

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَدِدٍ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

In The Name Of Allah The Most Compassionate Very Merciful  
All Praise Due To Allah And Peace And Blessings Be Upon His Beloved Messenger

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## Earning Halaal Income

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Imam Ghazzali *Radi Allahu 'Anhu* narrates that in the past whenever people used to go out to earn a living, then the females of the house used to inform the men that they should only make an effort to earn Halaal sustenance and that they should not look at anything which was Haraam. They also used to say that they can display patience when they are hungry but will not be able to display patience in front of the Fire of hell. (Makaashifatul Qulub, 66r)

### Lesson

When we study the Qur'an and Hadith and bear these important lessons in mind, then a person is always careful on what he should earn and what he should not earn. A person is also able to gain piety in the path of Islam. A person will not even look at performing something which is against the commands of Islam and the Divine Pleasure of Allah *Almighty*.

Since the early Muslims were people who grew up in an environment in which Islam was truly practised, they never allowed themselves to become a tool in the hands of the Satan. They also made sure that others also knew of this important fact.

Pertaining to this important message, the following Ahadith should also serve as a reminder:

1. The Holy Prophet *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him* has stated that, “At the Baitul Muqaddas, there is an Angel which calls our every night that, ‘Whoever consumes Haraam, Allah *Almighty* does not accept his Fard nor his Sunnah.’” (Kimiya Sa’adat)
2. The Holy Prophet *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him* has stated that, “A flesh which has grown up with Haraam, the fire is the best place for that (person).” (Baihaqi Shareef)
3. The Holy Prophet *May Allah send peace and blessings upon him* has stated that, “When a person attains Haraam wealth, even if he spends it in charity, it is not accepted. If he spends it (another way), there is no Barakah in this and if he leaves it and dies, then it becomes a means for him to enter Hell. Allah *Almighty* does not cancel evil with evil, yes, He does cancel evil with goodness. Without doubt, an evil thing is not cancelled with another evil.” (Musnad Imam Ahmed)

In Surah Mudassar, verse 27 to 29, the Qur’an states:

وَمَا آذْرِكَ مَا سَقَرُ ۖ

And what did you know what the hell is?

لَا تُبْقِي وَلَا تَذَرُ ۚ

It leaves not and spares none.

## لَوَاحَةٌ لِلْبَشَرِ ط

It takes out the skin of man.

In Surah Nisaa, verses 21 to 26, the Qur'an declares:

وَكَيْفَ تَأْخُذُونَهُ وَقَدْ أَفْضَى بَعْضُكُمْ إِلَى بَعْضٍ وَأَخَذْنَ مِنْكُمْ مِيثَاقًا

## غَلِيظًا ع

How you shall take it when each of you has already become unveiled before one another and they have taken from you a most firm covenant?

وَلَا تَنْكِحُوا مَا نَكَهَ آبَاؤُكُمْ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ إِلَّا مَا قَدْ سَلَفَ ط إِنَّهُ كَانَ

## فَحِشَةً وَمَقْتًا ط وَسَاءَ سَبِيلًا ع

And do not marry those women whom your fathers have married; except what has already passed. Undoubtedly, that is an act of indecency and wrath and an evil way.

حُرِّمَتْ عَلَيْكُمْ أُمَّهَاتُكُمْ وَبَنَاتُكُمْ وَأَخَوَاتُكُمْ وَعَمَّاتُكُمْ وَخَالَاتُكُمْ

وَبَنَاتُ الْأَخِ وَبَنَاتُ الْأُخْتِ وَأُمَّهَاتُكُمُ اللَّاتِي أَرْضَعْنَكُمْ وَأَخَوَاتُكُمُ

مِنَ الرَّضْعَةِ وَأُمَّهُتُ نِسَائِكُمْ وَرَبِّبُكُمُ اللَّاتِي فِي حُجُورِكُمْ مِّنْ

نِسَائِكُمُ اللَّاتِي دَخَلْتُمْ بِهِنَّ ۖ فَإِنْ لَّمْ تَكُونُوا دَخَلْتُمْ بِهِنَّ فَلَا جُنَاحَ

عَلَيْكُمْ ۚ وَحَلَائِلُ أَبْنَائِكُمُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ أَصْلَابِكُمْ ۚ وَأَنْ تَجْمَعُوا بَيْنَ

الْأُخْتَيْنِ إِلَّا مَا قَدْ سَلَفَ ط إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ غَفُورًا رَّحِيمًا ع

Forbidden to you are your mothers and your daughters and sisters and your father's sisters and mother's sisters and your brother's daughters and your sister's daughters, and your mothers who have given suck to you and your foster sisters and the mothers of your wives and daughters (your step daughters) who are in your care from the wives with whom you had intercourse but if you had not intercourse with them, then there is no harm in their daughters, and the wives of your sons who are of your loins and to have two sisters together except what has already passed. Undoubtedly, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.

