

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful
NAHMADUHU WA NUSALLI ALA RASOOLIHIL KAREEM WAL MEHDI ALMAUD WA TASLEEM

...and not the least and not the greatest of these things but are recorded In a Clear record (Quran).
(10:61)

...but none will grasp the Message but men of understanding. (2:269)
O you who believe! Obey Allah and obey the Apostle, and do not make your deeds of no effect.
(47:33)

Why don't Mahdavis have salaried Imams? (Qur'an and Hadees)

Follow him who does not ask you for reward, and they are the followers of the right course; (36:21)

Say: "Verily, my prayer, my sacrifice, my living, and my dying are for Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.
(6:162)

Imran b. Hussain^{RZ} said that when he came upon a story-teller who was reciting the Qur'an and then asking for payment he first uttered the words, "We belong to God and to Him do we return" and then told that he had heard God's messenger SAS say, "When anyone recites the Qur'an let him ask a reward for it from God, for people will arise who will recite the Qur'an and ask a reward for it from people." (*Mishkat Al Masabih, Book VIII: The Excellent Qualities of the Qur'an, Chapter III*) (Ahmad bin Hambal, *Al-Tirmidhi Hadith 2216*)

And keep yourself patiently with those who call on their Lord morning and afternoon, seeking His Face, and let not your eyes overlook them, desiring the pomp and glitter of the life of the world; and obey not him whose heart We have made heedless of Our Remembrance, one who follows his own lusts and whose affair (deeds) has been lost. (18:28)

Truly those who believe, and do deeds of righteousness, and perform the prayer, and give *Zakat*, they will have their reward with their Lord. On them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve. (2:277)

They are those whom Allah had guided. So follow their guidance. Say: "No reward I ask of you for this. It is only a reminder for the worlds."(6:90)

Narrated Uthman ibn Abul'As^{RZ}: Apostle^{SAS} of Allah, appoint me the leader of the tribe in prayer. He said: You are their leader, but you should follow on who is the weakest of them: and appoint a mu'adhhdhin who does not charge for the calling of Adhan. (*Abu Dawood, Book 2, Number 0531*)

"O my people I ask of you no reward for it. My reward is only from Him, Who created me. Will you not then understand? (11:51)

And verily, the reward of the Hereafter is better for those who believe and used to fear Allah and keep their duty to Him. (12:57)

Say: "No reward do I ask of you for this, save that whosoever wills, may take a Path to his Lord. (25:57)

"No reward do I ask of you for it, my reward is only from the Lord of the Worlds. (26:109) (26:127) (26:145) (26:164) (26:180) (11:29) (12:104) (39:10) (42:23) (65:5)

Say (O Muhammad): "Whatever wage I might have asked of you is yours. My wage is from Allah only and He is Witness over all things." (34:47)

"Obey those who ask no wages of you (for themselves), and who are rightly guided. (36:21)

Buraida^{RZ} reported God's messenger^{SAS} as saying, "If anyone recites the Qur'an seeking thereby to get a living from people, he will come on the day of resurrection with his face as a fleshless bone." (*Mishkat Al Masabih, Book VIII: The Excellent Qualities of the Qur'an, Chapter III*) (Baihaqi transmitted it in *Shu'ab al-iman, Al-Tirmidhi Hadith 2217*)

Say (O Muhammad): "No wage do I ask of you for this (the Quran), nor am I one of the fabricators. (38:86)

The sin of someone who recites the Qur'an to show off or to earn by it or to feel proud by doing it. (*Sahih Al-Bukhari, Chapter 69: Book of the Virtues of the Qur'an. XXXVI*)

Verily, Allah has purchased of the believers their lives and their properties; for the price that theirs shall be the Paradise. They fight in Allah's Cause, so they kill and are killed. It is a promise in truth which is binding on Him in the Torah and the Gospel and the Quran. And who is truer to his covenant than Allah? Then rejoice in the bargain which you have concluded. That is the supreme success. (9:111)

