

Chapter – 55

Unfair Income

(ناجائز رزق)

❖ وَلَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَاطِلِ وَتُدْلُوا بِهَا إِلَى الْحُكَّامِ
لِتَأْكُلُوا فَرِيقًا مِّنْ أَمْوَالِ النَّاسِ بِالْإِثْمِ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ -

And do not eat other's wealth unjustly, nor put cases to authority (judges) of the properties/wealth unlawfully and knowingly with the intent of taking over the wealth of others. (02:188)

❖ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَاطِلِ إِلَّا أَنْ
تَكُونَ تِجَارَةً عَن تَرَاضٍ مِّنكُمْ وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ
بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا -

O believers! Do not unjustly eat each other's wealth with greediness; except through trade with mutual agreement; and do not kill each other; Indeed Allah is Most Merciful upon you. (04:29)

Dear People! What are wrong doings or illegal ways? Doing those things that are forbidden by God, bribery or corruption, making false case as true, proving wrong as right with speaking power, untrue witness, eating Riba (Bank Interest), gambling, bet on horse racing, illegal money collection from excise duty, theft and dacoit etc. are all wrong doings.

Dear People! Nowadays corruption is at its height. Most of the people are involved in this illegal affair. Right from an office peon to the executive officer no one is free from these forbidden earnings, except a few and very less. This corruption is somewhere named as 'sweet', somewhere as 'cream' and somewhere as 'bestowing'.

Corruption is made in many ways. Sometimes it is received as a right, sometimes it is said as customary, and sometimes it is received as a routine event. Officers and subordinates all are habitual of this system.

Some people say that we take this bribery only from those persons whose cases are right and we do not do anything for wrong cases. Some people attend only those cases in which corruption is made. Sometimes two parties come forward, and only one could be given benefits, so bribery is taken with only one party who is the beneficiary. Interesting part of it is that both parties agree for this settlement.

Some people do not take anything from the public but they take “percentage” from the official bills and for this they consider as their right.

In courts, the cases are intentionally prolonged just to get something from the parties. Sometime, those who do not pay in cash they bring “recommendation” of any influential person. It also happens that case proceeds but they do not do anything wrong during processing. But when they achieve a decision in their favor then they offer expensive gifts to the decision makers. Such people, from both sides, never consider this give and take of gifts as ‘bribery’. In some cases people do not take bribery directly. However, they suggest doing something in the form of gifts for their family and relatives.

Anyways, the *legal definition* says that all such things in which anybody is given any sort of benefit (whether it is in the form of money or kind) is bribery or corruption. ---- In Islam corruption is considered as bad as any murder.

There is a saying that “prostitutes, lawyers and corrupt persons do not have any religion”. Their faith is only money. They do not believe in ‘Reward of God’s Blessing’ and do not care for the ‘last day’ and ‘Hereafter’.

Dear People! If honesty and faith is there, something good for the country and the nation is in your heart, and there is control of the passion against wrong doings as well, then why Muslim would suffer? Taking money from Non-Muslims, doing for the arrest of Muslims, managing to increase the punishments of Muslims is a minor game for such people. So much so that to please Non-Muslims they even arrange for firing on Muslims. It is also considered as a big management. It is also taken as a symbol of their open-heartedness.

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

God save us from these ‘Muslims - only by names’! They openly say that we are neither Hindu nor Muslim! What should we do with Sharia? What we have to do with Islam? We are under the laws of the land. Islamic laws were meant for old days. This is “present” and in this what could be any control of ‘past’ ---? Anyways:

جتے منہ اتنی باتیں

(Many mouths and many speeches)

Beware of it! Making any honest officer and tempting him for doing corruption is an offense. A person, who takes bribery and gives loss to the country’s wealth, is a national criminal. Corruption is not done through money only but getting any sort of illegal benefit is also corruption.

Just look at the latitude of the legal words and have some attention towards these shameful ways of actions. ---- And Remember! Attending to the parties of these corrupt people and enjoying their dinners and then praying for them for success and God’s blessings is also not a lesser evil than corruption.

Just think over it that how this illegal money can create any excellence in your life? And how one can feel peace in his inner self? One bite of unlawful food spoils 40 days of worships and prayers.

اَللّٰهُمَّ احْفَظْنَا مِنْ كُلِّ بَلَاءٍ

(God save us from all bad consequences)

Allah سبحانه و تعالیٰ bless us all for doing good deeds.
