Sayyid Al-Hakeem: Spending Prayer Impact Social Responsibility Core of Faith in Light of Epistle on Rights

Continuing his discussion of the Epistle on Rights by Imam Zain Al-Abidin Ali Ibn Al-Hussein (peace be upon him), His Eminence Sayyid Al-Hakeem, Head of the National State Powers' Alliance, addressed the tenth right—the right of prayer. In previous lectures, H.E. explained fourteen effects of prayer, and today H.E. focused on the fifteenth effect: spending (charitable giving).

H.E. emphasized that spending is a social responsibility and reflects care for the vulnerable in society. Providing for the hungry is considered a fundamental duty. The Holy Quran affirms this in the following verses:

"And those in whose wealth there is a known right for the beggar and the deprived."

(24—25:07 Holy Quran, Al-Ma'arij)

During the lecture, H.E. cited numerous narrations from Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him and his family) and Ahl Al-Bayt (peace be upon them) highlighting the significance of spending:

Prophet Mohammed said: "Wealth never decreases by giving in charity, so give freely and do not hesitate."

H.E. also said: "Whoever withholds their wealth from the righteous willingly, Allah redirects it to the wrongdoers out of necessity."

H.E. further explained: "Three are fundamental to faith: spending while restrained, treating people fairly from oneself, and sharing knowledge with learners."

From Imam Ali (peace be upon him):

"Blessed is the one who humbles himself, earns honestly, maintains a pure heart, has good character, spends excess wealth, and restrains speech from excess."

"You are more in need of spending what you have earned than in acquiring what you accumulate."

From Imam Al-Sadiq (peace be upon him):

"Cursed is the one who is given wealth by Allah but gives nothing in charity from it."

H.E. also highlighted the long-term spiritual impact of giving:

Imam Ali said: "When a servant dies, the angels ask: 'What did you send forth?' and the people ask: 'What did you withhold?' Give in advance so it benefits you, and do not delay, for delaying burdens you."

Imam Al-Sadiq: "Charity settles debts and brings blessings."

Imam Al-Baqir: "No servant withholds a permissible charity that could please Allah without being tested to spend multiples of it in ways that displease Allah."

H.E. concluded that charitable giving is both a social duty and a manifestation of true faith, linking one's worldly actions to lasting spiritual reward and societal cohesion.