



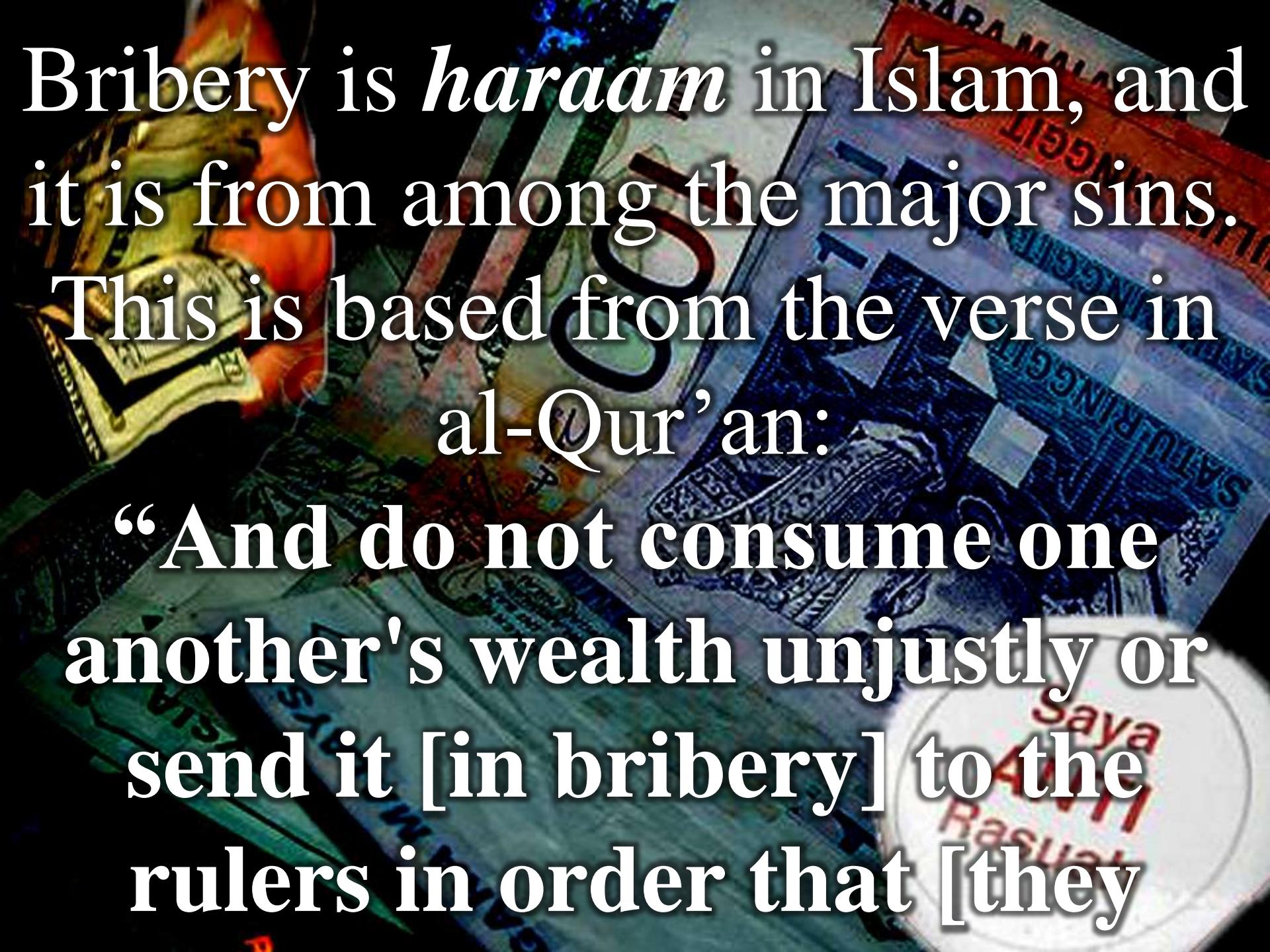
THE OBLIGATION OF AVOIDING BRIBERY

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Let us increase our *imaan* and
taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu
Wata'aala by fulfilling all of
His Commands and avoiding all
of His prohibitions.

I call upon all of us to strive in attaining a livelihood that is blessed and pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*, that is based upon *halaal* sources. It is truly hoped that we will be successful in this *dunya* and *akhirah*.

