

Questions?

- 1 What do you do with your money?
- 2 Do you give money to the poor?
- 3 How does a poor hungry child feel when he or she gets money or food?
- 4 What will happen to you when you give money to the needy people?
- 5 What is the third pillar of Islam?

Main Idea: Zakah is the third pillar of Islam, and it blesses our money.

Word

Watch

Zakah زكاة
Sadaqah صدقة
Fard فرض



“وآتوا الزكاة”

“and give out Zakah.”

Surat Al-Hajj 78

Zakah is the third pillar of Islam.
Giving Zakah is **fard**, this means it is required of Muslims.

What does Zakah mean?

Zakah is the giving of small part of our savings at the end of each year. Allah commanded us to give to the needy and poor at least 2.5% of our savings every year. That is one dollar out of every 40 dollars. Allah سبحانه وتعالى mentioned Zakah many times in the Qur'an. This shows us the importance of sharing our money with those who need it.

Did you know?

IT PURIFIES ME!

When we give Zakah, it purifies our hearts from greed and selfishness.

Story Time

Once Zaid went with his father to the bank. The father took some money from his account, and told his son, "We are going to give this money for Zakah." "What is Zakah?" Zaid asked.

"It is the money that Muslims must give to their needy brothers and sisters." Answered his father. He continued "Allah blesses our money and family when we give zakah." Allah (SW) has promised us that the more we give and share, the more we will receive."

"Does that mean that Allah will put more money in our bank account?" Zaid asked.

"Not exactly that way" answered his father, "Allah blesses our wealth, helps us use it in the best way, and also prevents us from wasting it."



“This tells us” his dad explained, “that the blessings we get from giving Zakah are much more valuable than the money itself. And, giving Zakah will never make us poor or needy, Allah will always give us if we remember others. He will reward us with Jannah too”

Zaid learned a lot from his trip to the bank with his father, and said “When I grow up I will always pay Zakah and give charity to help others.”

WORDS OF WISDOM

Hadeeth Shareef

حديث شريف

Narrated By Bukhari & Muslim

عن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه: قال رسول الله ﷺ :
إن الله يقول: “أنفق يا ابن آدم، أنفق عليك”
رواه البخاري ومسلم

TRANSLITERATION

“Inna Allah yaqool: anfiq ya-bna adam, anfiq ‘alayk.”

MEANING TRANSLATION

Abu Hurayrah رضي الله عنه reported that the Prophet ﷺ said:
“Allah says “O son of Adam, if you spend (on the needy),
I will spend on you.””

Sadaqah: Optional Charity

If we still have extra money after we give Zakah, we can give more money to earn more Hasanat, or rewards. This extra giving is called Sadaqah or charity.

Some people think sadaqah only means giving money. But we can give sadaqah in many other ways if we do not have money.

Here are some other kinds of sadaqah:

- 1 Smiling at others is a sadaqah.
- 2 Removing something harmful from the road is a sadaqah.
- 3 Sharing your lunch with someone who forgot his, is a sadaqah.
- 4 Picking up litter is a sadaqah.
- 5 Helping someone carry a heavy load is a sadaqah.
- 6 Saying a kind word is a sadaqah.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Hadeeth Shareef

حديث شريف

Narrated By Tirmithi & Ahmad

عن أبي كبشة رضي الله عنه: قال رسول الله ﷺ :
"ما نقص مال من صدقة"
رواه الترمذي وأحمد

TRANSLITERATION

"Ma naqasa malun min sadaqah"

MEANING TRANSLATION

Abu Kabsha رضي الله عنه reported that the Prophet ﷺ said:
"Charity never decreases money."

Did you know when you give charity, Allah (SW) multiplies it for you on the day of judgment. The more you give, the more Allah (SW) will give you.

Story Time

MY GARDEN BELONGS TO ALLAH!

Once, a person was walking through the fields. Suddenly he heard a voice in the sky: “O clouds, go and rain over the garden of so and so.” The voice mentioned the name of the owner of that garden. The man on the ground was surprised. He saw the clouds moving toward a garden so he followed it. A short while after, rain started to fall on that garden. The man was amazed. He looked for the garden’s owner and found him. He told him what he heard and saw a while ago. He asked him: “What do you do so you receive this great care from Allah.”

The owner answered: “I do not do much really, Allah is always generous with me. But, I usually divide my income from the garden into three equal parts. One part I spend on my family, another part I spend it on the garden, and the third part I give it to the poor”.

The Man said ”This explains what I saw today. You are generous, and Allah is more generous with you.”

SHARE

GIVE ZAKAH AND SADAQAH

WORDS OF WISDOM

Holy Qura'n

سورة البقرة

Surat-ul-baqara: Ayah 261

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

﴿٢٦١﴾ مَثَلُ الَّذِيْنَ يُنْفِقُوْنَ اَمْوَالَهُمْ فِى سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ اَنْبَتَتْ سَبْعَ سَنَابِلٍ فِى كُلِّ سُنْبُلَةٍ مِائَةٌ حَبَّةٌ وَاللّٰهُ يُضَاعِفُ لِمَنْ يَّشَاءُ وَاللّٰهُ وَّاسِعٌ عَلِيْمٌ

TRANSLITERATION

“Mathalu-llatheena yunfiquona amwalahum fee sabeeli-llahi kamathali habbatin ‘anbatat sab’a sanabila fee kulli sunbulatim mi’atu habbah, wallahu yuda’ifu limay yasha’o wallahu wasi’un ‘aleem”

MEANING TRANSLATION

The example of those who spend their wealth for the sake of Allah is like a grain of wheat growing seven ears. In each ear is a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies for whom He wants; and Allah is all generous, all knowing.

Think Critically

1. Some rich people do not give out Zakah, while others who are not as rich give Zakah regularly. Why?

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Give Sadaqah or charity to the poor as much as you can.

If you do that you:

- Help your Muslim brothers and sisters
- You help building strong community
- You please Allah and He will grant you Jannah, inshAllah!



Study Questions



- 1 What is Zakah?
- 2 How important is zakah? Why?
- 3 When do we give Zakah?
- 4 What is Sadaqah?
- 5 Why does Allah want us to give out zakah and sadaqah?