



### INTRODUCTION

Recap the foundation of BIRR being BELIEF IN ALLAH, THE LAST DAY, THE ANGELS, THE BOOK AND THE PROPHETS

Continuing with the manifestation of this belief/foundation on our behaviours. The first manifestation is ethical.

...And give away wealth despite their love for it to

1. Family
2. Orphans
3. Needy
4. Travellers
5. Those who ask
6. Those enslaved in debt

**THE FOCUS THIS LESSON IS ON THOSE WHO ARE ENSLAVED (FIR RIQAAB - TIED AROUND THE NECK)**



### HISTORICALLY

Slavery was an economic and political institution that existed before Islam. Slaves were considered property and were bought, sold, and captured as merchandise.

The Prophet intended to phase out slavery with several methods: by acknowledging the dignity and humanity of slaves, commanding their good treatment, elevating their status in society, bestowing upon them rights, and providing several means to achieve their freedom.

Islam tried to solve the problem of the slaves that were in Arabia by encouraging people in different ways to set their slaves free.

Muslims were ordered that in expiation of some of their sins they should set their slaves free.

Freeing a slave by one's own free will was declared to be an act of great merit, so much so that it was said that every limb of the man who frees a slave will be protected from Jahannam in lieu of the limb of the slave freed by him. Thus the problem of the slaves of Arabia was solved in a short period of thirty or forty years. The Prophet encouraged freeing, educating, and marrying female slaves as a means to raise their status in society.

After this the only form of slavery which was left in Islamic society was the prisoners of war, who were captured on the battlefield. These prisoners of war were retained by the Muslim Government until their government agreed to receive them back in exchange for Muslim soldiers captured by them, or arranged the payment of ransom on their behalf.

### DISCUSS

Discuss methods in which we can help to free those who are enslaved. Complete the discussion of this section by introducing the next section of SALAA & ZAKAA.

Zakaa is charity too but Allah in the first section introduces the manifestation of Eiman as spending that which goes above and beyond the obligatory (Zakaa)

### MODERN SLAVERY

Modern slavery takes many forms.

- Invisible chains - Debts such as student loans, mortgages, business loans, pay day loans....
- Forced Labour.
- Child Labour.