

A BELIEVER'S WEALTH

WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

We are reminded in Sura Tauba (ch. 9): verses 34 & 35:-

"... And there are those who hoard gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah: announce unto them a most grievous penalty -- on the day when heat will be produced out of that (wealth) in the fire of hell, and with it will be branded their foreheads, their flanks and their backs.—'This is the (treasure) which you hoarded for yourselves: taste you, then the (treasure) you hoarded.' "

When these verses were revealed, the companions of our beloved Nabie (S.A.W.) wondered what kind of wealth they should accumulate instead.

Umar (R.A.) went to enquire on their behalf.

The holy Prophet (S.A.W.) Replied: "Each of you should acquire a heart grateful to Allah (S.W.T.), and a tongue accustomed to his remembrance, and a believing spouse who will be of assistance in matters relating to eternity."

--- Ibn Majah

Material wealth is of use only when it can solve some problems of life.

The greatest problem for believers is the next life --- hence they considered real wealth to be that which will be of use to them there.

In order to obtain such wealth, one should always be thankful to our Rabb for His blessings.

One's attachment to the divine being should be such that he is always in one's mind and heart.

If one has set one's sight on life-everlasting, one will prefer one's companion in life to be similarly disposed.

There is no greater wealth in the present life than a partner who, instead of enticing one towards the ephemeral, mundane pleasures, assists one on the path to eternity.

While most people see wealth only in gold and silver, a true believer sees true wealth in that which brings him closer to his maker.

This is what will make one eligible for our Rabb's blessings in the life to come.

This, to a true believer, is of supreme importance!

Worksheet

1) Name three rich people who had used their wealth for the good and noble cause of our Rabb.

2) Do you agree with the statement that true wealth is that which brings a person closer to Allah (S.W.T.)? Offer a reason for your answer.

3) Offer comments on the Hadith quoted in the lesson.

4) Quote a verse from the Holy Quraan which states that Allah (S.W.T.) had purchased from the believers their persons and their possessions, and in return, they will attain paradise.
