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# SEEKING LAWFUL SUSTENANCE



Let us strive to increase our  
*taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu  
Wata'aala* by abiding all of His  
Commands and avoiding all of  
His prohibitions, so as to  
strengthen our *Imaan*

With obedience and performing righteous deeds to attain blissfulness in this world and the Hereafter. Verily, it is only the obedient slaves of Allah that will be truly rescued from the sever

torment of the Hellfire.  
I sincerely invite my fellow  
congregation to internalize  
today's *khutbah* entitled:  
***“Seeking Lawful  
Sustenance.”***

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
mentions in al-Qur'an:  
**“O mankind, eat from  
whatever is on earth [that is]  
lawful and good and do not  
follow the footsteps of**

Satan. Indeed, he is to you a  
clear enemy.”

(al-Baqarah 2:168)

Allah has given a reminder,  
that humans should seek  
provisions that are lawful and  
beneficial, and not seek

through means and paths  
belonging to *Shaytaan*. This is  
the true purpose of life for  
humans in this world  
especially in terms of  
submission and obedience with  
regard to attaining

*halaal rizq* (lawful sustenance) in our lives. However the question is have we truly become slaves that are always striving to ensure *barakah* in our very provision?

How many among us actually perform *muhaasabah* constantly on his or her quality of work, but how about the quality of *rizq*? Have we invited lawful provision, furthermore

beneficial, into our soul and body? The *rizq* bestowed upon us are to be thankful for through full submission unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*. Provisions that are lawful and beneficial will

drive a person to full servitude unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*, furthermore avoiding His prohibitions. The righteous slaves attains bounties in the form of *halaal* and beneficial

things, hence they praise Allah,  
grateful for the love and mercy  
of Allah *Subhaanahu  
Wata ‘aala*. The lawful source  
of provision, furthermore  
beneficial, is the key to raising  
a society of

*muttaqoon*. A society that lives with ethical norms will not tolerate bribery, deceit, or even maltreatment. Hence, every *rizq* originating from our effort must be attained lawfully and

guaranteed of its *barakah*.

Narrated Abu Bakr

*radiyAllaahu ‘anh* that

Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“Every body that is  
nourished from *haraam*  
wealth, the Fire is more

**befitting for it.”**

(at-Tabaraani and Abu Na‘eem:  
*saheeh*)

Narrated Abu ‘Abdillaah an-Nu‘man ibn Basheer  
*radiyAllahu ‘anh* that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“...Verily, there is a piece of flesh in the body, if it is healthy, the whole body is healthy, and if it is corrupt, the whole body is corrupt.

Verily, it is the heart.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Normally, we would only emphasize on the status of *halaal* or *haraam* of our sustenance, but rarely do we inquire about its source of origin. An example would be a person who acquires

money from gambling to support his family. In this context of *rizq*, only the money mattered but its origin (gambling) was not a concern. Similarly when it comes to the time spent

while working. Shirkers and slackers will not realize that each second spent on their job is their actual source of *rizq*.

Verily Islam deems occupation  
as something valuable.

Moreover, Islam deems  
working to earn *rizq* or income  
that is *halaal* in reality is at par  
with those performing *jihaad*  
in the

path of Allah. Hence, Islam encourages the Muslim *ummah* to work hard not only for the Hereafter but also to attain excellence in this world.

It was narrated that ibn  
‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*  
said that Rasulullah ﷺ said:  
**“Seeking *halaal* is a form of  
jihad...”**

(al-Quda‘i: *da ‘eef*)

Ponder upon the *seerah* of the prophets, where firmness in fulfilling the obligation of having *halaal* work was practiced by the prophets and messengers. As an example,

Nabi Idrees عليه سلام worked as  
عليه السلام a tailor, Nabi Dawood  
had his specialty in iron works,  
Nabi Sulayman عليه السلام was  
skillful in weaving palm  
leaves, and Nabi Zakariyya عليه  
السلام was a

professional carpenter. Not forgetting, the noble occupation of our beloved Nabi Muhammad ﷺ as a shepherd in the early days, then getting involved in business.

Such were the greatness of the most beloved to Allah in his occupation. What is emphasized is that the source of sustenance must begin with a *halaal* and pure occupation in any field.

