

## HALAL EARNING

As-Salāmu 'alaykum wa raḥmatu Llāhi. A'ūdhu biLlāhi mina sh-shayṭāni r-rajīm.

Waṣ-ṣalātu wa s-Salāmu 'alá Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-awwalīn wa l-ākhirīn. Madad yā Rasūla Llāh, madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi Rasūli Llāh, madad yā Mashāyikhinā, dastūr yā Shaykh 'Abdu Llāh al-Fā'iz ad-Dāghistānī, Shaykh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-Haggānī. Madad.

Țarīqatunā ș-șuḥbah wa l-khayru fi l-jam'iyyah.

Allah 'azza wa jalla said:

O people! Eat of the lawful and pure things in the earth and follow not in the footsteps of Satan. For surely he is your open enemy. (Qur'an 2:168)

The greatest enemy is Satan. Today people do not think how money should be earned. They do not consider whether it is halal or haram. The one who consumes haram does not do himself any good (*khayr*). If it benefits him, it will not help his children. If it helps his children, it will not be good for his grandchildren. Certainly in his lineage some harm comes, because the earning was unlawful. Whatever is consumed with that money becomes a poison. When poison enters the body, it is sure to harm it. Therefore Allah 'azza wa jalla says choose what is lawful. What is lawful is known; what is unlawful is also known. Someone disagrees and comes up with a legal opinion (*fatwa*) for himself, saying, "I do this... I do that..." Recently, these people have exceeded the boundaries, not considering helal or haram.

Allah is the Provider (Ar- $Razz\bar{a}q$ ). Allah is aware of both halal and haram. We need to flee the haram. Our prayer is to seek the clean and take from all that is lawful. Clean people are with cleans people. Dirty ones are with filthy, unclean ones. They all find those like themselves. Therefore, we need to be careful. Let us be always clean, so that we are with the clean ones.

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If you have committed a sin in the past, Allah forgives you as long as it does not involve another one's right. Those who consume haram [thereby] also encroach upon the right (haqq) of (A) has servent, and so they should ask their brother or sister to forgive them so that they are cleanly entire sin as lamits the religion of cleanliness, cleanliness is the first sine qua non of least. Without cleanliness, no work is beneficial; it

has no value. Just as if you stood for the salāt while dirty head to toe, your soul dirty, without ablution, without ghusl, your prayer would be useless—other things are the same.

May Allah have us amongst the clean ones. May He have us avoid what is unlawful (haram). Wherever the unlawful is, whoever it is with, may Allah have us avoid it. May He give us what lawful [instead]. Allah is able to do everything. May Allah give us the lawful (halāl) things always, [and] may He never make us needy of anyone.

Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq, al-Fātiḥah

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