

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَلَدِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى 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*

To Beg for no reason

It is considered as Haraam to beg so that your wealth and riches can increase. There are many dire warning which have been given in the Hadith Shareef. We will mention a few of them.

1. Hadrat Sayyiduna Qubaysah bin Makhaariq - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that once Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - said to him, "O Qubaysah! It is not permissible to beg and ask someone except for three people. The first is that person who has taken the guarantee of someone and he does not have the money (to repay this guarantee), it is Halaal for him to beg others so that he can fulfil his guarantee. The second person is that person whose belongings have been destroyed. It is Halaal for him to beg others for only that amount through which he can once again reset his life. The third person is that person who is extremely poor and hungry and three people from his community also bear testimony that indeed this person is in dire need. He may beg others for something so that he can also manage

to survive. Besides for these three people, to beg others and ask others for money, O Qubaysah! That wealth is Haraam which is being consumed.” (Mishkaat Shareef from Sahih Muslim)

2. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “Whoever begs to increase his personal wealth, he is asking for the burning coal of the Fire of Hell. He should then realise whether he (is asking for) more or for less.” (Mishkaat Shareef from Sahih Muslim)

3. Hadrat Sayyiduna Hakeem bin Hizaam - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that once he asked Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - for some items. Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - gave him those items. He again asked Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and again Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - gave him something. Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - then mentioned to him, “O Hakeem! This wealth is sweet and tasty, in other words, very well liked and delicious. Whoever takes it with genuine honesty, there is Barakah in it and whoever takes it to satisfy his nafs and in greed, there will be no Barakah in it. His example will be like someone who continues to eat but does not become full. The hand above is better than the hand below. (In other words, the hand which gives is better than the hand which takes).” Hadrat Sayyiduna Hakeem - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that after this, he mentioned to Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*, “O Prophet of Allah, I swear by that Divine Being Who has sent you as a true Messenger, after this, I will never ask from anyone again.” (Mishkaat Shareef from Sahih Bukhari and Sahih Muslim)

4. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Sa'eed - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “He who protects himself from begging or asking, Allah Almighty will also protect him and he who reveals himself as self-sufficient, Allah Almighty will make him self-sufficient. He who remains patient, Allah Almighty will include him among the patient and except for patience no greater gift has been given to anyone.” (Mishkaat Shareef from Sahih Bukhari and Sahih Muslim)

5. Hadrat Sayyiduna Thoubaan - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that once Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - declared, "Who will give me assurance that he will not ask from anyone so that I can become his guarantor for Jannah?" Hadrat Sayyiduna Thouban - *may Allah be pleased with him* - replied, "O Prophet of Allah! I am giving such an assurance". It is mentioned that after this, this blessed companion never asked anyone for a single item. (Mishkaat Shareef from Abu Daud)

6. Hadrat Sayyiduna Zubair bin Al Awaam - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that once Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - declared, "It is better for you to take a rope and carry a load of wood on your back and sell this to look after yourself than to ask anyone for anything. (Mishkaat Shareef from Sahih Bukhari)

7. Hadrat Sayyiduna Sahl bin Al Hanzalah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "That person who has enough so that he is independent of others and yet still begs others, he is indeed (asking) to consume a large part of the Fire of Hell". (Mishkaat Shareef from Abu Daud)

In other words, to ask anyone for anything without a valid reason is indeed an act which is considered as Haraam in Islam. In the present age, people have made begging a type of occupation and trade and each one fights for the best spot in the market place. These people should indeed take heed of the dire warning which has been given by Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. They should also bear in mind that they are indeed not gaining any true wealth but are actually earning the Fire of Hell.