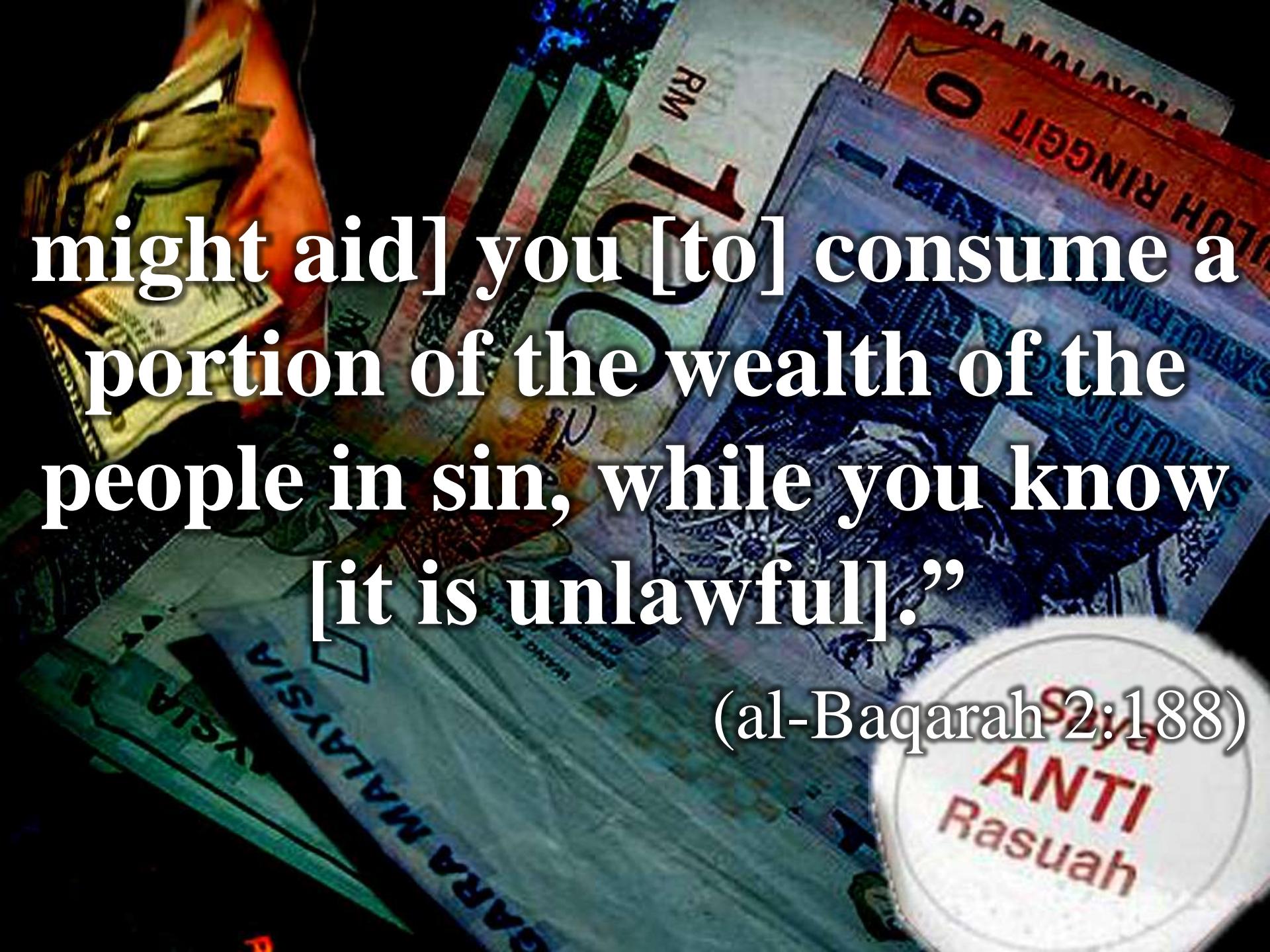
In conjunction with the 44th anniversary of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), the *khutbah*'s theme will be on **The Obligation Of Avoiding Bribery.**



Bribery is *haraam* in Islam, and it is from among the major sins.

