

The Guarantee of Our Future: Infaq

﴿ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ ﴾
عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ:
« إِذَا مَاتَ الْإِنْسَانُ انْقَطَعَ عَنْهُ عَمَلُهُ إِلَّا مِنْ ثَلَاثَةٍ إِلَّا مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ
جَارِيَةٍ أَوْ عِلْمٍ يُنْتَفَعُ بِهِ أَوْ وَلَدٍ صَالِحٍ يَدْعُو لَهُ. »

Dear Brothers and Sisters

One day, Umar (r.a.) bought a date farm in Khaybar by selling a hundred animals that belonged to him. This made him so happy that he immediately came within the presence of the Prophet Muhammad (saw) and said to the Prophet, "O Messenger of Allah, I want to win Allah's approval with this property. How would you like me to proceed with it?" he asked. Thereupon, the Prophet (saw) said, "If you want, donate the entirety of the farm so that it is impossible to sell, and all its crops will be spent on the poor and needy." he said. Umar (r.a.), who regarded this advice as an order, gave the date farm in the way of Allah (swt) and created a source of rewards that did not stop for years.¹ Our beloved Prophet (saw) conveyed this to believers at every opportunity. One day, when the Prophet (saw) was with his companions, he mentioned the ayah, "*Never will you attain the good [reward] until you spend [in the way of Allah] from that which you love. And whatever you spend - indeed, Allah is Knowing of it.*"² When he read the verse, Abu Talha, a companion, immediately gave his date farm called Bairuha in the way of Allah.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

In our religion, spending is a necessity of worshiping Allah (swt) properly and purifying one's soul and property in the way of Allah (swt). The concept of infaq, which means spending, is a key part of Islamic civilisation. Undoubtedly, spending has a positive psychological effect on people. Especially in these days when the spiritual crisis is increasing and the fear of famine is gripping the hearts, believers strengthen their servitude with sincerity, taqwa, self-sacrifice and devotion by spending. As those who believe that sustenance comes from Allah (swt), we must be conscious of spending our wealth in the way of Allah (swt). Thus, we turn our backs on the delusions of the worldly life, the nafs and its troubles, and turn to Allah (swt) and expect his reward only from Him, and we surrender to Him alone. Allah (swt) mentions in the Quran, "**Who believe in the unseen, establish prayer, and spend out of what We have provided for them.**"³

Rasulullah (saw) has said, "**When a person dies, his deeds (rewards) are cut off, except for three: Sadaqah jariyah [ceaseless charity], knowledge which is beneficial, or a virtuous descendant who prays for him [the deceased].**"⁴ He emphasised that the reward of the person who spends will not be cut off after he dies.

Dear Jama'ah!

It should be kept in mind that spending in the way of Allah has a great role in raising good generations and in the increase of beneficial people to society. The donations made in the way of Allah for the benefit of humanity are also important for the survival of societies. Social solidarity and collaboration both increase the quality of social life and lay the groundwork for general peace. A student we train today will be the teacher of hundreds of students who will come one day and will be the leader of the society. The seeds of charity we plant today will bear fruit all over the world. The act of giving away is an essential necessity and a religious responsibility. We need to serve the future of the Ummah by laying solid foundations.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

For years, we have successfully completed many projects with the contributions of you, our community and members, and worthy and conscious generations have been raised from our institutions. Many of our children, engineers, hafiz and teachers have grown up with your support and prayers. Your contributions are present in all of our projects from our social complexes to our hifz institutions, from our educational institutions to our social institutions. To increase and develop these facilities, we need to continue the construction of these projects this year as well. In that case, we would like to share with you an opportunity to be part of this fountain of infaq.

May Allah (swt) make us one of his servants who spend in his way and expect his reward only from Him. Ameen!

¹ Buhârî, Vesâyâ, 22

² Surah Âl-i İmrân, 3:92

³ Surah Baqarah, 2:3

⁴ Müslim, Vasiyye, 14