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## SEEKING FOR THE LAWFUL (halal)

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: يَا أَيُّهَا الرُّسُلُ كُلُّوْا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَاعْمَلُوا صَالِحًا إِنِّي بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ عَلِيمٌ  
نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوْذُ 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 وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

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

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Working to earn a living is part of the teachings of Islam. Allah the Almighty rewards His servants who strive to earn halal livelihood and spend it for good deeds. Indeed, there is a great reward when wealth is spent to provide for one's wife and children, as Allah the Almighty says in Surah Al-Baqarah verse 172:

أَعُوْذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُلُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِلَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ

**Which means:** “O believers! Eat from the good things We have provided for you. And give thanks to Allah if you truly worship Him alone.”

Seeking halal sustenance is an obligation as stated by Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Tabrani,

طَلَبُ الْحَالَالِ وَاجِبٌ عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ

**Which means:** *“Seeking the lawful is a duty upon every Muslim.”*

Therefore, we should always strive to ensure that the sustenance we receive is halal. Choose food and drinks that we are sure are halal. Alhamdulillah, in our country food and drinks that have the halal logo from JAKIM are abundant and sufficient for our life's needs. So choose those with the halal logo to be safe from getting involved with haram and dubious food (*syubhat*). Likewise, when eating out, look for eateries and restaurants that have the halal logo or are owned by Muslims.

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Halal sustenance is a source of sustenance obtained in a lawful manner. Therefore, avoid committing acts that make such sustenance haram by taking something that belongs to others without permission, such as seizing, stealing or robbing. Similarly, someone who works in an office must remember that office property can only be used for work purposes and not for personal purposes. Likewise, taking the produce of other people's crops, fruits and livestock without the permission of the owner is a sinful act.

Sustenance also becomes unlawful when it is obtained through fraud, whether in business or through any of the fraudulent methods that are prevalent today. It is very sad when fraud is rampant in our society. We often hear of victims of fraud through get-rich-quick investment schemes, online fraud or scammers, fraud in buying and selling and what is even more regretful is fraud in Hajj and Umrah packages. Remember! all acts of deception are major sins and the money earned is forbidden (*haram*). Be fearful of what the Prophet sallallahu`alaihi wasallam said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim which means: *"Whoever deceives us is not one of us."*

The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) also said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari which means: *"If they (the seller or buyer) lie and cover up (the defects of the goods), then the blessings of their purchase and sale will be nullified."*

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Corruption is also among the sources of unlawful sustenance. Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Ahmad:

لَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى الرَّاشِي وَالْمُرْتَشِي

**Which means:** *"Allah has cursed the one who offers a bribe and the one who accepts a bribe."*

Appreciate and live by the words of Sayyidina Abdullah bin Rawahah Radhiallahu Anhu in the narration of Imam Malik which means:



*"O Jews! The bribes you offer are forbidden goods, and we Muslims do not eat them."*

Therefore, do not take advantage of our positions to get involved in corruption. The halal livelihood for employees is the wages paid by the employer based on the work that has been entrusted. Any additional payments obtained from interested outside parties are feared to be involved in corruption.

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

In conclusion, try to ensure that food and drinks are from halal sources. Likewise, seek halal sustenance by carrying out our tasks in accordance with the income obtained. Stay away from cheating, stealing, extortion, taking bribes and taking the rights of others because these are things that are forbidden by Islamic law.

Let us all ensure that the sustenance obtained and given to our wives and children is halal and pleasing to Allah the Almighty. Let us be reminded that every flesh that grows from what is haram, deserves hell. In addition, practice this dua in our daily life:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا ، وَرِزْقًا طَيِّبًا ، وَعَمَلًا مُتَقَبَّلًا

**Which means:** *"O Allah, I ask You for beneficial knowledge, good sustenance, and accepted deeds"*

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يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ كُلُوا مِمَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ



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