

يقول الله تعالى في سورة المؤمنون

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَ أَحَدَهُمُ الْمَوْتُ قَالَ رَبِّ ارْجِعُونِ (99) لَعَلِّي أَعْمَلُ صَالِحًا فِيمَا تَرَكْتُ

[For such is the state of the disbelievers], until, when death comes to one of them, he says, "My Lord, send me back That I might do righteousness in that which I left behind.

ويقول في سورة المنافقون

وَأَنْفِقُوا مِنْ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَّ أَحَدَكُمُ الْمَوْتُ فَيَقُولَ رَبِّ لَوْلَا أَخَّرْتَنِي إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ فَأَصَّدَّقَ وَأَكُنْ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ (10)

And spend [in the way of Allah ] from what We have provided you before death approaches one of you and he says, "My Lord, if only You would delay me for a brief term so I would give charity and be among the righteous."

ويقول في سورة الطلا

لِيُنْفِقَ ذُو سَعَةٍ مِّنْ سَعَتِهِ وَمَنْ قُدِرَ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقُهُ فَلْيُنْفِقْ مِمَّا آتَاهُ اللَّهُ لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا مَا آتَاهَا سَيَجْعَلُ اللَّهُ بَعْدَ عُسْرٍ يُسْرًا (7)

Let a man of wealth spend from his wealth, and he whose provision is restricted - let him spend from what Allah has given him. Allah does not charge a soul except [according to] what He has given it. Allah will bring about, after hardship, ease.

What do you understand from these ayat?

What is the relationship between spending in the way of Allah and success?

Why would one say when death comes, Oh Allah send me back so that I can spend in your way, and not say send me back so I can do more Salah, or more fasting?

AssalamuAlaikum,

May Allah Bless all of the participants for the deep analysis of the ayat in Question 13. May Allah benefit us all from what we learned and we ask Allah SWT help us teach it to others.. Ameen.

In many places of the Quran, Allah SWT tells us about death that it is haqq, it's a truth and it is coming and no one is exempt. Allah SWT wants us to die in a state of Islam, and so that's why Allah SWT sent the messengers to give us the warnings and the glad tidings about the Akhera and the punishment in the day of judgement and the rewards in al Jannah. The ayat in the three verses and other verses in the Quran teach us that when death comes, one will reflect and remember what he/she left behind from wealth he/she did not spend in the way of Allah, one would also reflect on his/her shortcomings and asks Allah SWT to delay him/her so they can go back to do better with what they left behind. But the truth is that when death comes, there is no going back. As a result, and since no one knows when they will die, it is important that we stay at the highest level of obedience to Allah SWT at all times so that no matter when death comes, we will be ready to meet Allah SWT and he is pleased with us.

The Sadaqa or Zakah is a proof. Rasul Allah PBUM said (الصدقة برهان) Sadaqa is a proof. Proof for what? Proof of our Iman. One can perform Salah and Fasting and that does not cost us much if any. But spending in the way of Allah cost money and other bounties that Allah SWT has given to us. The human nature is to earn and make money. Giving is opposite to human nature and so it becomes harder to do. And so when people overcome their own stinginess and give in the way of Allah, they indeed achieved success, because in this case they defeated shaytan. Allah SWT says (لن تؤمنوا حتى تنفقوا مما تحبون). Allah SWT also says (و تحبون المال حبا جما). It's very clear here that we can't achieve the highest level of Iman until we spend from what we love. We also see here how man loves wealth so much.

Giving Sadaqa is one of the great acts of worship and has many benefits, Sadaqa shades it's owner from the heat of the day of judgement, it increases one's wealth as Allah proves to us more as we spend more, and makes Allah SWT be pleased with us...just to mention a few. When death comes, one asks Allah SWT to send him/her back so they can spend in the way of Allah signifying the importance of and the value of giving in the way of Allah.