

FORNICATION AND ITS EFFECTS ON SOCIETY

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أَحْمَدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ
سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ

Let us all increase our devotion towards Allah the Almighty by performing all that He has decreed and abstaining from all that He has prohibited. Hopefully, we will be blessed in this world and in the Hereafter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fornication is a grave sin in the sight of Allah the Almighty. He says in the Quran in Chapter 17 (*Surah Al-Isra*) verse (ayat) 32:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الزَّيْنَةَ إِنَّهُ ^ص كَانَ فَحِشَةً وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا ﴿٣٢﴾

Which means: *“And do not go anywhere near fornication: it is an outrage, and an evil path.”*

According to Imam Ibn Kathir, Allah the Almighty forbids us from fornication and all things that lead to it. For example, a man being alone with a woman who is marriable to him (is not his *mahram*), free mixing with women, touching or joking freely with women, looking at women with lust, looking at pornographic pictures or videos and fantasizing sexual acts. Women, on the other hand, are forbidden to expose their *aurat* (nakedness) and to seduce men.

We are also strictly forbidden to commit fornication of the eyes, fornication of the tongue, fornication of the heart, etc. The Prophet (peace be upon him [PBUH]) said in a *Hadith* narrated by Imam al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَتَبَ عَلَى ابْنِ آدَمَ حَظَّهُ مِنَ الزَّوْنَا، أَدْرَكَ ذَلِكَ لَا مَحَالَةَ، فَرْنَا الْعَيْنِ النَّظْرُ،
وَزْنَا اللِّسَانِ الْمَنْطِقُ، وَالْقَلْبُ تَمَّى وَتَشْتَهِي، وَالْفَرْجُ يُصَدِّقُ ذَلِكَ كُلَّهُ وَيُكَذِّبُهُ،

Which means: *“Allah has decreed for the children of Adam a share in fornication, he will get it by all means, the fornication of eyes is looking; the fornication of tongue is speaking; the soul desires and has a passion; the private parts confirms or falsifies it.”*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the year 2020, the National Registration Department reported that there were more than 50,000 illegitimate children born throughout Malaysia

and about 96,000 women underwent abortion at clinics offering such services nationwide. On average, there are 100 cases of infant abandonment reported each year. The main cause of this is the spread of fornication.

Imam al-Zahabi mentioned some Hadiths in his book, al-Kaba'ir including the narration of Imam Muslim, that in the hereafter, Allah the Almighty will not speak to fornicators, nor will He pay any attention to them and will not cleanse their sins. In hell, the fornicators' genitals will emit such a foul smell that it torments the other inhabitants of hell. Their genitals would be hung and beaten with iron whips while being mocked by Zabaniah (the angel that guards the hell). A special burner is provided in hell for fornicators that is narrow at the top and wide at the bottom. Each time the fornicators are struck by fire, they will howl because of the extreme heat and pain.

To avoid these grave tortures, let us remember Allah's warning in the Quran in Chapter 34 (*Surah An-Nur*), verse (*ayat*) 30:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
قُلْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَغُضُّوا مِنْ أَبْصَارِهِمْ وَيَحْفَظُوا فُرُوجَهُمْ ذَٰلِكَ أَزْكَىٰ لَهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ
خَيْرٌ بِمَا يَصْنَعُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

Which means: “[Prophet], tell believing men to lower their gaze and guard their private parts: that is purer for them. Allah is well aware of everything they do.”

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