

HADĪTH OF THE WEEK – WEEK TWENTY-THREE

On the authority of 'Abū Dharr, may Allāh be pleased with him:

Some people from among the companions of the Messenger of Allāh, may Allāh's blessings and peace be upon him, said to the Prophet, may Allāh's blessings and peace be upon him: "O Messenger of Allāh, the affluent have made off with the rewards: They pray as we pray, fast as we fast, and they also give in charity by virtue of their wealth."

He, may Allāh's blessings and peace be upon him, said, "**Has not Allāh made things for you to give in charity? Surely for you with every tasbīḥah (saying subḥānā l-lāh) is charity, with every takbīrah (saying Allāhu 'akbar) is charity, with every taḥmīdah (saying al-ḥamdu li l-lāh) is charity, with every tahlīlah (saying lā 'ilāha 'illa l-lāh) is charity, with commanding what is good is charity, with forbidding evil charity, and in the leisure of each one of you is charity.**"

They said, "O Messenger of Allāh, when one of us satisfies his appetite will he have some reward for that?" He, may Allāh's blessings and peace be upon him, said, "**Do you not see that if he were to act upon it in a ḥarām manner, he would be deserving of punishment? Likewise, if he were to act upon it in a ḥalāl manner, he will be deserving of reward.**"

It was related by Muslim.