What Islam forbid is a career  
that involves elements of  
*haraam* such as gambling,  
betting, prostitution,  
intoxicants, *ribaa*, shirkers,  
briber, lies, oppression, and  
many more.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
mentions in al-Qur'an:  
“Then eat of what Allah has  
provided for you [which is]  
lawful and good. And be  
grateful for the

**favour of Allah, if it is  
[indeed] Him that you  
worship.”**

**(an-Nahl 16:114)**

When the worker has completed the work assigned, then it behooves the employer to pay his wage at the agreed time. Delaying and furthermore not paying the workers their salary is

actually *haraam*. This is an oppressive act and a breach of the contract that was inked between the employer and employee. It was narrated from ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*

that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

**“Give the worker his wages  
before his sweat dries.”**

(ibn Maajah: *saheeh*)

Those that truly have *imaan* will be very cautious with their source of sustenance. Not just the *haraam* but even the *shubuhah* (doubtful matters) should be avoided as much as possible.

Keep in mind that evil deeds and engaging in *haraam* will not only be punished in the Hereafter, but we will also be punished for them in this world. Not just with the torment of imprisonment,

fined or lashings by the  
enforcers of worldly laws, but  
'internal punishment' in the  
form of restlessness, anxiety,  
depression, fear, and many  
other negative emotions that  
will haunt us

for the rest of our lives.

Unlawful source of sustenance  
will lead to chaos within the  
family and community system.

When children and families are  
fed with *haraam* provision,  
then

most likely social ills within the society such as divorce, murder, abuse, infidelity, drug addiction, vandalism, loafing, fornication, and exposing ‘awrah are all direct consequences of the

unlawful sustenance that hovers their lives. In this regard, it becomes *waajib* upon us to be responsible upon these matters, which is to strive our utmost in seeking *rizq* that are *halaal*

and pleasing to Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.* The

following are several

guidelines that was taught by

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*

and Rasulullah ﷺ

*barakah* upon

*halaal* sources of *rizq*.

1. The Muslim *ummah* must strive and work with *istiqaamah* in seeking *halaal* provision. We must strive with remarkable diligence and persistence.

Our effort in attaining  
excellence must remain  
continuous, not just halfway. It  
is this very effort and  
determination that we call  
*istiqaamah.*

2. The Muslim *ummah* must work hard with *ikhlaas* and honesty. Any effort that is done continuously will be rewarded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* and deemed as righteous deeds if

it is done responsibly, with *ikhlaas* and honesty.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must inculcate the culture of striving for excellence in seeking lawful sustenance. Islam encourages the

Muslims to work hard and  
determined in attaining  
excellence in this world and  
the Hereafter.

4. The Muslim *ummah* must spend a portion of their *rizq* to those in need, as a manifestation of gratefulness upon the effort in seeking *halaal* livelihood. Similarly in obeying the Commands of

Allah in fulfilling the *zakaat* obligation upon the *rizq* garnered, to the rightful recipients with disbursements that are fair and equitable.

5. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid *hasad* (envy) and jealousy when competing in seeking *rizq* such as resorting to black magic, witchcraft, and incantation that contradicts the *Shara'*.

Therefore, let us strive in utilizing those guidelines as reference for our work ethics.

With that, we truly hope to attain the *barakah* and pleasure of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

“And eat of what Allah has provided for you [which is] lawful and good. And fear Allah, in whom you are believers.”

(al-Maa’idah 5:88)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقْبَلَ  
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
بِإِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its**

**consequences will only disrupt  
the harmony, unity, and  
security of the Muslim ummah  
and our nation. Extremism will  
only give negative impression  
upon the nobility and holiness  
of al-Islam. On the contrary,  
the Muslim**

**ummah must inculcate noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will know that Rasulullah (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy for the entire nation and universe.**

O Allah, You are the Lord that  
is All Mighty, we are grateful to  
You for having bestowed upon  
us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we  
are able to continue the effort  
in empowering the Muslim  
*ummah* especially in Selangor,  
as an

**advanced state, prosperous,  
and providing welfare.**

**Hence, we sincerely beseech  
you, O Allah, strengthen our  
*imaan*, accept our deeds,  
strengthen our unity, increase  
our *rizq*, enrich us with**

**beneficial knowledge, cultivate  
our soul with good mannerisms,  
return us to the path that you  
are pleased with, protect us  
from disasters and your severe  
trials, so that our nation will  
become more peaceful and filled  
with blessings.**

**O Allah, we sincerely beseech you, strengthen our beliefs according to the creed of *Ahlus Sunnah wal-Jamaa‘ah*, and protect us from deeds and ‘aqeedah that are astray such as the extreme *Shee‘is*, *Qadiyani*, and other ideologies.**

**O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their *zakaat* and loving the *fuqaraa'* and *masaakin*, and those that have**

made *waqf* and gave up their wealth for *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Hereafter.

**O Allah, increase and widen the  
*rizq* of those that made *waqf*  
from their wealth with  
perpetual rewards until the  
Last Day.**



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