



## “THE OBLIGATION OF PURSUING LAWFUL PROFESSION”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثِيَ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيٰوةً طَيِّبَةً وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٧﴾<sup>1</sup>  
 أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Today I implore upon fellow audience, let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by diligently performing all of His Commands and earnestly avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all be spared from the wrath and punishment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Let us internalize upon today's *khutbah* titled “**THE OBLIGATION OF PURSUING LAWFUL PROFESSION.**”

Dear blessed audience,

Islam truly encourages its adherents to work and strive in earning livelihood in fulfilling the needs and responsibilities of this worldly life.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 105 of soorah at-Tawbah:

وَقُلْ أَعْمَلُوا فَسَيَرَى اللَّهُ عَمَلَكُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَسَتُرَدُّونَ إِلَىٰ عِلْمِ الْعَلِيِّ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٠٥﴾

“And say, “Do [as you will], for Allah will see your deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, and He will inform you of what you used to do.””

Striving in seeking sustenance (*rizq*) is an act that is liked by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. It is as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar *radiallaahu ‘anhuma* where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

<sup>1</sup> al-Hujuraat 49:10



## إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُؤْمِنَ الْمُحْتَزِفَ

**“Verily, Allah loves that when anyone of you does a job he should perfect it.”**  
(at-Tabraani)

Whatever occupation pursued by mankind on this earth will surely not escape the judgment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*. Mankind will be questioned rigorously regarding all of the work that they had done in this world. This is explained in the *hadeeth* of ibn Mas’ood *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

لَا تَزُولُ قَدَمُ ابْنِ آدَمَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مِنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّهِ حَتَّى يُسْأَلَ عَنْ خَمْسٍ، عَنْ  
عُمُرِهِ فِيْمَ أَفْنَاهُ، وَعَنْ شَبَابِهِ فِيْمَ أَبْلَاهُ، وَمَالِهِ مِنْ أَيْنَ اكْتَسَبَهُ وَفِيْمَ أَنْفَقَهُ،  
وَمَاذَا عَمَلَ فِيْمَا عَلِمَ

**“The feet of the son of Adam shall not move from before his Lord on the Day of Judgment, until he is asked about five things: about his life and what he did with it, about his youth and what he wore it out in, about his wealth and how he earned it and spent it upon, and what he did with what he knew?”**  
(at-Tirmidhi)

The *Sharee’ah* has categorized the types of occupation into two, namely *halaal* (lawful) and *haraam* (unlawful). According to Prof. Dr. Yoosuf al-Qaradawi, lawful matters are those that are allowed and permitted by the *Shara’* to be pursued. On the other hand, unlawful matters are those that are prohibited by the *Shara’* for it will be recompensed with torment in the Hereafter, and at times even during this worldly life.

A profession, whether *halaal* or *haraam*, for as long as it is performed with diligence, it will surely yield handsome result. Moreover, it is undeniable that with today’s unstable economic situation, mankind is willing to do whatever it takes to earn money and wealth. However, as believers, it is *waajib* (obligatory) for us to constantly remain cognizant regarding rewards and sins, as well as the negative effect of being reckless in pursuing a job. Let us not only think about worldly gain, while in reality the profit garnered will not bring any *barakah* (blessings), but instead it will bring about disaster in the Hereafter.

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

يَأْتِي عَلَى النَّاسِ زَمَانٌ، لَا يُبَالِي الْمَرْءُ مَا أَخَذَ مِنْهُ، أَمِنَ الْحَلَالِ أَمْ مِنَ الْحَرَامِ

**“A time will come when one will not care how one gains one’s money, legally or illegally.”**  
(al-Bukhaari)



Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will not spare His servants from the punishment in the Hereafter if the wealth they possess while in this world were attained from unlawful sources. Therefore, as believers we are forbidden from getting involved in work that involves alcohol, *riba*' (usury), prostitution, and its like, which all contradicts the *Sharee'ah*. These types of job, even as lucrative as it may be, will not earn the blessings of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Narrated Anas bin Malik *radiallahaahu 'anh*:

لَعَنَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ فِي الْخَمْرِ عَشْرَةً: عَاصِرَهَا، وَمُعْتَصِرَهَا، وَشَارِبَهَا، وَحَامِلَهَا،  
وَالْمَحْمُولَةَ إِلَيْهِ، وَسَاقِيَهَا، وَبَائِعَهَا، وَآكِلَ ثَمَرِهَا، وَالْمُشْتَرِيَ لَهَا، وَالْمُشْتَرَاةَ لَهُ

**"The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) cursed ten involved in wine: The one who presses it, the one who has it pressed, its drinker, its carrier, and the one it is carried to, its server, its seller, the consumption of its price, the one who purchases it and the one it was purchased for."**

(at-Tirmidhi)

Take heed, for the food and drink consumed originating from unlawful sources will only inflict grave harm upon its doer in the Hereafter. In the *hadeeth* of Jaabir bin 'Abdullah *radiallahaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ لَحْمٌ نَبَتَ مِنْ سُحْتٍ، النَّارُ أَوْلَى بِهِ

**"That flesh will not enter Paradise which has grown from haraam, and all that flesh which has grown from haraam, the fire (of hell) is more worthy of it."**

(al-Haakim)

This clearly indicates that attaining sustenance from sources that are unclear of its lawfulness and consuming unlawful sustenance yields detrimental effect upon the body, *'ibaadah* (worship), and *du'aa* (supplication) made. Moreover, it will cause one to be severely punished in the Hereafter due to heedlessness in his source of earnings.

Today, we find some Muslims that are coerced to work in premises that are somewhat involved in the management or providing services that are *haraam*. For example, being employed in building maintenance is lawful, but among the goods that fall within one's supervision are liquor and intoxicants. Similarly with the profession of a cook, which is noble and *halaal*, but resorting to cooking techniques that disregard cleanliness and utilizing ingredients having toxic substances that only harm its consumers. These acts would render one's source of income as being unlawful for being deceitful and not being trustworthy (*amaanah*). Hence, are we not fearful of the horrifying wrath and punishment of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*?

**Dear blessed Muslims,**



Verily, a good and lawful profession will earn good rewards from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. This is none other than to propel the Muslim *ummah* in selecting work that is *halaal* and pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Among those rewards are:

1. We will attain a life that is good and blessed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as He mentions in verse 97 of soorah an-Nahl, which was also recited earlier:

**"Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer - We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do."**

2. We will also be granted with noble stature in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* when we meet Him in the Hereafter, as Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 75 of soorah Ta-Ha:

وَمَنْ يَأْتِهِ مَوْمِنًا قَدْ عَمِلَ الصَّالِحَاتِ فَأُولَئِكَ لَهُمُ الدَّرَجَاتُ الْعُلَىٰ

**"But whoever comes to Him as a believer having done righteous deeds - for those will be the highest degrees [in position]."**

3. The tremendous reward prepared by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for His slaves that performs righteous deeds is to enter Paradise and uncountable provision. This is as mentioned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in verse 40 of soorah Ghaafir:

**"Whoever does an evil deed will not be recompensed except by the like thereof; but whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer - those will enter Paradise, being given provision therein without account."**

Thus, some of the rewards prepared by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for the Muslims when they pursue work that is good and avoid ones that are prohibited by the *Sharee'ah* in this world.

### **Blessed Muslims,**

Lessons from the *khutbah* today that can be derived as our guidelines are as follows:

1. It is *wajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to have certainty that opting for profession that is *halaal* is a duty commanded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

2. It is *wajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to strive in abandoning all unlawful work and sources of income.

3. It is *wajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to seek *rizq* through *halaal* means and have the intention as *ibaadah* unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



يَأْتِيهَا النَّاسُ كُلُّوا مِمَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ  
عَدُوٌّ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١٦٨﴾

**"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)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ 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 اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،  
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

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## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

***“Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.”***

(al-Ahzaab 33:56)

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ



وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ  
إِبْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ  
وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ  
وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed *rahmah* and *barakah* upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents united under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our *imaan* and creed according to that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani* and deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*. O Allah, *Ya Rahmaan*, *Ya Raheem*, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah, bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board), making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor *Waqf* Corporation), and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا  
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ  
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٥١﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ  
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

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