



VIRTUES OF ZAKAH

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QUESTIONS

- Did you ever see anyone run out of the masjid immediately after the taslim?
- Who do you think would run out of the masjid immediately after the salah because they forgot to pay their sadaqah?
- Why do many Muslims give zakah in Ramadan?
- Why give zakah?
- Are people only poor in the month of Ramadan?

HISTORY

- Prophets before Prophet Muhammad ﷺ enjoined prayer and Zakat together
- Timeless
- Abraham, Lot, Isaac, and Jacob (21:73), Ishmael (19:55), Moses (7:156) and Jesus (19:31)

WHAT DO SCHOLARS STATE ABOUT ZAKAH?

- “Salat and Zakat have more importance and emphasis due to their regular year-round practice” Al-Kirmani (d. 786 AH)
- “Zakat is the partner of Salat.” Imam al-‘Ayni (d. 855 AH)
- “Whoever practices these three pillars properly will find fasting and performing Hajj easier.” Imam al-Iraqi (d. 806 AH)
- Why?
- “Salat and Zakat are the origins of all worship and good deeds.” Mulla Ali al-Qari (d. 1014 AH)
- If Salat and Zakat are rightfully established at an individual and collective level, they will help all other good deeds to manifest in society.

AFTER THE DEATH OF MUHAMMAD ﷺ THERE WERE MANY CHALLENGES

- People claiming prophethood
- Powerful tribes wanted to eliminate Islam
- “Muslims” who didn’t want to pay the zakah
- Umar’s attitude, "Leave the ‘we are Muslim minus zakah’ people”



قد أفلح من زكاها
خذ من اموالهم صدقة تطهرهم وتزكيهم بها

DEFINITION ACCORDING TO JURISTS

- وتطلق الزكاة في الشريعة على تمليك جزء من المال معين شرعا من فقير
- مسلم غير هاشمي ولا مولاہ
- Ownership of a certain amount of wealth that has been prescribed by the law for a poor Muslim who is not a Hashimy and neither a slave for a Hashimy

HOW DOES GIVING ZAKAH PURIFY US?

1. Purifies your heart from doubt
2. Purifies your heart from stinginess
3. Purifies your wealth

BARAKAH IS

- والبركة: هي ثبوت الخير الإلهي في الشيء؛ فإنها إذا حلت في قليل كثرته، وإذا حلت في كثير نفع، ومن أعظم ثمار البركة في الأمور كلها إستعمالها في طاعة الله عز وجل.
- “Barakah is the attachment of Divine goodness to a thing, so if it occurs in something little, it increases it. And if it occurs in something much it benefits. And the greatest fruits of Barakah in all things is to use that barakah in the obedience of Allah (Subahanahu Wa Ta’ala)”
- True or False. Giving Zakah will increase your wealth.

HOW CAN I GET BARAKAH IN MY WEALTH?

1. Have the right intention
2. Put your trust where it belongs



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Giving zakat with a pure intention will grant you barakah which will then lead to increase in wealth

-Azfar Uddin

**WHAT ARE THE
CONSEQUENCES OF NOT
GIVING?**

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن كَثِيرًا مِّنَ
الْأَخْبَارِ وَالرُّهْبَانِ لَيَأْكُلُونَ أَمْوَالَ
النَّاسِ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَيُضَدُّونَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ
اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ يَكْنِزُونَ الذَّهَبَ وَالْفِضَّةَ
وَلَا يُنْفِقُونَهَا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ
فَبَسِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابِ الْيَوْمِ (التوبة 34)

يَوْمَ يُخْفَى عَلَيْهَا فِي نَارِ
جَهَنَّمَ فَتُكْوَى بِهَا جِبَاهُهُمْ
وَجُنُوبُهُمْ وَظُهُورُهُمْ هَذَا
مَا كُنْتُمْ لِأَنفُسِكُمْ فَذُوقُوا
مَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ (التوبة 35)

