

Chapter – 51

Reckless Spending

(اسراف)

❖ وَالَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ رِئَاءَ النَّاسِ وَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَا بِالْيَوْمِ

الْآخِرِ وَمَنْ يَكُنِ الشَّيْطَانُ لَهُ قَرِينًا فَسَاءَ قَرِينًا .

And those who spend their wealth to show off the people, and do not accept faith in Allah nor the Last Day; have taken Shaytan as a companion, so what an evil companion is he! (04:38)

❖ وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ .

And do not be wasteful, certainly (Allah) does not love who go for reckless spending. (06:141)

Dear People! Just look at the situation of present day Muslims; how they are ---? They became habitual of extravagant and reckless spending. From birth to death, it has become customary for them to go for wasteful expenditures.

They spend excessive money on many celebrations like, Children's beginning in the name God (بِسْمِ اللَّهِ), Birthday, Henna, Marriage, and Banquet Reception etc. At every step there is gathering and high expenses. At the opening of children's fast, there is expenditure. While keeping their names, there is celebration and spending money. Even, on عرس (death anniversary) heavy expenditures are made every year. All these celebrations are made mostly with the Bank's Interests. Sometime loans are also taken. First of all borrowing money itself cannot be appreciated. Secondly, reckless spending of money on religious celebrations is like spoiling your good deeds and against it getting unnecessary sins in your credit.

What is the situation of our marriages? People say; “Our parents have spent lot of money on our marriage.” --- “When our sister was married so much pairs of heavy dresses were prepared for her. She was given so many jewelry sets.” --- “Now if we will not do on this marriage with similar level what people would say?”

On the events of marriages, the first question from bridegroom’s family would be, “What you will give? Will it be a motor car? How much money in cash will be given? Will you bear all the expenses of bridegroom’s education in the West? Can you assist for an appropriate job for the bridegroom?”

All such demands are made from idle, useless, and worthless man. Man just searches money from woman. Previously, it was man’s responsibility to take care of woman. Now, man is fed by woman. And those women who cannot fulfill such demands they remain unmarried forever.

There is one story of our days that gives us a lesson as well. --- Father of a girl asked for loan from a money lender so that he could arrange marriage of his daughter. At the eleventh hour, the money lender refused to give this loan. The girl was shocked and ultimately the unfortunate fellow gone for suicide. --- Sad to say! The blood of Muslims is being drunk by leeches. The names of these leeches are Bankers, Money-Lenders, Traders, and Merchants etc.

Contrary to this, there are some good fellows as well, who did simple marriages that were absolutely as per Islamic principles. As such marriages remained as ‘Happy Marriages’ for them and not a ‘Shattered Life’. Anyways, Muslims are in pity conditions. This needs proper attention.

Earlier, Muslims were rich. They were the rulers. They were encouraged for openhandedness but simultaneously warned for lavish and wasteful attitude. Every one used to advise for generosity. Generousness is always good. But now Muslims do not have wealth. They loosed their respect. All have gone due to their laziness and excessive expenses.

Now, it is the time to be economical, to be educated, to be watchful on wastages, and to be a moderate one. Now is the time for advising not to go for reckless expenditures.

Save money. Money has excellence. Money has perfection. Remember! Without money there is no respect.

Just look at this point that:

بھری تھیلی کھڑی رہتی ہے اور خالی تھیلی پڑی رہتی ہے

(Filled bag stands upright whereas empty bag lies down)

Nowadays everybody used to claim for the betterment of traditions but practically it is all zero. This word ‘betterment’ is used so many times that even the name of God is not taken. Everywhere simply the word ‘betterment’ is told.

O Muslims! For God sake! Be merciful to your own self and your family. Stop wastages and reckless spending. Look! What Quran says?

إِنَّ الْمُبَدِّرِينَ كَانُوا إِخْوَانَ الشَّيَاطِينِ

{Indeed, those who needlessly waste are brothers of devils. (17:27)}

اٹھو اٹھو یہ خوابِ غفلت کب تک

جاگو جاگو، اجل کیمین گاہ میں ہے

(Be wakeful! For how long this negligence would be?)

Be vigilant! The time of death is unknown)

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ نَفْسِي وَمِنْ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
