

## 46-Charity

The Faith of God hath in this day been made manifest. He Who is the Lord of the world is come and hath shown the way. His faith is the faith of benevolence and His religion is the religion of forbearance. This faith bestoweth eternal life and this religion enableth mankind to dispense with all else. It verily embraceth all faiths and all religions. Take hold thereof and guard it well.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Tabernacle of Unity*, 3.5

O people of the world, ye are all the fruit of one tree and the leaves of one branch. Walk with perfect charity, concord, affection, and agreement. I swear by the Sun of Truth, the light of agreement shall brighten and illumine the horizons.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *A Traveler's Narrative*, 90

Charity is beloved and acceptable before God, and is accounted the chief among good deeds. Indeed, this blessed word is, in this connection, a sun among words. Blessed is he who prefers his brother before himself; such a one is of the people of Bahá.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 57

Charity is pleasing and praiseworthy in the sight of God and is regarded as a prince among goodly deeds.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 71

Be generous in your days of plenty, and be patient in the hour of loss.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 138

The essence of charity is for the servant to recount the blessings of his Lord, and to render thanks unto Him at all times and under all conditions.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Fountain of Wisdom*, 10.11

Let them that bear allegiance to this Wronged One be even as a raining cloud in moments of charity and benevolence and as a blazing fire in restraining their base and appetitive natures.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Fountain of Wisdom*, 7.35

Glad-tidings unto ye for this abundant blessing, sufficient bounties, wide mercy, glorious appearances; therefore, be united in hearts and spirits, strive so that ye may obtain the great favors, attain to the overflowing chalice, perform charity (good deeds), gain the spirit of life, attracted by the fragrance and depend on the Lord of Signs.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Bahá 'Abbás vol. 1-3*, 61.3

Verily I beseech God to assist thee with the spirit of knowledge and enable thee to be good and benevolent to all the people of religions.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Bahá 'Abbás vol. 1-3*, 225.6

Now is the time to cheer and refresh the down-cast through the invigorating breeze of love and fellowship, and the living waters of friendliness and charity.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Gleanings*, p. 7