

The Quest for Piety

Beneficial Counsels on Ramadan

Lesson 27.

On Zakat and Charity

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وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا لِأَنفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ تَجِدُوهُ
عِنْدَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١١٠﴾

“Establish prayer, and pay alms-tax. Whatever good you send forth for yourselves, you will ‘certainly’ find ‘its reward’ with Allah. Surely Allah is All-Seeing of what you do.”

[Quran 2:110]

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إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَءَاتَوْا الزَّكَاةَ
لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٢٧٧﴾

“Indeed, those who believe, do good, establish prayer, and pay alms-tax will receive their reward from their Lord, and there will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve.”

[Quran 2:277]

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“He who believes in Allah and His messenger,
let him pay the zakat due upon his wealth.”

[Tabarani]

Zakat [in sacred law] means:

(a.) transfer of ownership of a portion of wealth that must be paid to a particular person”

(b.) Must have intention while doing so

Who Must Pay Zakat?

Zakat is obligatroy:

(a.) for every Muslim who is legally responsible [i.e adult and sane]

Who Must Pay Zakat?

Zakat is obligatory:

(b.) a person who has possessed the Nisab [the minimum amount of wealth[i.e gold, silver and other money, that necessitates zakat] over which a full lunar year has passed, in excess of any debts and of basic personal needs.

Nisaab of Zakat

Gold: 87.48 grams

Silver: 612.35 grams