

Creating a Fair & Just Society

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Learning Objectives:

- ❖ To explain the importance of Zakah & Sadaqah
- ❖ To describe how Zakah & Sadaqah help create a fair & just society
- ❖ To describe the different types of Zakah

Surah Aal Imran, 3:92

لَنْ تَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّى تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ
وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ

You will never attain piety until you spend out of what you love; and whatever you may spend of anything, indeed Allah knows it.

- Quran specifies that one cannot become spiritually perfect and earn the pleasures of Allah unless one spends their wealth for others and gives selflessly
- Upon his reappearance Imam Mahdi (a) will create a fair & just society
- Islam has a system that helps create a greater balance between rich & poor

FORMS OF CHARITY

ZAKAH

- ▶ Zakah is Wajib tax. It literally means "purity" & "growth"
- ▶ It purifies our souls from selfishness & greed, and helps us to care about others
- ▶ Zakah is wajib on 10 things – wheat, barley, dates, raisins, gold coins, silver coins, camels, cows, sheep & business goods (based on ihtiyat-e-wajib)
- ▶ Zakah becomes wajib on the above items when they reach a minimum taxable amount
- ▶ Zakah can generally be given to the poor and needy
- ▶ Zakat al Fitr- special zakah that must be paid every year on 1st Shawwal – Eid ul Fitr

SADAQAH

- ▶ Sadaqah is generally known as "charity" and it is highly mustahabb
- ▶ There are many Quranic Ayaats and sayings of the Masoomeen (a) highlighting the importance of Sadaqah
- ▶ Charity can be in any form for e.g. Money is an important form of charity, however a kind act is also considered a charity
- ▶ According to the Hadees of Rasulullah (s) the best form of charity is one which is given secretly
- ▶ The correct way of giving charity is to give it in way the makes the person receiving feel respected and dignified

Assignment

1. Please read the following 3 statements and provide your answer in the form of Agree / Disagree / Not sure. Make sure to give a reason for your answer.
 - a. Society is fair?
 - b. There is no poverty?
 - c. We are responsible for the poverty around the world?
2. Explain in your own words how Zakah helps purify the soul?
3. What is zakat-al-Fitr and when it is paid?
4. True / False
 - a. Zakah & Sadaqah are 2 acts that help create a more equal society where everyone's basic needs to live are met.
 - b. Sadaq is wajib.
 - c. The best form of charity is that which is secretly given to the poor and from one who has little to offer.
 - d. As helpers of Imam Mahdi (a) we must start this process.