

might eat it, even in situations where they usually shared food. They asked the Prophet (ﷺ) about that, and Allah (ﷻ) told them that what is meant is to manage orphans' wealth in the best way, by protecting it, taking care of it and making it increase through trade, and that mixing with them with regard to food and other matters was permissible if it was done in a way that did not harm the orphans, because they are your brothers and it is normal for a person to mix with his brother. What matters in this case is the intention and the deed. If Allah knows that a person is sincere and honest towards the orphan in his intentions, and that he does not want to take his wealth, then if he used any of the orphan's wealth unintentionally, there would be no blame on him. But if Allah knows that by mixing the two, a person intends to take and devour the orphan's wealth, then this is the one who is to be blamed, and he is sinning. The means come under the same ruling as the ends.

This verse indicates that different types of mixing with regard to food, drink and trade are permissible. This is a concession granted by the kindness of Allah, to make things easy for the believers. Otherwise, ﴿if Allah willed, He could have made things hard for you﴾ that is, He could have made it difficult for you by not granting you this concession, then it would be difficult for you and you would be sinning.

﴿Allah is indeed Almighty﴾ that is, He has perfect strength and all things are under His control, but at the same time He is ﴿Most Wise﴾ and only does that which His perfect wisdom and care dictate. His might does not contradict His wisdom, so it cannot be said that whatever He wills He does whether it is in accordance with wisdom or not. Rather we should say that His actions and rulings are in accordance with His wisdom, so He does not create anything in vain; rather it must be for a reason, whether we know it or not. By the same token, He does not prescribe anything for His slaves without it being connected to wisdom; He only enjoins that which is purely or mostly