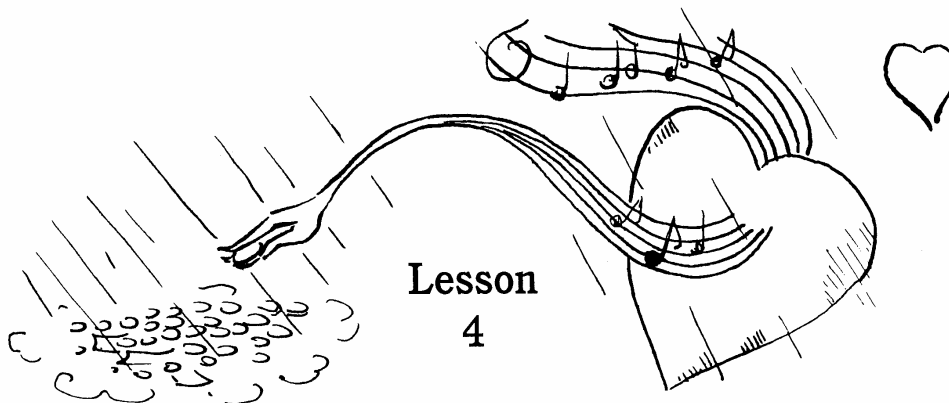


HUQÚQU'LLÁH



Lesson 4

Every True Believer

"...every true and sincere believer will offer Huqúq to be expended for the relief of the poor, the disabled, the needy, and the orphans, and for other vital needs of the Cause of God...."

'Abdu'l-Bahá

What does it mean?

Offer means to give something with love and devotion.

To be expended for means to be spent for something.

The relief of the poor means to help the poor.

The needy means all people who need to be helped.

Vital means essential or very important.



Fill in the missing words:

"every..... and sincere will offer

to be expended for the relief of the....., the.....,

the....., and the, and for other vital needs of the

Cause of"



1. Who will offer (or give) Huqúqu'lláh? (see line 1 of the quotation)

“every andbeliever”

2. How do we know if we are sincere when we do something?

3. Discuss how Huqúqu'lláh is different from the way taxes are collected by governments.

4. Looking at the quotation, take it in turns to say what things Huqúqu'lláh will be spent on. (see lines 3 and 4)

5. Can you think of any other important things Huqúqu'lláh could be spent on? (see lines 4 and 5).

6. In the future, when everyone pays their Huqúqu'lláh, there will be enough money to help everyone in the world. Choose one way Huqúqu'lláh can be used to help the people of the world and draw a picture of it (or make a model out of plasticine or clay).



The Example Of 'Abdu'l-Bahá

When 'Abdu'l-Bahá first arrived in England, He was the guest of a friend in a village not far from London. Although England was a rich country, 'Abdu'l-Bahá was surprised and sad to see so many poor people. Little children gathered around, holding onto the hem of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's long cloak, and He would immediately lift them into His arms and hug them. When He put them down, they were surprised to find silver coins in their hands and they ran home to tell their parents.

More and more children came and 'Abdu'l-Bahá gave all of them money to take home so their families could buy food. 'Abdu'l-Bahá was very happy, but some of the Bahá'í ladies became worried. 'Abdu'l-Bahá had come to their country as their guest and they thought that they should be looking after Him, yet here He was giving away His own money!

Poor families came all day long. At last, at nine o'clock at night, the ladies decided they would not allow anyone else to bother 'Abdu'l-Bahá. When a poor man walked up the path to the house, holding a baby in his arms and with several other small children clinging onto him, the ladies said that 'Abdu'l-Bahá was too tired to see any more people.

The man sighed and said, "Oh, I have walked six miles from far away to see Him. I am so sorry!" But the ladies still would not let him into the house to see 'Abdu'l-Bahá, and the poor man with his children turned to walk sadly down the path.

At that moment 'Abdu'l-Bahá appeared around the corner of the house! His face shone with happiness when He saw the poor man with all the babies. With great love 'Abdu'l-Bahá embraced them all.

When finally the poor man left the house his hands, and the hands of all the children, were full of silver coins. And their hearts were full of the love of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

(Adapted from "Vignettes from the Life of 'Abdu'l-Bahá" by Annamarie Honnold)



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