

The Command to collect the Zakah and Its Benefits

Allah commanded His Messenger to take Sadaqah from the Muslims' money to purify and sanctify them with it. This Ayah is general, even though some said that it refers specifically to those who mixed good and evil deeds, who admitted to their errors. Some bedouin later thought that paying Zakah to the Leader was not legislated except to the Messenger himself, using this Ayah as evidence,

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(Take Sadaqah from their wealth.) Abu Bakr As-Siddiq and other Companions refuted this ill comprehension and fought against them until they paid the Zakah to the Khalifah, just as they used to pay it to the Messenger of Allah . As-Siddiq said, "By Allah! If they abstain from paying a bridle that they used to pay to the Messenger of Allah , I will fight them for refraining from paying it." Allah's statement,

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(and Salli for them), means, supplicate for them, and ask Allah to forgive them. In the Sahih, Muslim recorded that `Abdullah bin Abi Awfa said, "Whenever the Prophet was brought charity, he used to invoke Allah for those who brought it. My father also brought his charity and the Prophet said,

«'DDQNGOEQN 5NDQP 9NDNI "DP #N(PJ #NHRANI)»

(O Allah! I invoke You for the family of Abu Awfa.)" Allah's statement,

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(Verily, your Salat are a Sakan for them), means, a mercy for them, according to Ibn `Abbas. Allah said next,

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(and Allah is All-Hearer,) of your invocation (O Muhammad),

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(All-Knower.) in those who deserve your invocation on their behalf, who are worthy of it. Allah said,

?#NDNER JN9RDNEOH'R #NFQN 'DDQNGN GOHN JNBR(NDO 'D*QNHR(N)N 9NFR 9P(N'/PGP
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(Know they not that Allah accepts repentance from His servants and accepts the Sadaqat) This Ayah encourages reverting to repentance and giving charity, for each of these actions erases, deletes and eradicate sins. Allah states that He accepts the repentance of those who repent to Him, as well as charity from pure resources, for Allah accepts it with His Right Hand and raises it for its giver until even a date becomes as large as Mount Uhud. Abu Hurayrah narrated that the Messenger of Allah said,

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N/PCOER CNEN' JO1N(QPJ #N-N/OCOER EOGR1NGO -N*QNI %PFQN 'DDQOBREN)N DN*NCOHFO EP+RDN #O-
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(Verily, Allah accepts charity, receives it in His Right Hand and develops it for its giver, just as one of you raises his pony, until the bite of food becomes as large as Uhud.) wThe Book of Allah, the Exalted and Most Honored, testifies to this Hadith,

?#NDNER JN9RDNEOH'R #NFQN 'DDQNGN GOHN JNBR(NDO 'D*QNHR(N)N 9NFR 9P(N'/PGP
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(Know they not that Allah accepts repentance from His servants and accepts the Sadaqat), and,
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(Allah will destroy Riba and will give increase for Sadaqat.) ?2:276> `Abdullah bin Mas`ud said, "Charity falls in Allah's Hand before it falls in the needy's hand," he then recited this Ayah,
?#NDNER JN9RDNEOH'R #NFQN 'DDQNGN GOHN JNBR(NDO 'D*QNHR(N)N 9NFR 9P(N'/PGP
HNJN#R.O0O 'D5QN/NBN@*P>

(Know they not that Allah accepts repentance from His servants and accepts the Sadaqat).
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HN3N*O1N/QOHFN %PDNI 9N@DPEP 'DR:NJR(P HN'D4QNGN@/N)P ANJOFN(QP&OCOER (PEN' COF*OER
*N9RENDOHFN >

(105. And say "Do deeds! Allah will see your deeds, and (so will) His Messenger and the believers. And you will be brought back to the All-Knower of the unseen and the seen. Then He will inform you of what you used to do.")