

THE CONCEPT OF PUNISHMENT AND REWARDS IN ISLAM

PUNISHMENT

1. A punishment is a penalty imposed on a person as justice for an offence he/she has committed. It can also be defined as a means of making someone suffer for the misdeeds, crimes and all the things that are regarded as aggressive in society.
2. A crime is a specific act committed in violation of the law or any great wickedness or sin (evil).

CAUSES OF CRIMES IN SOCIETY

- a) Some people use drugs like opium which make them unconscious and end up committing crimes like rape and defilement.
- b) Wine drinking is also another cause of crimes in society because alcohol weakens a person and fails to control him or herself.
- c) Peer group influence where the youths decide to gang up to commit a certain crime like burning schools, murder, rape and others.
- d) Adolescence also causes crimes in certain instances because adolescents think they have answers to everything and do what they feel they should do.
- e) In war torn areas, crimes tend to be high such as rape, defilement, Zina, theft, murder and many others because people are desperate.
- f) Poor dressing in girls also forces some greedy men to have sex with them and in the process young girls are defiled or raped.
- g) Some people commit crimes because of frustration like men who have strong sexual desires and fail to get girls to have sex with them or those whose girl friends have chucked them, end up committing crimes like suicide, defilement and rape, wine drinking and others.
- h) Some people commit crimes because of malice e.g an HIV/AIDS infested person who may not want to die alone and decide to commit Zina to transmit the disease to others.
- i) Some people commit crimes due mental problems like madness.
- j) Watching pornographic films like blue movies which suddenly awaken hidden sexual desires and those without stable partners can commit crimes such as rape and defilement.
- k) Some girls get money and other gifts from men and pretend that they love them yet they do not. Such men end up committing crimes like raping or assassinating them in order to repay themselves.
- l) Some people commit crimes due to political suppression in the country leading to violent demonstrations.
- m) Some people commit crimes because they poorly use their leisure time e.g they leave discos and cinema halls late at night and others while drunkard.

- n) Some families are poor which forces boys and girls to sleep in the same room and in the process commit crimes like defiling the young ones by their elders.
- o) Some people lack religious knowledge about the dangers of certain crimes in society e.g shirk al-Khafi (invisible shirk) and its consequences on the day of judgement.
- p) Permissiveness (laxity) also causes crimes in society e.g some elderly people find fun in having sex with young ones.
- q) Family neglect and breakdown which leads to the growth of street children hence becoming a social problem to the society.
- r) Moral decay especially among parents who do not care about what their children do like parents who pack condoms for their boarding children prompting them to commit fornication.
- s) Western influence where some people want to behave like Europeans e.g parents who allow their children to start courtship at an early age, unnecessary kissing by parents e.t.c

Excessive need for money and material things among young girls and boys. Such girls end up of being defiled by sugar daddies and boys by sugar mummies