

have to do with people's affairs. Allah has made it a means of working out times that is available to everyone, young and old, knowledgeable and ignorant. If times were calculated according to the solar calendar, no one would know it except very few people.

﴿It is not righteousness to enter your houses from the rear﴾. In the past, when the Anṣār and others among the Arabs entered *iḥrām*, they would not enter houses through their doors, thinking that this action was a kind of worship and righteousness. So Allah told them that it was not righteousness, because Allah (ﷻ) had not prescribed it for them; any person who does an act of worship that was not prescribed by Allah or His Messenger (ﷺ) is worshipping on the basis of innovation (*bid'ah*). He commanded them to enter houses through their doors, because that is easier for them, and one of the aims of Sharia is to make things easier for people.

From this verse we learn that in every situation one should approach the matter in the easiest manner that Allah has made the means of doing it. So the one who wants to enjoin what is good and forbid what is evil should look at the character of a person and his situation, and use gentleness and tact, by means of which his intended goal will be met, completely or partially. Both student and teacher should follow the easiest way of reaching the (educational) goal. The same applies to everyone who tries to do something: if he approaches it in the proper manner and persists in it, he will inevitably reach his goal with the help of Allah.

﴿and fear Allah﴾. This is the righteousness that Allah enjoins: that is, adhering to piety all the time, obeying His commands and heeding His prohibitions. This is the means of success, which is attaining one's goal and saving oneself from what one is afraid of. The one who does not fear Allah (ﷻ) will have no way of attaining success, whereas the one who does fear Him will attain success.