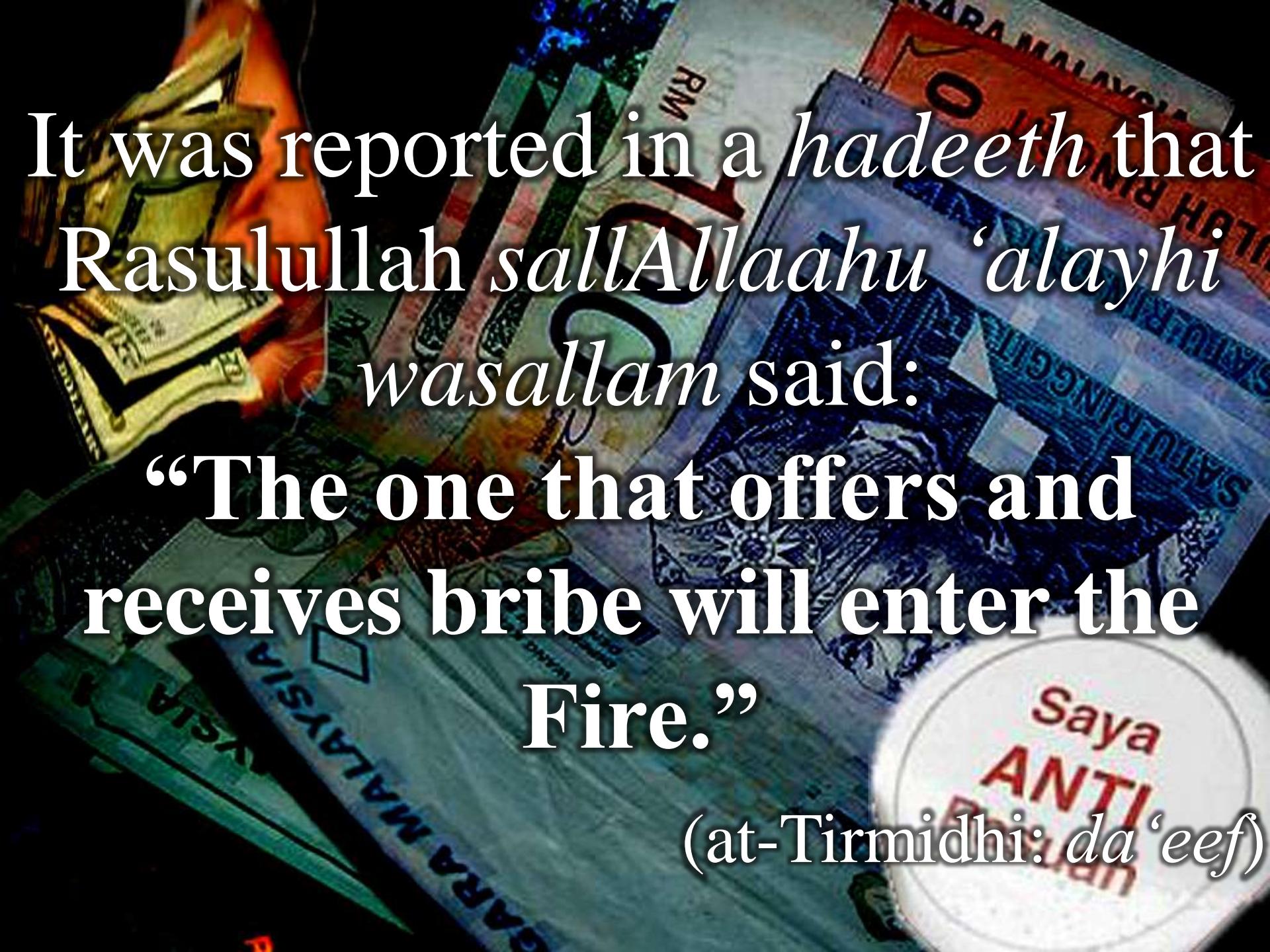
This is based from the verse in al-Qur'an:

“And do not consume one another's wealth unjustly or send it [in bribery] to the rulers in order that [they



might aid] you [to] consume a portion of the wealth of the people in sin, while you know [it is unlawful].”

(al-Baqarah 2:188)



It was reported in a *hadeeth* that
Rasulullah *sallAllaahu 'alayhi
wasallam* said:

“The one that offers and
receives bribe will enter the
Fire.”

(at-Tirmidhi: *da 'eef*)

And in another *hadeeth*, on the authority of Thawbaan *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*:
The Messenger of Allah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* cursed the briber, the bribe-taker, and the mediator.

(Ahmad: *munkar*)

Narrated ‘Abd-Allah ibn ‘Amr
radiyAllaahu ‘anh who said:

The Messenger of Allah
sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam
cursed the one who gives a
bribe and the one who takes
it.

(Ahmad and Abu Dawood: *saheeh*)

Those that are involved in bribery will be cursed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* and thrown into Hellfire. And most likely their wealth that originated from bribery will be inherited by their family and lineage.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Bakr
radiyAllaahu 'anh, the
Messenger *sallAllaahu 'alayhi
wasallam* said:
“Any flesh that has grown out
of unlawful sources, then
Hellfire is deserving of it.”
(al-Bayhaqi: *da 'eef* but its meaning is correct)

Based on this *hadeeth*, it is evident that the income generated by those committing bribery will have a high possibility of being inherited by their progeny if they are not careful or mindful of its source, whether *halaal* or *haraam*.

