer our wealth to Him and to His people.

People who give zakat, loves Allah and humanity. In return, they earn the love of Allah and human beings. Zakat establishes strong bonds within society.

Allah by performing our salah zakat need, the holy Qur'an, being stingy is a bad attribute, so is the love of money and wealth. Being good and generous to people, on the other hand, is a beautiful virtue. Values such as love, respect, compassion, mercy and charity strengthen the foundations of society. Zakat and Sadaqah save the poor from helplessness and poverty, and protect the wealthy from the poor people's rebellion.





Our religion orders people to work and earn their living. Working is also a form of worship. Many sins are forgiven when a person works to provide a Halal earning for their family. Allah is pleased with a Muslim who works and does not become a burden on anyone else.

Yet, there are people who try so hard and despite their efforts, they cannot look after their families. They are poor and they can't do anything about it. There are also no guarantees in this world that we will always be wealthy enough to look after ourselves and our family. Even an affluent person can lose everything. So, our religion thought of the well-being of these people and ordered the wealthy to give zakat and Sadaqah to them. This is our obligation to Allah.

In fact, human beings always need each other. We are not equal in health, wealth and power. This means that the rich and the powerful are obligated to help the poor. This is their duty as a Muslim and as a human being. Zakat or Sadaqah is a bridge of love which connects the wealthy to the poor. They increase the level of brotherhood and strengthen the foundations of the community.

## **To Whom Do We Give Zakah?**

Primarily, zakah is given to the poor or needy Muslims. Zakah cannot be given to non-Muslims, however, sadaqah (charity) could be given to them. In Surah Tawba, the Holy Qur'an clarifies those who should receive zakah:

- a) Poor people who do not earn enough money to survive.**
- b) Impoverished people who have nothing at all.**
- c) People who have debt and do not have the means to repay.**
- d) Travelers who do not have enough money to complete their journey.**
- e) Those who dedicate themselves to Islam. For example, students, scientists, aid workers and everyone who need support for serving**