وَالْمُحْصَنَاتُ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ إِلَّا مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ ۚ كَتَبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمْ ۚ  
وَاحِلَ لَكُمْ مَا وَرَاءَ ذَلِكَ أَنْ تَبْتَغُوا بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ مُحْصِنِينَ غَيْرَ  
مُسْفِحِينَ ۚ فَمَا اسْتَمْتَعْتُمْ بِهِ مِنْهُنَّ فَآتُوهُنَّ أُجُورَهُنَّ فَرِيضَةً ۚ وَلَا  
جُنَاحَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِيمَا تَرْضَيْتُمْ بِهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ الْفَرِيضَةِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ

عَلِيمًا حَكِيمًا ﴿٢٣﴾

And forbidden to you are the women having husbands save the women of infidels who come in your possession. This is the prescription of Allah unto you and the remaining besides those are lawful for you; so that you seek them in exchange of your properties bringing them in bondage (through marriage) and not desiring for lust. Therefore, as to those women whom you wish to marry, give them their fixed dowries. And there is no sin in what you mutually agree upon after fixation. Undoubtedly, Allah is Knowing, Wise.

وَمَنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ مِنْكُمْ طَوْلًا أَنْ يَنْكِحَ الْمُحْصَنَاتِ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ فَمِنْ مَا  
مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ مِنْ فَتَيَاتِكُمُ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِأَيْمَانِكُمْ ۚ  
بَعْضُكُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ ۚ فَانْكِحُوهُنَّ بِإِذْنِ أَهْلِهِنَّ وَآتُوهُنَّ أُجُورَهُنَّ  
بِالْمَعْرُوفِ مُحْصَنَاتٍ غَيْرَ مُسْفِحَاتٍ وَلَا مُتَّخِذَاتِ أَخْدَانٍ ۚ فَإِذَا أَحْصَيْنَ  
فَإِنْ أَتَيْنَ بِفَحِشَةٍ فَعَلَيْهِنَّ نِصْفُ مَا عَلَى الْمُحْصَنَاتِ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ ۚ ذَلِكَ

لِمَنْ خَشِيَ الْعَنَتَ مِنْكُمْ ط وَأَنْ تَصْبِرُوا خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ ط وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ

رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٢٥﴾

And amongst you one who cannot marry free believing women due to insufficient means; then let him marry such of the believing handmaids who are the possession of your hands. And Allah knows your faith very well; the one of you is from the other, therefore, marry them with the leave of their masters and give them their dowries according to convention bringing them into bondage (through marriage), not desiring for lust, and nor making lovers; when they come under bondage and again commit any act of indecency, then on them the punishment is half of that, for free women. This is for him who of you is afraid of adultery and it is better for you to have patience. And Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.

يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُبَيِّنَ لَكُمْ وَيَهْدِيَكُمْ سُنَنَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَيَتُوبَ

عَلَيْكُمْ ط وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٢٦﴾

Allah desires to explain to you His commandments and to tell you the ways of those before you and to turn to you with His Mercy. And Allah is Knowing, Wise.

Yet, it is very sad indeed that the state of most of our sisters in the modern era has certainly changed. In fact, when they grow up, the first thing that they hear is the crying of people complaining of lack of income. At the same time, the menfolk are forced to earn all types of livelihood so that they can fulfil the needs of some of these greedy females. They have no concern for what is Haraam or what is Halaal. When the children see this type of environment in their homes, then they also start to think in this fashion as well. At the same time, the parents do not even think about educating their children about the basic laws of Islam.

When the house is seen to be a place of war and battle, and the environment is free of Islamic education, and when someone enters this house, the same type of un-Islamic behaviour is also displayed by this person. When a girl enters a house

like this, she also begins to demands for things as it was practised in her own house.

In other words, fighting and arguing becomes a normal thing in this house and sometimes they separate and sometimes the husband is forced to earn Haraam income making the entire house a path to Hell.

If only we could bear in mind that various advices which we have been given by Allah *Almighty* and if we would only remember His Divine Promise that every object in this universe will get what he requires on a daily basis.

In Surah Al An'am, verse 151, the Qur'an declares:

قُلْ تَعَالَوْا أَتْلُ مَا حَرَّمَ رَبُّكُمْ عَلَيْكُمْ أَلَّا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا  
وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۖ وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَوْلَادَكُمْ مِمَّنْ أَمْلَقَ ۖ نَحْنُ نَرْزُقُكُمْ وَ  
إِيَّاهُمْ ۖ وَلَا تَقْرَبُوا الْفَوَاحِشَ مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ ۖ وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا  
النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ ۖ ذَٰلِكُمْ وَصَّكُمْ بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ



Say you, 'Come I will rehearse to you what your Lord has forbidden to you, 'that you associate not anyone with Him, and that you do good to parents, and that you kill not your children because of poverty. We shall provide for you and for them, and that you approach not shameful deeds whichever in them is open and whichever is hidden; and slay not unjustly the life which Allah has made sacred. This He has ordered you that you may understand.

In Surah Hud, verse 6, the Qur'an declares:

وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ رِزْقُهَا وَيَعْلَمُ مُسْتَقَرَّهَا وَ

مُسْتَوْدَعَهَا <sup>ط</sup> كُلٌّ فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٦١﴾

And there is none moving on this earth, the provision of that is not upon the generous responsibility of Allah, and He knows its place of stay and the place of return. All is recorded in a clear explanatory Book.