

47088 - He claims that zakaah need not be paid each year

the question

Is it necessary to distribute the Zakat for every year? I mean; I purchased a gold for my save, weight about 1kg ok, should I pay zakat 2.5% for the first year or should I pay every year for that? (The gold is an example) An imama at india said, The zakat for a thing is only one time in the life is applicable and not for the further years. If any body say that the zakat is obligation for each year, he must bring the proof from Quran and Hadith. The imam will pay SR100 thousands riayals, if he brought the proof form Quran or Hadiths, How it is correct? what is the proof? (please I am not asking the proof and to getting the money I want to know because he challenged last 1996 until now no one give the proof and still he is challenge whenever he speak in the debates or meetings. Please explain me with the Quran ayats and hadiths.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

The Muslims of the earlier and later generations are agreed that zakaah must be paid each year on gold, silver and the like.

Ibn Hazm said in *Maraatib al-Ijmaa'*: They are agreed that zakaah must be paid repeatedly on all kinds of wealth at the end of each year, apart from crops and fruits, for which they are agreed that zakaah must be paid only once. (p. 38).

Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah did not criticize this at all in his criticism of *Maraatib al-Ijmaa'*.

The evidence for this consensus is the practice of the ummah from the time of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) until the present day. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) used to send the zakaah-collectors to the tribes and cities, and they did not

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differentiate between those who had paid their zakaah the previous year and those who had not, rather they used to take the zakaah that was due on all the “zakaatable” wealth that people possessed.

Ibn Sireen said: The zakaah-collector used to come and wherever he saw crops or camels or sheep he would take the zakaah that was due on them. Al-Mudawwanah, 1/361.

What the person said, that the zakaah on gold does not have to be paid each year, is indicative of his ignorance. He has to be taught what is correct.

The Muslim should not hasten to issue fatwas on the basis of what he thinks, rather he should refer to the sayings of the scholars and imams so that he can find out what scholarly consensus says and not deviate from it.

And Allaah knows best.