Committing bribery can also result in our *salaah* and *du‘a* getting rejected by Allah. Would it not be a grave loss that due to corruption, our ‘*ibaadah* and *du‘a* are rendered in vain? Furthermore, it hinders us from receiving the Mercy of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala. Even worse, if we do not curb the disease of bribery immediately, it is greatly feared that it would only result in greater disasters and calamities due to the Wrath of Allah, as it was mentioned in al-Qur’ an:

“They have been put under
humiliation [by Allah]
wherever they are overtaken,
except for a covenant from
Allah and a rope from the
Muslims. And they have
drawn upon themselves anger
from Allah and have been put

under destitution. That is because they disbelieved in the verses of Allah and killed the prophets without right. That is because they disobeyed and [habitually] transgressed.

(Aali-‘Imraan 3:112)

Allah never distinguishes between His slaves that have committed bribery, corruption, or power abuse, regardless of their rank or status. The briber is deemed as an enemy of Islam,

and the same goes to those supporting such evildoer. Any actions taken pertaining the crime of bribery must be conducted with transparency without any bias or external influence.

Hence, it behooves the general public and members of society to hasten to report any form of bribery to the nearest MACC office. The whistleblower shall be fully protected and granted security according to the law, as stipulated in The Whistleblower

Protection Act 2010.
Let us altogether strive in
safeguarding ourselves from
offering or abetting bribery to
anyone for it is a criminal
offense as provisioned in the
MACC Act,

which is punishable with imprisonment of not more than 20 years and a fine of no less than five times the bribery amount or RM10000, with the higher amount applied.

Those rejecting the evil practice of bribery are the ones having *taqwa* and *imaan* because of several reasons, among them:

1- Guarantees the pure continuation of lineage or maintaining the genealogy in the state of *imaan* and integrity.



2- Enhances the integrity and prestige of an organization, especially its management group.

3- Increases the society's confidence upon their leader who is courageous in fighting corruption.

4- As proof that specific ‘ibaadah such as salaah, fasting, zakaat, and hajj are successful and effective in preventing one from falling into the grave sin of bribery.

Every individual must be sincere to themselves and reject all forms of bribery in their daily affairs. Though one may commit bribery in secret, this heinous act can never be hidden from Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata 'aala.*

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala
knows every action of the
human being, whether apparent
or hidden. Indeed, Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala is All-
Knowing of what is in the hearts
of mankind.

Every individual must build and strengthen their *imaan* and *taqwa* of Allah in wading through life's many challenges, and to prevent from falling into the *haraam* such as bribery.

The strength of *taqwa* and *imaan* unto Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala will help provide a way out from all type of tribulations and *rizq* (provision) from *halaal* sources that one would never expect.

