

forgiveness is also an act of kindness because you are not blaming him. Both actions are kindness in which there is nothing that may spoil it, so they are both better than a kind charitable act that is followed by hurtful reminders and the like. What the verse means is that charity that is not followed by hurtful words or actions is better than kind words and forgiveness; rather it is reminding of charity that spoils it and it is forbidden, because only Allah (ﷻ) can remind of favours and all blessings come from Him. Hence the individual should not remind others of something that came about as a result of Allah's kindness and grace, and did not come from him. Moreover, reminding another of one's favour is like enslaving him, but humbleness and servitude are only befitting if directed towards Allah. Allah has no need of His creation, but all of them need Him in all circumstances and at all times. So the benefit of your charity, spending and worship comes back to you. «Allah is Self-Sufficient» and has no need of it. Despite all that, He is «Most Forbearing» towards the one who disobeys Him. He does not hasten to punish him even though He is able to do so; His mercy, kindness and forbearance prevent Him from hastening to punish those who disobey Him. Rather He gives respite and explains the signs to them in various ways, so that they might return to Him and repent. But once He knows that there is nothing good in them, and that the signs will not benefit them, and they have not learnt from previous exemplary punishments, then He will send the punishment down upon them and deprive them of His great reward.



﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تُبْطِلُوا صَدَقَاتِكُمْ بِالْمَنِّ وَالْأَذَى كَالَّذِي يُنْفِقُ مَالَهُ رِثَاءَ
النَّاسِ وَلَا يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ ءَآخِرٍ فَمَثَلُهُ كَمَثَلِ صَفْوَانٍ عَلَيْهِ تُرَابٌ فَأَصَابَهُ وَابِلٌ
فَتَرَكَهُ صَلْدًا لَا يَقْدِرُونَ عَلَى شَيْءٍ مِّمَّا كَسَبُوا وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ

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