

# Al-Maktab

## Sadaqah -- Charity

Sadaqah or charity is a great act of reward whereby one is able to receive the great blessings and bounties of Allah Ta'ala. Allah Ta'ala says in the Holy Qur'aan that **Sadaqah (charity) increases one's wealth**. Although outwardly it seems that your wealth is decreasing it isn't. By spending some portion of your wealth in the path of Allah, Allah Ta'ala will create many avenues to make sure that your wealth increases.

Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has mentioned in a Hadith **"Save yourselves from the fire of hell even if it be the length of half a date."** This means that even if a person possesses only half a date and there is someone who is more deserving of it, he should give it over to the person who is more needy. From this Hadith we understand that it is not necessary to be wealthy in order to give out charity. A poor person who owns only a R100.00 gives out R10.00 in sadaqah will receive the same reward of a rich person who spent R1000.00 in the path of Allah from the R10 000.00 that he possessed. A person who spends one or two rands in the path of Allah Ta'ala with a good intention is much better than a person who spends thousands of rands for the sake of pomp and glory. Allah Ta'ala does not need our money. Our spending in His path is entirely for our benefit. He looks at our intentions and rewards us accordingly not at the amount that we give.

We all desire a lengthy life in this world and we fear a painful and fearful death. Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has mentioned in a Hadith that **Allah Ta'ala lengthens the life of a Muslim who gives out Sadaqah, protects him from a painful death and removes from him pride and arrogance.** (*Tabraani and targheeb*).

The Sahaabah (Radi Allahu anhum) continuously spent their monies at different occasions for the sake of Allah Ta'ala and His Rasul [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam]. Hazrat Abu Bakar (R.A.) had once spent all his wealth for the sake of Allah Ta'ala. When Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] asked him what he had left at home he replied that he left only Allah Ta'ala and His Rasul [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam]. On the same occasion Hazrat Umar (R.A.) had spent half of his wealth for the sake of Allah. Hazrath Usmaan (R.A.) had once given 600 camels fully laden with weapons and armour in the path of Allah Ta'ala.

From these few Ahaadith we understand the importance and the virtues of spending our wealth on the poor and needy for the sake of Allah Ta'ala. May Allah Ta'ala give us all the ability to practice on these Ahaadith and spend our wealth in His path. Aameen.

### Hadith

Sayyidina Abu Kabsha Anmaari (Radi Allahu anhu) narrates that Rasulullah [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam] said: "I can take an oath on 3 things:

1. **Sadaqah (charity) does not reduce one's wealth.**
2. **If anyone is oppressed and he faces it with patience, Allah Ta'ala will increase his honour.**
3. **If anyone begins to beg (from people), Allah Ta'ala opens up the doors of poverty on him.**

(*Tabraani and Targheeb*)

From this Hadith we understand that by giving out sadaqah, one's wealth will not be decreased in any way. The second lesson we learn is that if a person is oppressed for some reason and has to go through some difficulty, Allah Ta'ala will honour him greatly if he bears with patience.

Thirdly we learn that if people start begging from people, Allah Ta'ala will ensure that such persons will remain forever in poverty. Whatever problems a person undergoes, we should always turn to Allah Ta'ala to solve our problems.

## SUNNATS ON THE DAY OF EID

1. To wake up as early as possible and perform Tahajjud Salaah.
2. To take a bath.
3. To use miswaak
4. To dress according to Shariah
5. To apply itar (perfume)
6. To eat anything sweet such as dates before leaving for the Eid salaah
7. To go for the Eid salaah as early as possible
8. To give abundant sadaqah in
9. To walk to the Eid Salaah (if the Eid Salaah is close by)
10. To recite the takbeer when going towards the Eid Salaah.

## MAKTAB NEWS

## Quiz

### DEAR CHILDREN:

*Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu*

Once again, very sadly we bid farewell to this great month of Ramadhan. I'm sure most of you have kept all your fasts and performed all the taraweeh salaah at night. May Allah Ta'ala accept all our Ibaadat and reward us greatly for it. Aameen.

Our last theme was Islamic dressing. There were many entries that had come in and choosing the best 3 was undoubtedly a tough job. May Allah Ta'ala accept the efforts of all those who submitted entries. Nevertheless the three best entries from all the maktab (madrassahs) are the following:

**1. Yasmeen Ismail**-- Dundee **2. Kabeera Mohammed** -- Madrasah Umar Farooq **3. Nabeela Mohammed** -- Vryheid  
Insha Allah all three will receive a book prize and R30-00 each.

The winners for last months quiz were:

1. Fathima Baig —Madrasah Ashrafiyya
2. Saaliha Vahed —Vryheid
3. Mehtaab Shaikh Dawud— Furqaniya — Shallcross
4. Asif Razaak — Madrasah Umar Farooq (E.View)
5. Imdaadullah Khatradah— Vryheid

The best response from all the Makaatib were received from East-view, Ashrafiyya and Vryheid. Insha Allah these 3 madrasahs will receive prizes for their entries.

1. What percentage of a persons wealth must be given in Zakaat.?
2. How many times a year must a person give Zakaat.?
3. On whom is Zakaat farz.?
4. How much of wealth must a person have in order for Zakaat to become compulsory upon him.?
5. Name 2 benefits of giving charity in the path of Allah Ta'ala.
6. Which Sahaabi gave all his wealth in the path of Allah.?
7. Mention one Hadith about the virtues of charity.
8. On which items is Zakaat Farz.?
9. On which animals is Zakaat farz.?
10. Is Zakaat farz on a womans jewellery.?

The first 5 correct entries drawn will receive R10.00 cash.

## THEME

This months theme is "Sadaqah (Charity)" Do a project on one of the following

1. The importance of Sadaqah (Charity) in Islaam.
2. The spirit of sadaqah Charity and spending in the lives of the Sahaabah

The Best three projects from all the Jamiat Makaatib jointly will receive R50-00 cash Insha Allah. All entries must be handed in by the the second week next year.

**Note: Please take note of the following: 1. When handing in the projects and the quizz, make sure that both are separated. 2. Make sure that your name together with the name of your Madrasah is written on both the project and the quizz. All projects with pictures of animate objects will be disqualified immediately.**