Have you not seen those who were given a portion of the book, purchasing the wrong path, and wish that you should go astray from the Right Path. (4:44)

Therefore (O! People) fear not men but fear Me (Allah) and sell not My Signs (verses of the Quran) for a miserable price. If any do fail to judge by (the light of) what Allah hath revealed they are (no better than) unbelievers. (5:44) (3:199) (2:41)

And purchase not a small gain at the cost of Allah's Covenant. Verily! What is with Allah is better for you if you did but know. (16:95)

Narrated Abu Hurayrah^{RZ}: The Prophet^{SAS} said: If anyone acquires knowledge of things by which Allah's good pleasure is sought, but acquires it only to get some worldly advantage, he will not experience the scent of Paradise on the day of resurrection. (*Sunan Abu-Dawud, Book 25: Knowledge (Kitab Al-Ilm)*) (Ahmad and Ibn Majah transmitted it)

Those are they who have bought the life of this world at the price of the Hereafter. Their torment shall not be lightened nor shall they be helped. (2:86)

Verily, those who conceal what Allah has sent down of the Book, and purchase a small gain therewith (of worldly things), they eat into their bellies nothing but fire. Allah will not speak to them on the Day of Resurrection, nor purify them, and theirs will be a painful torment. (2:174)

Those are they who have purchased error at the price of Guidance, and torment at the price of Forgiveness. So how bold they are to the Fire. (2:175)

Narrated Ubaydah ibn as-Samit^{RZ}: I taught some persons of the people of Suffah writing and the Qur'an. A man of them presented to me a bow. I said: It cannot be considered property; may I shoot with it in Allah's path? I must come to the Apostle^{SAS} of Allah and ask him (about it). So I came to him and said: Apostle^{SAS} of Allah, one of those whom I have been teaching writing and the Qur'an has presented me a bow, and as it cannot be considered property, may I shoot with it in Allah's path? He said: If you want to have a necklace of fire on you, accept it. (*Sunan Abu-Dawud, Book 23: Wages (Kitab Al-Ijarah)*) (Mishkaat, Ibn Majah)

Imam Abu Hanifa^{RH}: Pay is illegal and forbidden on Imamat, Quranic Education, Salat, Azan etc. (Hidaya)

NIYYAT: NAWAITU UN USALLI LILLAHI TAALA....I Intend to offer Salat for the sake of ALLAH TAALA (not for Salary, etc.)....

Abu Mas'ud al-Ansari^{RZ} reported Allah's Messenger^{SAS} as saying: The one who is most versed in Allah's Book should act as Imam for the people, but if they are equally versed in reciting it, then the one who has most knowledge regarding Sunnah if they are equal regarding the Sunnah, then the earliest one to emigrate; if they emigrated at the same time, then the earliest one to embrace Islam. No man must lead another in prayer where (the latter) has authority, or sit in his place of honour in his house, without his permission. Ashajj in his narration used the word, "age" in place of "Islam". (*Sahih Muslim, Book 4: The Book of Prayers (Kitab Al-Salat), Chapter 93: Who Deserves Most To Act As Imam, Number 1420*)

Narrated on the authority of Tariq b. Shihab^{RZ}: ...I heard the Messenger of Allah^{SAS} as saying: He who amongst you sees something abominable should modify it with the help of his hand; and if he has not strength enough to do it, then he should do it with his tongue, and if he has not strength enough to do it, (even) then he should (abhor it) from his heart, and that is the least of faith.

(*Sahih Muslim, Book 1: The Book of Faith (Kitab Al-Iman) Chapter 21: CONCERNING THE FACTS THAT INTERDICTION AGAINST ABOMINABLE IS A PART OF FAITH, THAT FAITH INCREASES AND DIMINISHES; ENJOINING THAT WHICH IS GOOD AND FORBIDDING THAT WHICH IS ABOMINABLE ARE OBLIGATORY (ACTS), Number 0079*)