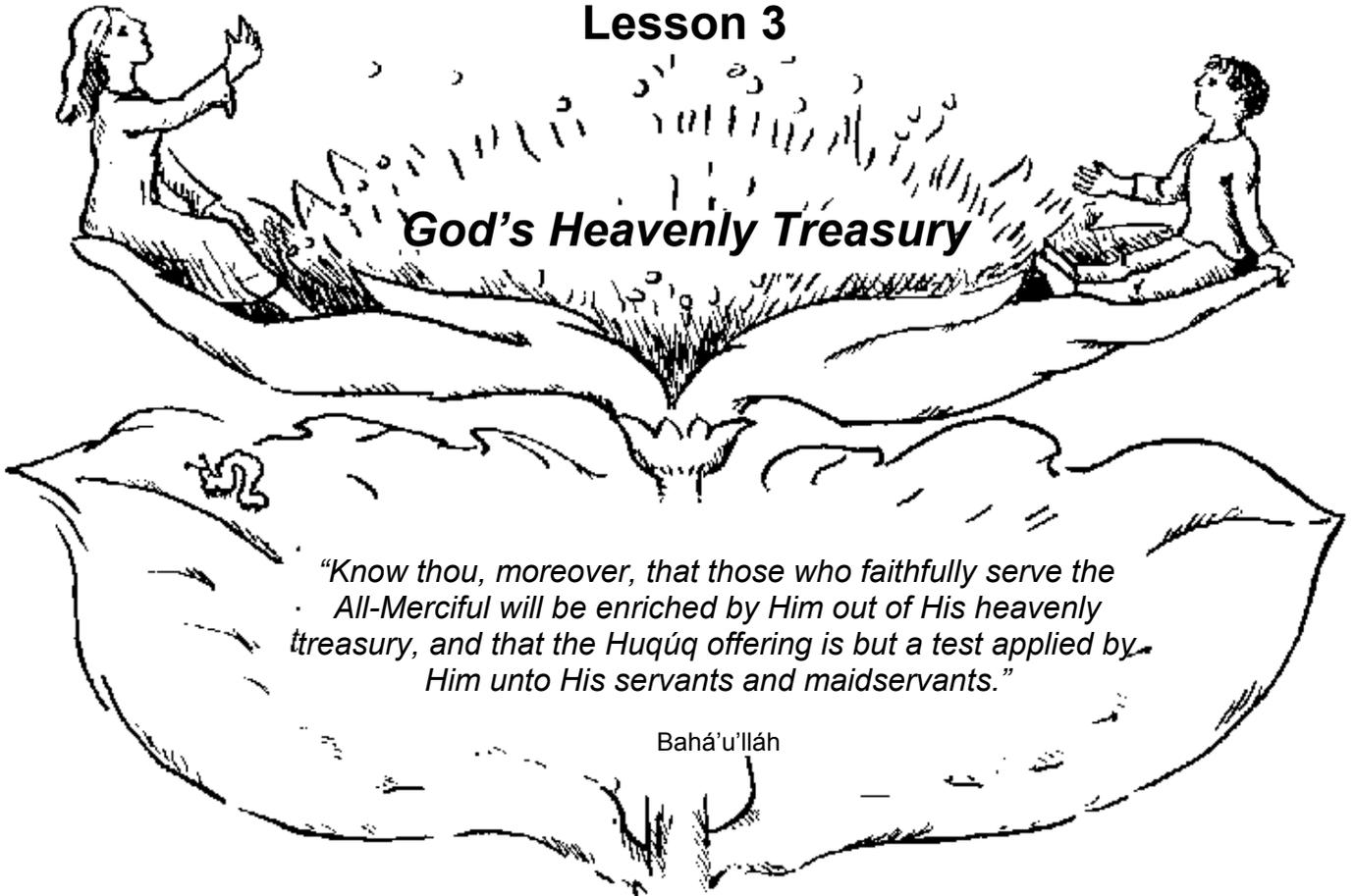


Huqúqu'lláh

Lesson 3



"Know thou, moreover, that those who faithfully serve the All-Merciful will be enriched by Him out of His heavenly treasury, and that the Huqúq offering is but a test applied by Him unto His servants and maidservants."

Bahá'u'lláh

What does it mean?

Faithfully serve the All-Merciful means to sincerely and always obey God.

Enriched means to be made rich.

Heavenly treasury means precious holy things.

His servants here means the men believers.

His maidservants means the women believers.



Fill in the missing words:

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1. Bahá'u'lláh says that when God asks us to give Huqúqu'lláh to Him, He is testing us.

- ♥ Why do you think it is a test? What is it a test of?
- ♥ Is it easier to give something back that does not really belong to us in the first place?
- ♥ Who does Huqúqu'lláh really belong to?
- ♥ What should we do with something that belongs to someone else?

2. Bahá'u'lláh says that when we faithfully serve God, and pass this test by giving Huqúqu'lláh, god will enrich us from His heavenly treasury.

♥ What do you think heavenly treasure is? Write some of the words below:

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3. Make a map to find hidden treasure, but instead of trying to find jewels or gold, give clues to find heavenly treasure. (For example, what are the clues or signs you would need to follow in order to find peace or happiness? One of your clues could be to give Huqúqu'lláh!)



The Man Who Thought He was Poor

Long ago there lived a holy person called Sádiq. His followers loved him and wanted to be with him all the time even though they did not have any money and were often hungry.

One day, one of Sádiq's disciples came to him and complained, saying, "I am tired of being poor!"

Sádiq looked at the man with great compassion and said:

"But you are not really poor! You are very rich!"

The man was puzzled. How could he be rich when he was always hungry and had no money to buy clothes?

"Where are my riches?" he asked. "I do not have even one coin!"

Sádiq looked patiently at the man. "Do you not have my love and the love of God?" he asked.

"Yes," said the man, wondering what his master was trying to tell him.

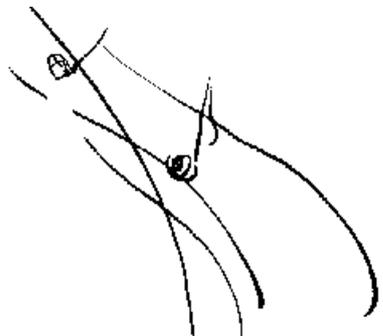
"Well," said Sádiq, "would you exchange this love for one thousand pieces of gold?"

"No!" the man replied. "Never would I swop it, even if somebody gave me the world and everything that is in it!"

Sádiq smiled. "How can you call yourself poor," he asked, "when you own a treasure which is more valuable than the whole world?"



(Adapted from a story mentioned by Bahá'u'lláh in "The Book of Certitude")



Huqúqu'lláh is a beautiful law given to us by Bahá'u'lláh.

Huqúq means Right, u'lláh (or Alláh) means God.

Put together, the two words say

Huqúqu'lláh - The Right of God.

