

﴿and those in need﴾. This refers to those who have urgent needs and are helpless. They should be given charity to meet their needs and make them independent of means.

﴿and for wayfarers﴾. The wayfarer is a stranger who is cut off in a foreign land. He should be helped on his way by spending on that which will help him to reach his destination.

Allah (ﷻ) singled out these categories for mention because of the severity of their need. Then Allah (ﷻ) spoke in more general terms: ﴿and whatever good you do﴾ of charity to these people and others, and all kinds of acts of obedience and worship – because they all come under the heading of good.

﴿Allah is aware of it﴾ and will reward you for it and preserve that reward for you, each according to his intention and sincerity, how much or how little he spent, the severity of the need for it, and the impact of it and how beneficial it was.



﴿كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْقِتَالُ وَهُوَ كَرْهٌ لَّكُمْ وَعَسَىٰ أَن تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ  
وَعَسَىٰ أَن تُحِبُّوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ شَرٌّ لَّكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ﴾ (سورة

البقرة: ٢١٦)

2:216. Fighting is prescribed for you, even though you dislike it. But it may be that you dislike a thing although it is good for you, and that you like a thing although it is bad for you. Allah knows, and you do not know.

This verse enjoins fighting for the sake of Allah, after the believers had been instructed to refrain from fighting because of their weakness and lack of readiness. But when the Prophet (ﷺ) migrated to Madinah, and the Muslims increased in numbers and strength,