

God charges you, concerning your children: to the male the like of the portion of two females, and if they be women above two, then for them two-thirds of what he leaves, but if she be one then to her a half; and to the parents to each one of the two the sixth of what he leaves, if he has children; but if he has no children, and his heirs are his parents, a third to his mother, or, if he has brothers, to his mother a sixth, after any bequest he may bequeath, or any debt. **Your** fathers and your sons-you know not which out of them is nearer in profit to you. **So** **God** apportions; surely God is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

And for you a half of what your wives leave, if they have no children, then for you of what they leave a fourth, after any bequest they may bequeath, or any debt. **And** for them a fourth of what you leave if you have no children; but if you have children, then for them of what you leave an eighth, after any bequest you may bequeath, or any debt. **If** a man or a woman have no heir direct, but have a brother or sister, to each of the two a sixth; but if they are more numerous than that, they share equally a third, after any bequest he may bequeath, or any debt not prejudicial; a charge from God. **God** is All-Knowing, All-Clement.

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