



WHAT THE QUR'AN SAYS ON WEALTH AND POVERTY

“What Allah has bestowed (al-fai’) on His Messenger (and taken away) from the people of the townships, it is for Allah, His Messenger and to kindred and orphans, the needy and the wayfarer; In order that it may not (merely) make a circuit between the wealthy among you. So take what the Messenger assigns to you, and deny yourselves that which he withholds from you. And fear Allah; for Allah is strict in Punishment.” Hashr: 7

- This noble verse of the Qur’an, Allah ta’ala instructs us about one of the basic principles of the Islamic economic system.
- Rasoul Allah (SAW) clarified the responsibility of Muslims to ensure wealth is not hoarded in the hands of a few. In a hadeeth narrated in Sunan ibn Majah and Musnad Ahmad, He (SAW) stated: **“The Muslims are partners in three: in water, pastures, and fire (fuels)”**
- Despite the wealth that Allah (SWT) has blessed this Ummah, millions suffer needlessly in poverty and even starvation in our countries.
- While millions starve in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Africa, billions of dollars in oil revenue are generated in the Islamic lands, hoarded in bank accounts by corrupt rulers in London, New York and Switzerland.

- \$1.2bn is needed to supply the needs 10 million famine victims in 5 countries in East Africa, The rulers of Saudi Arabia sit on a \$25bn budget surplus.
- Today the world economy is run by capitalists who have used their interest based system, paper money and casino economy to not only bring chaos to their countries but to ruin the entire global economy.
- Allah (SWT) revealed this Qur’an to establish an economic system that ends this oppression so that all people have an opportunity to participate in the economy.
- In the month of Ramadhan Muslims the world over will be giving sadaqah to help others round the world. However Allah (SWT) didn’t just encourage us to give individual sadaqah but Allah (SWT) obliged us to establish a State that will implement a just economic system that will end the economic stranglehold of the rich capitalists.
- This Ramadhan, let us not merely recite the verses of the Qur’an, but work to understand the economic system that Allah (SWT) revealed that can liberate humanity from the oppression of the capitalist world.

Ramadhan Kareem!

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