



Bismillah-ir Rahman-ir Raheem

[In the name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful]

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“What do Our Scriptures Say to Alleviate Poverty”?

Holy Qur'an 9: 60

60. (Zakat) charity is only for the poor and the needy, and those employed to administer it, and those whose hearts are made to incline (to truth), and (to free) the captives, and those in debt, and in the way of Allah and for the wayfarer – an ordinance from Allah. And Allah is Knowing, Wise.

Holy Qur'an 2: 261-273

261. The parable of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is the parable of a grain growing seven years, in every year a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies (further) for whom He pleases. And Allah is Ample-Giving, Knowing. **262.** Those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah, then follow not up what they have spent with reproach or injury, their reward is with their Lord, and they shall have no fear nor shall they grieve. **263.** A kind word with forgiveness is better than charity followed by injury. And Allah is Self-Sufficient, Forbearing. **264.** O you who believe, make not your charity worthless by reproach and injury, like him who spends his wealth to be seen of men and believes not in Allah and the Last Day. So His parable is as the parable of a smooth rock with earth upon it, then heavy rain falls upon it, so it leaves it bare! They are not able to gain anything of that which they earn. And Allah guides not the disbelieving people. **265.** And the parable of those who spend their wealth to seek Allah's pleasure and for the strengthening of their souls is as the parable of a garden on elevated ground, upon which heavy rain falls, so it brings forth its fruit twofold; but if heavy rain falls not on it, light rain (suffices). And Allah is Seer of what you do. **267.** O you who believe, spend of the good things that you earn and of that which We bring forth for you out of the earth, and aim not at the bad to spend thereof, while you would not take it yourselves unless you connive at it. And know that Allah is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy. **268.** The devil threatens you with poverty and enjoins you to be niggardly, and Allah promises you forgiveness from Himself and abundance. And Allah is Ample-Giving and Knowing. **269.** He grants wisdom to whom He pleases. And whoever is granted wisdom, he indeed is given a great good. And none mind but men of understanding. **270.** And whatever alms you give or (whatever) vow you vow, Allah surely knows it. And the wrong doers shall have no helpers. **271.** If you manifest charity, how excellent it is! And if you hide it and give it to the poor, it is good for you. And it will do away with some of your evil deeds; and Allah is aware of what you do. **272.** Their guidance is not thy duty, but Allah guides whom He pleases. And whatever good thing you spend, it is to your good. And you spend not but to seek Allah's pleasure. And whatever good thing you spend, it will be paid back to you in full, and you will not be wronged. **273.** (Charity) is for the poor who are confined in the view of Allah, they cannot go about in the land; the ignorant man thinks them to be rich on account of (their) abstaining (from begging). Thou canst recognise them by their mark – they beg not of men importunately. And whatever good thing you spend, surely Allah is Knower of it.

Holy Qur'an 107: 1-7

1. Hast thou seen him who belies religion? **2.** That is the one who is rough to the orphan, **3.** And urges not the feeding of the needy. **4.** So woe to the praying ones, **5.** Who are unmindful of their prayer! **6.** Who do good to be seen, **7.** And refrain from acts of kindness.