




THE OBLIGATION OF PURSUING LAWFUL PROFESSION



**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

**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:

“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 *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma* where

Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“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:

“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:

“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 *radiyAllaahu 'anh*:

***“The Messenger of Allah
(صلى الله عليه وسلم) 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 radiyAllaahu
'anhuma, Rasulullah
صلى الله
عليه وسلم said:***

***“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?

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:

“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.

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

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

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

“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)



**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**



“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)



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *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).



جَابَاتَانِ اِغَامَا اِيسْلَامِ سِلَانْغُورِ

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

DISEDIAKAN OLEH / PREPARED BY :

UNIT KHUTBAH,

BAHAGIAN PENGURUSAN MASJID,

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR