

AVOID ADULTERY

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ
سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَآيَايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and avoiding all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Him in this world and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters

The completeness of Islam in our lives encompasses all that is asked of us including all the prohibitions. Among the prohibitions is adultery. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 17(surah al-Isra') verse 32:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الزَّيْنَةَ إِنَّهُ كَانَ فَحِشَةً وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا ﴿٣٢﴾

Which means: *And do not approach unlawful sexual intercourse. Indeed, it is ever an immorality and is evil as a way.*

Allah the Almighty regard adultery as a despicable act. Thus, Islam encourages marriage to save us from adultery. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam I-Bukhari and Imam Muslim:

يَا مَعْشَرَ الشَّبَابِ مَنْ اسْتَطَاعَ مِنَ الْبَاءَةِ فَلْيَتَزَوَّجْ فَإِنَّهُ أَغْضُ لِلْبَصْرِ وَأَحْصَنُ لِلْفَرْجِ

Which means: *“O young people! Any of you who have the means to marry should do so since this is the best way to protect your eyes from corrupt and treacherous looks, and to guard the private parts from sin and immodesty.”*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Islam strongly prohibits adultery as stated by the Prophet (pbuh) in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Tabrani which means:

“Stay away from adultery because you will be afflicted with four calamities, the lost radiance on the face, restriction of resources, the wrath of Allah, and hellfire.”

We are now living in an era that is very challenging where there are groups that want to legitimize this heinous act. They pressure the government to legitimize adultery, sodomy and sex change.

Generally, Muslims in Malaysia know adultery is illegal and disgraceful but they still indulge in this sinful act. The result of it is that we witness many unlawful births each year. Statistics from the Registration Department of Malaysia show an alarming figure. From 2000 till 2015, more than 416,000 illegitimate children were registered. An average of 140 babies were born out of wedlock each day. This does not include babies that were dumped and adultery that did not result in procreation.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Allah the Almighty mentioned severe punishment for adultery as stated in chapter 24 (surah an-Nur) verse 2:

الرَّانِيَةُ وَالرَّانِي فَأَجْلِدُوا كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِّنْهُمَا مِائَةَ جَلْدَةٍ وَلَا تَأْخُذْكُمْ بِهِمَا رَأْفَةٌ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ إِنْ

كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَلْيَشْهَدْ عَذَابَهُمَا طَائِفَةٌ مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢﴾

Which means: *The [unmarried] woman or [unmarried] man found guilty of sexual intercourse - lash each one of them with a hundred lashes, and do not be taken by pity for them in the religion of Allah , if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. And let a group of the believers witness their punishment.*

It has been said by Abu Hurairah r.a. that during the Prophet's time a man called Maiz bin Malik Al Aslam came to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) when he was at the mosque. The man said: "Oh Rasullulah, I have committed adultery." On hearing the man's confession, the Prophet (pbuh) turned away. However, the man kept repeating what he said earlier. Then, the Prophet (pbuh) called the man and asked: "Do you Muhsan (married) commit adultery?" He replied: "Yes". The Prophet (pbuh) said: "Bring this guy and stone him!". When he was struck by stones, he ran away. The Prophet (pbuh) said: "let him."

This hadith explains to us that stoning (*rajm*) was carried out during the Prophet's (pbuh) time based on the admission of the adulterer. It was even mentioned that the Prophet (pbuh) turned his face away from the man who committed adultery to avoid sentencing him. This shows proof that hudud offense is very strict.

If convicted, the punishment for an unmarried adulterer is 100 strokes of the cane which do not cause severe injury and is carried out to educate the perpetrator. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 23(surah al-Mukminun) verse 1-6:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

قَدْ أَفْلَحَ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١﴾ الَّذِينَ هُمْ فِي صَلَاتِهِمْ خَاشِعُونَ ﴿٢﴾ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنْ
اللَّغْوِ مُعْرِضُونَ ﴿٣﴾ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِلزَّكَاةِ فَاعِلُونَ ﴿٤﴾ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ

لِفُرُوجِهِمْ حَافِظُونَ ﴿٥﴾ إِلَّا عَلَىٰ أَزْوَاجِهِمْ أَوْ مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ

غَيْرُ مُلْتَمِسِينَ ﴿٦﴾

Which means: *Certainly will the believers have succeeded; They who are during their prayer humbly submissive; And they who turn away from ill speech; And they who are observant of zakah; And they who guard their private parts, Except from their wives or those their right hands possess, for indeed, they will not be blamed.*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَتَفَعَّلِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ
الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا
وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.