

Division of the Udheeyah

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ stated: As for the method of distributing (the Udheeyah) then Allaah (تعالى)² Says [“Then eat thereof and feed therewith the poor who have a very hard time.”]³

And He (سبحانه)⁴ says [“eat thereof, and feed the beggar who does not ask (men), and the beggar who asks (men)”]⁵

So the person eats from the Udheeyah, and gives some as charity to those poor and gives some as a gift to those rich as a means of bringing about love. This brings about three matters intended by the legislation in regards to the Udheeyah:

Firstly: Enjoying in the blessing of Allaah by eating from it.

Secondly: Hoping in the reward of Allaah and that is by giving charity from it.

Thirdly: Brings love amongst the servants of Allaah by way of giving it as a gift.

And this is from lofty intent of the legislation which is why some of the scholars prefer it to be thirds. A third to eat from, a third to give in charity and a third given as a gift.

أما كيف توزع فقد قال الله تعالى (فكلوا منها وأطعموا البائس الفقير) وقال سبحانه: (فكلوا منها وأطعموا القانع والمعتر) فيأكل الإنسان منها ويتصدق منها على الفقراء ويهدي للأغنياء تألفاً وتحبباً حتى يجتمع في الأضحية ثلاثة أمور مقصودة شرعية:

الأمر الأول: التمتع بنعمة الله وذلك في الأكل منها

الأمر الثاني: رجاء ثواب الله وذلك بالصدقة منها

الأمر الثالث: التودد إلى عباد الله وذلك بالهدية منها وهذه معان جلييلة مقصودة للشرع ولهذا استحباب بعض العلماء أن تكون أثلاثاً فتلت يأكله وتلت يتصدق به وتلت يهديه

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² Ta'aala (تعالى) (He, The Most High)

³ سورة الحج - Soorah al-Hajj [22:28]

⁴ (سبحانه) (Subhanahu) The Exalted

⁵ سورة الحج - Soorah al-Hajj [22:36]