

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ كَمَا هُوَ اَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلٰى سَيِّدِ وُلْدِ اٰدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضٰى بِاَنْ يُصَلِّىَ عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

Rights of a Blind Jew

Qadi Abu Yusuf - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in his *Kitaabul Khiraaj* explains that, “One day, as Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was walking in the wild outskirts, he noticed a blind Jewish beggar who had a container in his hand. From his appearance, he seemed to be a Dhimmī. In other words, someone who was under the protection of the Muslim government. Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then approached this person and slightly shaking him, he asked, ‘Which group of the Ahle Kitaab are you associated with?’ The person replied that he was a Jew.

“Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then asked him the reason for carrying this container. He replied, ‘Firstly, I have to collect to pay the Jizyah and, secondly, I have to collect monies so that I can take care of myself. Thirdly, as you can see, I am very old and cannot earn any livelihood. At the same time, if I am unable to collect for all of these purposes, I will not be able to survive.’

“When Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - heard this old person’s story, he took him home with him all the time holding his hand. He then gave him whatever he could and then called the treasurer of the Baitul Maal and said to him, ‘This is an old Jewish person. Please take care of his needs and the needs of the other old people among the Ahle Kitaab.’”

As a matter of fact, because of this incident, the Jizyah was also lifted for all those non-Muslim who were unable to pay the Jizyah.