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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُلُوا مِن طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا  
لِلَّهِ إِن كُنْتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ.  
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
قَطُّ خَيْرًا مِنْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ مِنْ عَمَلِ يَدِهِ، وَإِنَّ نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ دَاوُدَ  
عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ كَانَ يَأْكُلُ مِنْ عَمَلِ يَدِهِ.

## ḤALĀL INCOME AND LABOR

Dear brothers and sisters, Allah ﷻ has bestowed upon us countless blessings and commanded us to eat of what is good and pure, while staying away from what is forbidden. He encourages us to work hard and earn an honest living through our efforts. A body and soul nourished with pure and righteous means remains healthy and balanced. In contrast, someone who lives on prohibited substances eventually loses their spiritual and physical well-being. A person who loses himself in forbidden desires will no longer find joy in prayer and following the pure path. It is important to remember that forbidden wealth will never bring happiness; whoever seeks happiness in the forbidden will miss the true joy in the Hereafter. Dear Muslims, we will all have to be accountable for how we earn and spend our money. A *mu'min* who is aware of this will never reach out for forbidden substances. In these modern times, where it is easy to fall for the temptations of fast and forbidden money, we must be aware of the moral distortion it brings to our society. A community that lives on the forbidden cannot prosper. Let us be satisfied with what Allah ﷻ has given us and ensure that we keep our income clean.

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