

- 2:241. The divorced women should be given something according to what is reasonable. This is a duty incumbent upon the pious.
- 2:242. In this way Allah makes His revelations clear to you, so that you may understand.

That is, every divorced woman should be given something according to what is reasonable, and this is an obligation upon everyone who is pious, so as to offer compensation to the woman and to fulfil some of her rights. This gift is obligatory for one who divorces his wife before consummation of the marriage, and giving it is sunnah in other cases, as stated above. This is the best opinion concerning this matter. It was also suggested that giving the gift is obligatory in all cases of divorce, based on the general meaning of this verse. However, the basic principle is that what is general in meaning should be understood in the light of what is specific, and we have seen above that the ruling on giving something to the divorced woman applies specifically in the case of divorce before settling the dowry and consummating the marriage.

As Allah (ﷻ) has described these important rulings as being based on wisdom and mercy, He reminds people of His favour by saying: «In this way Allah makes His revelations clear to you» that is, He makes clear His limits, what He permits, what He forbids, and rulings that are beneficial for you, so that you might understand them, recognise them and be aware of the purpose behind them. The one who learns that is obliged to act upon them.



﴿ أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ خَرَجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ وَهُمْ أُلُوفٌ حَذَرَ الْمَوْتِ فَقَالَ لَهُمُ اللَّهُ مُوتُوا ثُمَّ أَخْيَبَهُمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَذُو فَضْلٍ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٢٤٢﴾ وَقَالُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٤٣﴾ ﴾