

HOLY QUR`AN

[8:29] And know that your possessions and your children are but a trial and that it is Allah with Whom is a great reward.

[9:34] O ye who believe! surely, many of the priests and monks devour the wealth of men by false means and turn men away from the way of Allah. And those who hoard up gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah — give to them the tidings of a painful punishment,

[9:35] On the day when it shall be made hot in the fire of Hell, and their foreheads and their sides and their backs shall be branded therewith and it shall be said to them: 'This is what you treasured up for yourselves; so now taste what you used to treasure up.'

[18:46] And set forth to them the similitude of the life of this world: it is like the water which We send down from the sky, and the vegetation of the earth is mingled with it, and then it becomes dry grass broken into pieces which the winds scatter. And Allah has power over every thing.

[18:47] Wealth and children are an ornament of the life of this world. But enduring good works are better in the sight of thy Lord in respect of immediate reward, and better in respect of future hope.

[20:132] And strain not thy eyes after what We have bestowed on some classes of them to enjoy for a short time — the splendour of the present world — that We may try them thereby. And the provision of thy Lord is better and more lasting.

[29:65] And this life of the world is nothing but a pastime and a sport, and the Home of the Hereafter — that indeed is Life, if they but knew!

[57:21] Know that the life of this world is only a sport and a pastime, and an adornment, and a source of boasting among yourselves, and of rivalry in multiplying riches and children. This life is like the rain the vegetation produced whereby rejoices the tillers. Then it dries up and thou seest it turn yellow; then it becomes broken pieces of straw. And in the Hereafter there is severe punishment, and also forgiveness from Allah, and His pleasure. And the life of this world is nothing but temporary enjoyment of deceitful things.

[63:10] O ye who believe! let not your wealth and your children divert you from the remembrance of Allah. And whoever does so — it is they who are the losers.

[102:1] In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

[102:2] Mutual rivalry in seeking worldly increase diverts you from God

[102:3] Till you reach the graves.

[102:4] Nay! you will soon come to know.

[102:5] Nay again! you will soon come to know.

[102:6] Nay! if you only knew with certain knowledge,

[102:7] You will surely see Hell in this very life.

[102:8] Aye, you will surely see it with the eye of certainty.

[102:9] Then, on that day you shall be called to account about the worldly favours.

[103:1] In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

[103:2] By the fleeting Time,

[103:3] Surely, man is in a state of loss,

[103:4] Except those who believe and do good works, and exhort one another to accept truth, and exhort one another to be steadfast.

[104:1] In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.

[104:2] Woe to every backbiter, slanderer,

[104:3] Who amasses wealth and counts it time after time.

[104:4] He thinks that his wealth will make him immortal.

[104:5] Nay! he shall surely be cast into the crushing punishment.

[104:6] And what should make thee know what the crushing punishment is?

[104:7] It is Allah's kindled fire,

[104:8] Which rises over the hearts.

[104:9] It will be closed in on them

[104:10] In the form of extended columns.

AHADITH

"The heart of an old man remains young in two respects: his love for this worldly life and his excessive ambitions in it." *[Bukhari]*

The Prophet (sa) once drew a few lines and said: "This is man's ambitions, and this is the instant of his death, and while he is in this state of ambitions, the nearer line [death] comes to Him." *[Bukhari]*

The Prophet (sa) once drew a square and then drew a line in the middle of it and let it extend outside the square and then drew several small lines attached to that central line, and said: "This is the human being, and this [square] is his lease of life which encircles or has encircled him, and this [line] which is outside [the square], represents his ambitions, and these small lines are the calamities and troubles [which may befall him], and if one misses him, another will overtake him, and if the other misses him, a third will overtake him." *[Bukhari]*

"Be in this world as if you are a stranger or a traveler." *[Bukhari]*

"Take the initiative to do good deeds before you are hindered by one of seven calamities: poverty that makes you forget the remembrance of Allah, prosperity that leads you to transgression, an ailment that damages your health, old age that makes you lose your senses, a sudden death, the Antichrist which is an evil yet to come, or the Hour, which is indeed even more disastrous and even more bitter." *[Tirmidhi]*

When the Prophet (sa) was asked about the scriptures of Moses (ra) he replied: "It was all full of lessons. I wonder at a person who is certain of death and can still be happy. I wonder at a person who is certain of Hell and can still laugh. I wonder at a person who believes in fate and still grieves over hardships that befall him. I wonder at a person who sees this world and how its wellbeing never lasts for people and can still feel safe in it. I wonder at a person who believes that the Day of Reckoning is soon to come and still does not perform righteous deeds." *[Al-Bayhaqi and Al-Bazaar]*

PROMISED MESSIAH (AS)

"There are two types of wealth: one as a source of trial, and one as a source of purification. Wealth

which is a source of trial is that wealth which is not only unconnected to Allah, but in fact takes one so far away from Allah that it destroys man. It is towards this that Allah directs our attention when He says, “let not your wealth destroy you”. [63:10]

Wealth which is a source of purification is that wealth which is for Allah. Allah becomes the caretaker of such people. They consider everything they possess to belong to Allah and they prove this through their actions. Look at the conditions of the companions – when they were presented with a test, they presented all that was theirs for the sake of Allah. Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddeeq (ra) was the first to appear wearing his sheet. And the reward of that sheet that Allah gave him was such that he became the first Khalifah.

In essence, to earn real quality, goodness, and spiritual pleasure, only that wealth can be of use which is spent in the way of Allah.” [Tafsir Masih Maud (as), Vol. 8, P. 154]

“Wealth does not only refer to physical goods. Rather, it refers to everything one has been bestowed with: knowledge, wisdom, medicine, etc. All of these things are included in wealth. These should also be spent in way of Allah.” [Malfuzat, Vol. 1, P. 20]

HAZRAT MUSLEH MAU`UD (RA)

“Thus, when electing office bearers in the Jama`at, always remember to ensure that they are people of faith, *taqwa*, and purity. They should have true love of Allah and always be ready to offer any sacrifice in the way of Allah. If they are not people of faith and *taqwa*, and they are appointed to an office merely because they are eminent, or are respected by the authority, or they have large incomes, then this means that the people who elected them have denied the might and power of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. Such people should remember that neither their organization nor their office bearers will ever be successful. These people are of a defeatist mentality and they will be left behind whenever Islam calls to arms. Only those will present themselves to battle Satan who are apparently weak and powerless, yet their faith will be mightier than the Himalaya mountains.” [Al-Fazl, 30 June 1942]

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