

EARNING LIVELIHOOD

Almighty **Allah** sent provisions for men and animals along with their creation in this world. But for His infinite mercy, we would not have at all breathed for a single moment. The Almighty Providence placed everything in this world, which can supply food to animals for their upkeep. The Holy Quraan says: “*He provides you from where you do not know.*” (65:3)

DIGNITY OF MANUAL LABOUR

All the blessed Prophets of **Allah** (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) worked with their own hands for livelihood, because there is no better food than that acquired by one’s manual labour.

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayra reported that the Messenger of **Allah** (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) said: “*Whoso gives alms of a handful of dates from lawful earnings, verily Allah accepts it with great dignity. Then, He fosters it for its owner just as one of you fosters his chickens, till they become huge like mountains.*” (Agreed)

Sayyiduna Rafe’ Bin Khadij reported that the Glorious Prophet of **Allah** (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) said: “*Price of a dog is impure, earning of a prostitute is impure, and earning of a cupper is impure*”. (Muslim)

Sayyiduna Jaabir reported that **Allah’s** Messenger (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) said: “*No flesh, which has grown out of unlawful things, has got better claim to Hell Fire.*” (Darimi) This means that the flesh nourished by unlawful food shall enter Paradise after suffering in Hell for some time. It does not mean that it will never be able to enter Paradise.

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayra reported that the Apostle of **Allah** (Sallallahu Alaihi Wassallam) said: “*Whoso seeks the world in a*

*lawful manner abstaining from begging and striving for his family and being sympathetic to his neighbour, he will meet the Almighty **Allah** on the Resurrection Day while his face will be like the moon in full-moon lit night, and whoso seeks the world in a lawful manner, seeking wealth boastfully out of show, he will meet the Almighty **Allah** while He would be wrathful to him.” (Bay’haqi)*