

Huqúqu'lláh

Lesson 2

The Source of All Good

"Huqúqu'lláh'... is the source of grace, abundance, and of all good. It is a bounty which shall remain with every soul in every world of the worlds of God, the All-Possessing, the All-bountiful."

"Say, through this injunction God desireth to purify your possessions...."

Bahá'u'lláh

What does it mean?

Grace

means the kindness, or mercy, of God even when we do not deserve it.

Abundance

means plenty of something.

A bounty

is a very generous gift.

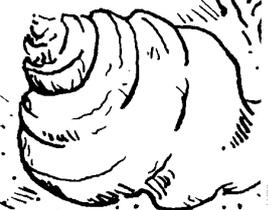
This injunction

means this command. Here it is talking about the law of Huqúqu'lláh.



Fill in the missing words:

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1. What is Huqúqu'lláh the source of? (What comes from it?)

Make a diagram to illustrate your answer:

- ♥ Draw a circle (not too big).
- ♥ Put an H in the middle of the circle.
- ♥ Now draw at least five short arrows coming out from the circle.
- ♥ Write your answers at the end of each arrow.

2. Talk about the meanings of grace, abundance, all good, and bounty.
Can you give an example of each one?

3. What happens to our possessions when we obey the law of Huqúqu'lláh?
(See quotation)

4. Shut your eyes. Think about something pure. What picture comes to your mind?

5. Remember, everything needs something to keep it pure.
It cannot do it by itself.



What keeps water in a pond pure?
What keeps the sea pure?
What keeps the air pure so we can breathe?
What keeps our bodies pure and healthy?
What keeps our hearts and souls pure?
What protects and keeps our possessions pure?
What do you think "purify your possessions" means?

6. How long will the bounty (or reward) of Huqúqu'lláh remain with every soul? (See quotation).

The Trusted One

Huqúqu'lláh is a sacred institution given to us by God. Although we should, of course, give to all the other funds, Huqúqu'lláh is different. Because it belongs to God and He has trusted us to look after it and then give it back to Him, this gives a special, warm feeling between us and God. It is like sharing something with a dear and loving friend, only this time the friend is God Himself!

Only a few specially chosen people are allowed to accept money for Huqúqu'lláh. After they have received the money given by the friends, it is given to the Universal House of Justice who decides the best way it should be used.

From the first moment Bahá'u'lláh told the friends about Huqúqu'lláh, they wanted to obey this law. One of those specially trusted believers whom Bahá'u'lláh chose to take care of this precious money in those days was Háji Amín. Amín means the Trusted One. He travelled from town to town, village to village, visiting the believers, and they would give him the Huqúqu'lláh to take to Bahá'u'lláh.

Sometimes Bahá'u'lláh would tell Háji Amín to use some of the money to help the poor. At other times he was told to give it to someone to teach the Faith. Sometimes Bahá'u'lláh told Háji Amín to give it to a particular charity.



Bahá'u'lláh told Háji Amín that he should never ask any of the friends for Huqúqu'lláh, nor tell them that they must give it. He should only talk about it in a general way and help them understand how very important it is. Then, if they humbly and sincerely want to give it, he could accept it. Háji Amín found that although most of the friends were very poor, they still wanted to give something, even if it was just a little.

Háji Amín had already given most of his own money away, so he only ate very simple food. Sometimes he just had a little yoghurt mixed with water and bread. When he stayed with any of the friends he told them not to make anything special for him to eat. If there was a pot of soup cooking on the stove, he told them just to put a little more water in it. Even now many of the friends remember stories from that time, long ago. When their soup is too watery they smile and say, "We are having Háji Amín soup today!"

Everyone loved to see him. He brought news from all over Persia and letters and Tablets from Bahá'u'lláh in 'Akká. He was so full of love and happiness everyone felt full of joy when they were with him.