

Here Allah (ﷻ) says to His Prophet (ﷺ): You are not responsible for guiding people; rather all you have to do is convey the message clearly, and guidance is in the Hand of Allah (ﷻ). This indicates that just as charity may be given to a Muslim, it may also be given to a disbeliever, even if he is not guided. Hence Allah says: ﴿Whatever wealth you spend in charity﴾ that is, whether the amount is great or small, and whether it is given to a Muslim or non-Muslim, ﴿benefits your own souls﴾ that is, you are the ones who benefit from it.

﴿and you do not spend except seeking the pleasure of Allah﴾. This is a statement about charity given by the believers that is based on their faith, because it is only for the sake of Allah (ﷻ); their faith forbids them to have any bad intentions or ulterior motives, and it obliges them to be sincere.

﴿Whatever wealth you give will be repaid to you in full﴾ on the Day of Resurrection, when you will be given your reward in full ﴿and you will not be wronged﴾ that is, nothing will be detracted from your righteous deeds, not even the smallest amount, just as your bad deeds will not be increased.

Then Allah mentions the recipients of charity who are the most entitled to it, namely:

- 1- The poor.
- 2- Those who are ﴿wholly occupied in Allah's cause﴾ that is, they are completely focused on obedience to Allah, in jihad and otherwise; they are prepared for that and are kept ready for that.
- 3- Those who are unable to travel in order to seek provision. Allah says: ﴿and cannot move about in the land﴾ that is, they are unable to travel in order to earn a living.
- 4- ﴿the one who is unaware thinks, because of their dignity, that they are free from want﴾. This tells us of the sincerity of their patience and their dignified attitude.