

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْوَلَدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah *azza wajal*, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,
The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah *azza wajal*, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*

Bangles of Fire

It is reported that once a female appeared in front of the Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* accompanied by her daughter as well. This young girl had gold bangles around her wrist.

The Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* asked the mother, “Do you fulfil the Zakah for these bangles?” She replied that she did not. The Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* then asked her, “Are you happy that on the Day of Judgement in place of these, Allah *azza wajal* makes you wear bangles of fire?” When she heard this, she took out these bangles and placed it in front of the Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* and declared that this now belongs to Allah *azza wajal* and His Prophet *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*. (Sunan Abu Daud)

Lesson

There is no doubt that when a person has real fear for Allah *azza wajal*, then this fear protects and saves him or her from many evils. This is the reason that after explaining about the importance of fulfilling the Zakah, the Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* warned her about the Divine Punishment which might befall her. This had an immediate impact on this blessed female. At the same time, perhaps we can also say that this lady was not aware of the proper rules of Zakah and his advise to her was also as a method of lesson for his Ummah.

However, look at the amazing Imaan of this female that the minute she came to know of the proper rules, she immediately gave these bangles away.

She did not concern herself whether there was any financial loss. She was more concerned about the Hereafter. She also handed a lesson to Muslim females of the future that this world and the beauty of this world is only for a few days. If one ignores this and chooses the beauty of the world instead, then the punishment of the Hereafter is eternal. Therefore, she was convinced that it was better to heed the advice of the Noble Messenger of Allah *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam* which was better than having to face the Fire of Hell.

Our advice to our Muslim sisters is that they should also take account of all their valuables and seek the advice of a qualified Imaam who would be able to educate them on whether they owe Zakah on certain items or not.

We make Du'a that Allah *azza wajal* blesses our Muslim sisters with this concern and responsibility. Aameen.