

## Economies of Opulence in Islam

### **Summary:**

The subject of economies of opulence has been studied in four themes and a conclusion. The first theme deals with working for the sake of opulence since Islam calls for this value and appreciates labor the role of almsgiving in achieving opulence is considered as the second theme, since Islam does not leave the hungry poor man, the old people, the widow who has nobody to support her, and the orphan who has no shelter and others to materialistic people and exploiters. But it obliges those who have to give a portion of their money this group of people the represents the poor class of the social labor that has a great need to this money, which have not been given to the poor if it was not for this obligation. At the same time, the rich people would not find almsgiving a great burden to them.

The third theme deals, however, with the role of Muslims House of Money in achieving the sufficient living for people having no one to support them financially, since Islam imposes supporting the poor and the needy on Muslims house of money. There are legal proofs on this purpose which are mentioned in this theme.

Whereas the fourth theme deals with the role of taxes when the almsgiving outcome and the Muslims House of Money returns do not

satisfy the needs of the needy since a lot of scholars, such as Al Qurtobi, Ibn Hazm, Abu Hamid Al Ghazali and Al Shatibi that the ruler has the right to impose on the rich people, as need may be, to give apportion of their wealth to those in need.