

Allah says..

"And whatsoever the Messenger gives you, take it and whatsoever he forbids you, abstain from it."

(translation of Allah's Words in Al-Quran surah Al-Hasyr: 7)

Messenger of Allah said..

"They are all equal (in sin and penalty)."

(Narrated by Jabir ibn 'Abdullah, the Prophet was in this *hadith* cursing the recipient of *riba*, its giver and the one who records such transaction, and the witnesses. *Sahih Muslim*)

Salam

AFP

Ungrateful Lot

That is an expression that sometimes we hear from some people – chiding children, friends, relatives and employees who took something from them but (they thought) failed to behave in a manner that showed gratitude.

"I have given them so much, they should be more grateful and work harder," one supervisor said of his subordinates, for example. "But they are simply a bunch of ungrateful people!"

Ingratitude is not confined to children and staffers alone. That expression actually fits a lot more people than we think, including the parents and the supervisors who berate their children and employees for being an ungrateful bunch of people.

Indeed there probably aren't too many people who feel grateful for the air that they breathe in, the hearts that beat and pump blood throughout all of their body system, the legs that carry them, the hands that help them, the sunshine, the rain... For life. For their five faculties.

Ibn al-Qayyim al-Jawziyyah in *Patience and Gratitude* wrote: A man said to Abu Hatim, "What is the gratitude of the eyes?" He said, "If you see good things, you speak about them, and if you see bad things, you keep quiet about them."

The man asked again, "What is the gratitude of the ears?"

Abu Hatim replied, "If you hear something good, you accept it, and if you hear something bad, you reject it."

"What is the gratitude of the hands?"

"Do not take that which does not belong to you and do not hold back from paying the dues of Allah (*Zakat*)."

"What is the gratitude of the head?"

"To have knowledge in it."

"And what is the gratitude of one's private parts?"

"It is (of those who) guard their private parts except from those joined to them in marriage...those whose desires exceed those limits are transgressors."

Islamia/The Brunei Times

**Say, there is no god but Allah.
You will be successful.**

**Day of Settling Scores****Dr Umar S Al-Asyqar**

When the Day of Resurrection comes, a man's wealth and capital will be his *hasanat* (good deeds).

If he had done wrong to any people, they will take from his *hasanat* to the extent that he mistreated them. If he does not have any *hasanat*, or if his *hasanat* run out, then some of their *sayi'at* (bad deeds) will be taken and added to his burden.

Imam al-Bukhari narrated on the authority of Abu Hurayrah that the Messenger of Allah, may peace and blessing be upon him (*sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) said, "Whoever wronged his brother with regard to his honour or any other matter, should seek his forgiveness today, before there are no longer any Dinars, or Dirhams; and if he has any righteous deeds, they will be taken from him, in accordance with the wrong he did; and if he has no *hasanat*, some of the *sayi'at* of his counterpart will be taken and added to his burden." (*Sahih al-Bukhari, Fath al-Baari*)

This person whose *hasanat* are taken from him by the people, and then has their *sayi'at* placed on his own back, is the one who is bankrupt, as the Messenger of Allah called him.

Muslim narrated from Abu Hurayrah that the Messenger of Allah said, "Do you know who is the one who is bankrupt?" They said, "The bankrupt is the one who has no money and no possessions." He said, "Among my *Ummah*, the one who is bankrupt is the one who will come on the Day of Resurrection with prayer and fasting and *Zakat* (to his credit), but he will come having insulted this one, slandered that one, consumed the wealth of this one and shed the blood of that one, and beaten that one. So they will all be given some of his *hasanat*, and when his *hasanat*

run out, before judgement is passed, some of their sins will be taken and cast onto him, then he will be cast into the Fire." (*Sahih Muslim*)

Debt

If a debtor died when he still owed money to people, they will take from his *hasanat* whatever is in accordance with what he owes them. In *Sunan ibn Majah* it is narrated with a *sahih isnad* that Ibn 'Umar (*radiallahu 'anhu*, may Allah be well-pleased with him) stated: The Messenger of Allah (*sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) said, "Whoever dies owing a Dinar or a Dirham, it will be paid from his *hasanat*, for then there will be no Dinars or Dirhams." (*Sahih al-Jami' as-Saghir*)

Mistreatment

If people wronged one another, the score will be settled between them. If they mistreated one another equally, then there will be no score to settle. If one of them is still owed something by the other, he will take what he is entitled to.

In *Sunan at-Tirmizi* it is narrated that 'Aisyah said, "A man came and sat in front of the Messenger of Allah, and said, 'O Messenger of Allah,

“

Allah says, "And We shall set up Balances of justice on the Day of Resurrection, then none will be dealt with unjustly in anything. And if there be the weight of a mustard seed, We will bring it. And Sufficient are We to take account."

”

I have two slaves who tell me lies, betray and disobey me, and I insult them and beat them. What is my position with regard to them?" The Messenger of Allah said, "On the Day of Resurrection, their betrayal, disobedience and lying will be measured against your punishment of them. If your punishment is commensurate with their wrongs, then there will be no score to settle. If your punishment of them was less than their sins deserved, then this will count in your favour. If your punishment of them was more than their sins deserved, then the score will be settled against you."

The man turned away and started to weep. The Messenger of Allah said to him, "Have you not read the words of Allah?" - "And We shall set up Balances of justice on the Day of Resurrection, then none will be dealt with unjustly in anything. And if there be the weight of a mustard seed, We will bring it. And Sufficient are We to take account." (Al-Quran surah Al-Anbiya: 47) The *hadith* is recounted in *Misykat al-Masabih*. It is also narrated in *Sahih al-Jami'* where it is attributed to Ahmad and Tirmizi.

Oppression

Because *Zulm* (oppression) is such a serious matter, it is better for those who fear that Day to give up oppression and avoid it.

The Messenger of Allah has told us that oppression will be darkness on the Day of Resurrection.

Bukhari and Muslim narrated from 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar that the Prophet (*sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) said, "Oppression (*Zulm*) will be darkness (*Zulumat*) on the Day of Resurrection." (*Sahih al-Bukhari, Fath al-Bari*)

Muslim narrated from Jabir ibn 'Abdullah that the Messenger of Allah said, "Beware of oppression (*Zulm*), for oppression will be darkness (*Zulumat*) on the Day of Resurrection." (*Sahih Muslim*)