**MONEY IS IMPORTANT
BUT...**

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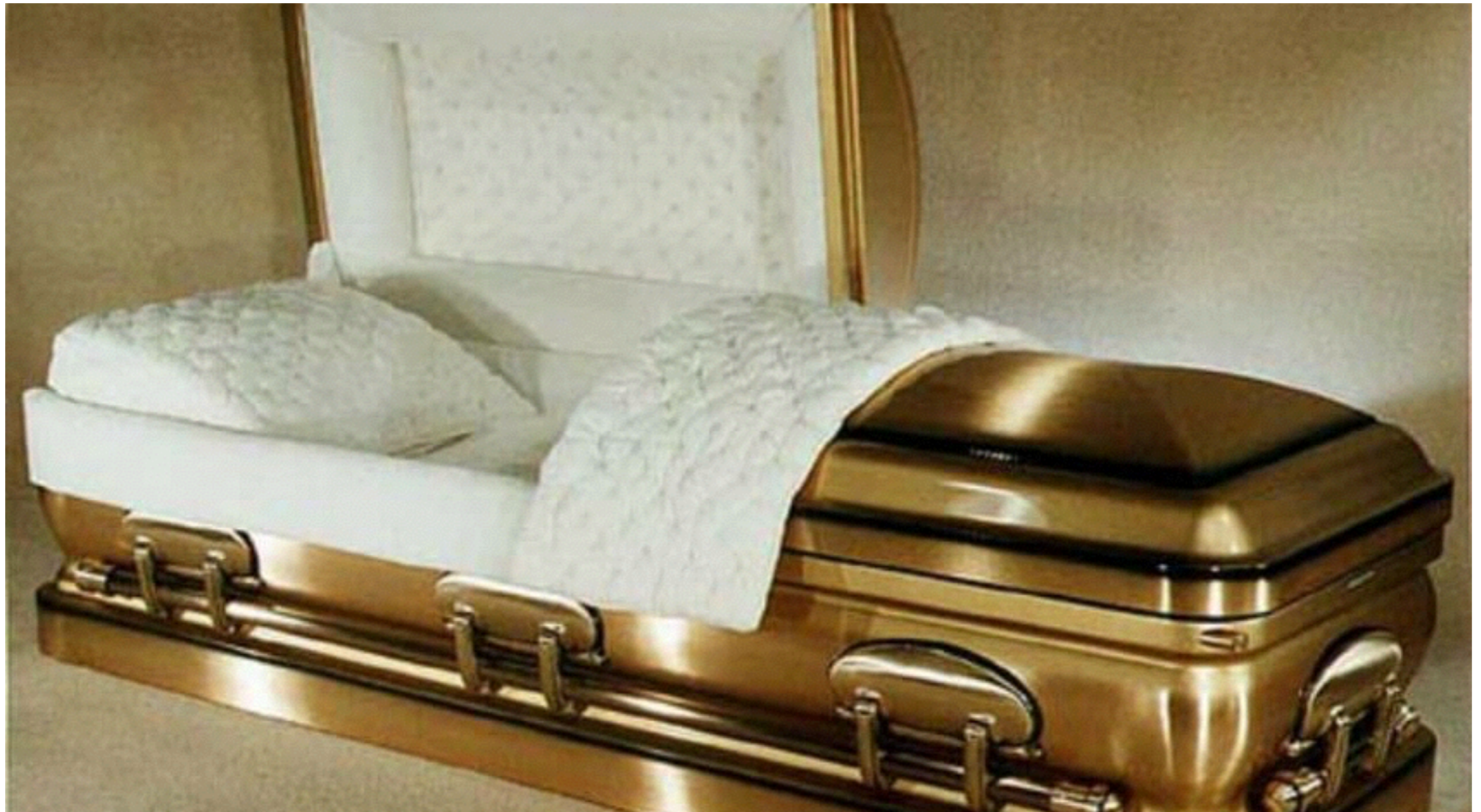
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وَلَا يَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَبْخُلُونَ بِمَا
آتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ هُوَ خَيْرًا
لَهُمْ بَلْ هُوَ شَرٌّ لَهُمْ سَيُطَوَّقُونَ
مَا بَخَلُوا بِهِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَلِلَّهِ
مِيرَاتُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاللَّهُ
بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ (آل عمران 180)

STORY OF A MISERLY PERSON



PAY YOUR ZAKAH

**CALCULATE YOUR ZAKAH
PROPERLY**

WHY DISTRIBUTING ZAKAT TO THE POOR AND NEEDY IS CRITICAL

- Prophet Muhammad ﷺ sought refuge in Allah from “disbelief and poverty” (Sahih Ibn Hibban).
- How far would you go to get basic necessities for yourself and your family?
- Provides a believer with the material resources required for essential needs
- Cultivates a sense of belonging to the Muslim community
- Imam al-Kasani (d. 587 AH) states: “Zakat strengthens the weak, empowers the unable, and uplifts them to establish Tawhid (oneness of Allah) and worship ordained by Allah.”

**WHAT ARE THE
OVERARCHING
OBJECTIVES OF ZAKAT?**

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If Salat and Zakat are rightfully established at an individual and collective level, they will help all other good deeds to manifest in society.

-Mufti Faraz Adam

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The benefits of Zakat go back to the payer and to society as a whole here.

-Shah Waliullah (d. 1176 AH)

HOW TO ACHIEVE THE OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES OF ZAKAH

1. Understand the importance of paying zakah
2. Pay the zakah on time
3. Calculate it properly
4. Distribute it properly

HOW TO EFFECTIVELY DISTRIBUTE OUR ZAKAH? (ACCORDING TO MUFTI FARAZ ADAM)

1. Pool funds
2. Focus on local distribution of those funds
3. Balancing their distribution.

POOLING FUNDS

- Pool the resources who have shared social, cultural and political concerns
- More strategic benefit to the Muslims in the long term
- Sounds great, but is there any evidence for this?
- The centralization of Zakat is addressed in the Qur'an.
- The Qur'an refers to "the administrators of Zakat" (9:60) which points to workers in a central organization collecting and distributing Zakat in society.

QUESTIONS ABOUT "POOLING THE FUNDS"

- Is this oversimplifying the issue?
- Can we trust that organization to distribute it properly?
- Is this even practical?
- Shouldn't we diversify our zakah?
- Isn't one of the best forms of giving zakah/sadaqah hand to hand in your own local communities?

Be Responsible with Zakat

- Just because it's non-profit, doesn't mean they are eligible to receive zakat.
- Incorrect understanding of the term "fisabilillah"
- Zakat funds must be treated differently from other funds
- Ask "what policies do they have in distributing the zakat?"
- "How much does my zakat goes to charity?"
- Are the audited financials prepared by independent accountant with an audit oversight committee
- Look for organizations run by Muslims who are trustworthy and have good character, and who seek consultation from scholars on proper distribution of zakat

FOCUS LOCALLY

- Zakat begins at home.
- The Hanafi school states it is disliked sending Zakat overseas whilst there is a local need
- The Maliki, Shafi'i, and Hanbali jurists are all of the opinion that Zakat should be distributed locally except when there is a surplus or in emergencies.



RECAP

- How important was zakat and sadaqah to Muhammad ﷺ
- History of Zakah according to the Qur'an
- Statements of the scholars of the past about zakat
- Abu Bakr's attitude towards those "Muslims" who weren't paying zakah
- The linguistic definition
- The technical definition
- How giving zakat purifies us
- How giving zakat can lead to barakah
- What are the consequences of not giving zakat
- What are the primary objectives of zakat and how to achieve it
- How to distribute the zakat effectively



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