

## Deserving recipients of Zakāt-ul-Fiṭr



In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question : In marketplaces, some men, whose religious commitment is unknown to us, ask us for Zakāt-ul-Fiṭr (obligatory charity paid before the Festival of Breaking the Fast). There are others with a reasonable standard of living who spend whatever Zakāh (obligatory charity) they receive on their children. There are others who receive a monthly salary, but are not very religious. Can Zakāh be paid to these categories?

A: Zakāt-ul-Fiṭr should be paid to poor Muslims even if they are sinners as long as their sins are not so grave that they may drive them out of the fold of Islām. A poor person who deserves Zakāt-ul-Fiṭr is the one whose apparent status indicates so, even if they are actually rich. However, the person paying Zakāt-ul-Fiṭr should seek out good poor people as much as possible. If it turns out later that the person who took it is actually rich, it will not affect the payer of Zakāh; rather, it will serve to discharge the obligation on their part, praise be to Allāh (ﷻ).

May Allāh's Praise and peace descend upon our Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ), his family and Companions!

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