

DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH

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

Listen to our Maker in Sura al-Hashr (59): verse 7:-

“What Allah has bestowed on His Messenger (and taken away) from the people of the townships, - belongs to Allah,-- and His Messenger and to kindred and orphans, the needy and the wayfarer; in order that it (the wealth) may not (merely) make a circuit between the wealthy among you. ...”

Let us use the analogy of the human body to offer an understanding to the above verse.

The heart pumps blood to all parts of the body. If it fails to pump blood to a foot, in time the foot will become gangrenous which would result in its amputation.

If the heart fails to pump blood to the brain, in a short while death will stretch forth its hands.

The heart can be likened to the wealthy and the blood to their wealth.

If the rich fail to take care of the needs of the poor and the needy, a morally and spiritually gangrenous society will emerge.

Remember, the failure to take proper care of the orphans kills in a people the spirit of sacrifice, and neglect of the poor and the needy deprives a useful section of the community of all initiative and the will to improve their lot.

It is sad but true to say that human passion for worldly riches, i.e., the worship of wealth is the bane of the materialistic civilisation of the day!

Worksheet

- 1) Offer a comment on the following statement: **'We worked hard for our money --- we can do with it as we like!'**

- 2) What would happen if humans were to implement the verse quoted in the above lesson?

- 3) Would you say that as Muslims, we have failed to take heed of our Rabb's message in this excellent verse? Comment.