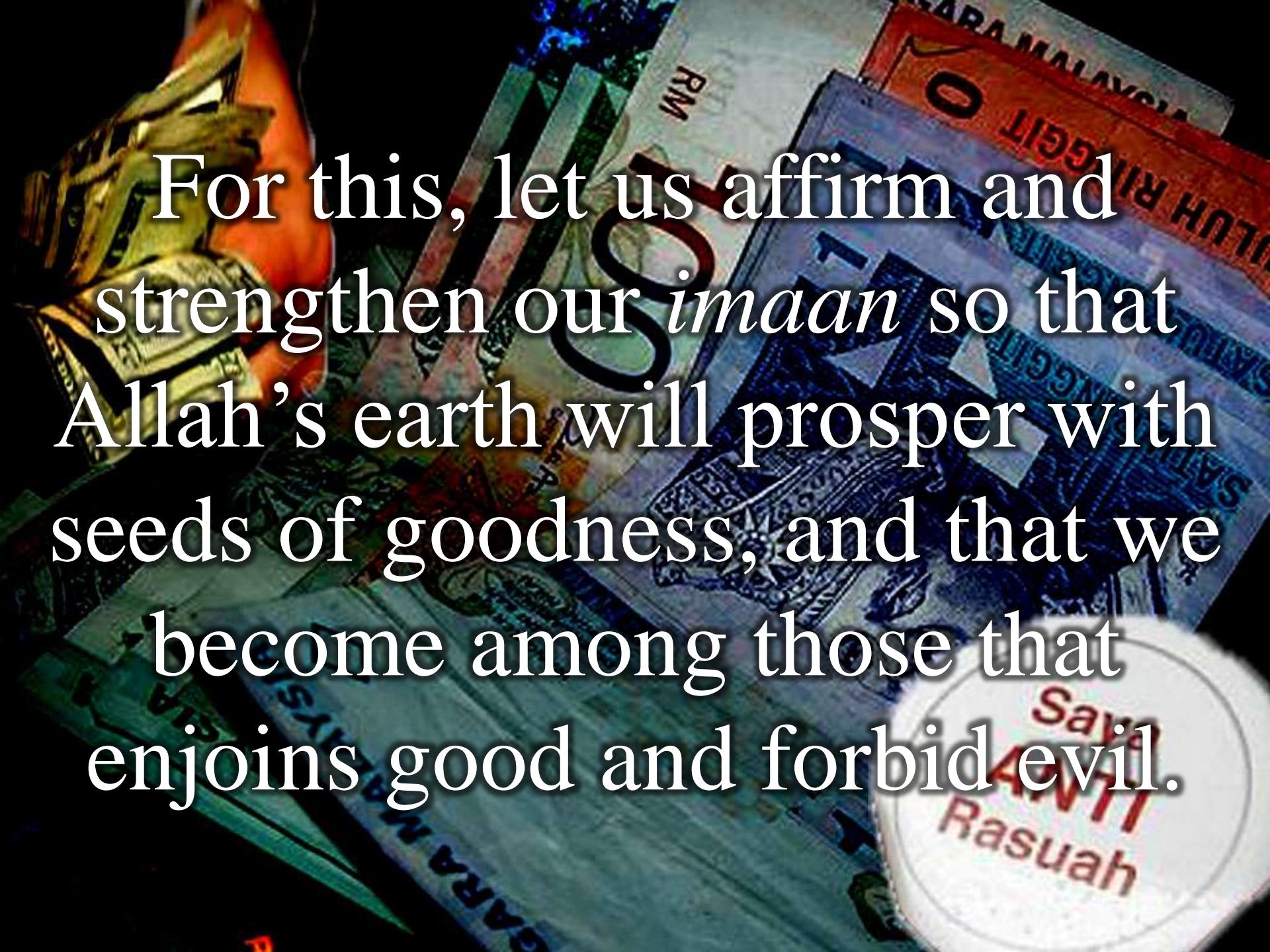
Personal development is closely related with the source of *rizq* selected, which provides the source of food that nourishes the body and the wealth to be used in carrying out daily affairs.

Seeking *halaal rizq* in sustaining oneself, the family, or assisting others without resorting to bribery is imperative. This is because *halaal rizq* will bring forth *barakah* in this world and the Hereafter.

Islam encourages its adherents to work and strive to earn income for it is a form of ‘ibaadah to Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala. In ensuring that one’s occupation is an ‘ibaadah, one must ensure that it is does not involve any element of

disobedience to Allah such as corruption and bribery. Wealth that is sufficient will bring about security and comfort in one's lives. On the contrast, if the wealth is improperly handled then it only serve as ornaments and exhibition solely

for this world.
Let us altogether increase the
awareness in the effort to
eradicate bribery, for without
the cooperation of every
members of the community, all
efforts put forth will not
succeed.



For this, let us affirm and strengthen our *imaa*n so that Allah's earth will prosper with seeds of goodness, and that we become among those that enjoins good and forbids evil.

O you who have believed, do not consume one another's wealth unjustly but only [in lawful] business by mutual consent. And do not kill yourselves [or one another].



Indeed, Allah is to you ever
Merciful. And whoever does
that in aggression and
injustice – then We will drive
him into a Fire. And that, for
Allah, is [always] easy.”

(an-Nisaa' 4:29-30)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَفُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
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إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

Saya
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Rasuah

**O Allah, You are the Almighty
Lord, we are grateful unto You
for having bestowed upon us
Mercy and Blessings, nourishing
us to strive to continue in
strengthening the Muslim nation
especially the state of Selangor,
as an advanced, progressive,
peaceful, and benevolent state.**

We beseech and beg You, Ya
Allah, to strengthen our
imaan, increase our good
deeds, strengthen our unity,
increase our provision,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge, nourish our soul
with beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide
us to the Path that is
Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

**Oh Allah, we ask You to open up
the hearts of the Muslim *ummah*
especially in Selangor, to fulfill
their *zakaat* obligation as You
had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless
the lives of those who have
fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation,
loving and caring for the poor
and needy.**

Purify their wealth and soul
so that they will live
according to that which
pleases You. Protect the poor
and needy from disbelief and
everlasting poverty.

Allaahumma ameen



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