



جَابَاتَانِ اِغَامَا اِسْلَامِ سِلَانْغُورِ

JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

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ON THE
OUTSET OF
RAMADAAAN



I implore all of us to increase
our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala through the
fulfillment of all His Commands
and abstaining from all of His
prohibitions.



Let us increase the *adhkaar*
of Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata'aala and increasing
our *salawaat* and *salaam*
unto our beloved Prophet
Muhammad *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam,



always striving to fulfill all of
his commands and his *sunnah*.
May all these grant us benefit
in this world and the
Hereafter.

Today's *khutbah* is titled, "On
The Outset Of *Ramadaan*."

Whether we realize it or not,
we are already heading
towards the end of *Sha'baan*,
and *Ramadaan* that is always
mentioned and much
anticipated will soon arrive
to meet us.



*Ahlan wa sahlān, marhaban
bika ya Ramadaan!* Some of
us may have even
supplicated to Allah since
the coming of *Rajab* with a
du'a having great meaning
and optimism:



“O Allah, make the months of Rajab and Sha’baan blessed for us, and let us reach the month of Ramadaan.”

(Ahmad, Abu Nu‘aym)



Due to this, there is a narration which mentions that on one day, while Rasulullah *sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam* was still alive, he had delivered a talk after *Maghrib* at the end of



Sha'baan, as a reminder for
the *muslimeen* and
muslimaat who were present,
on the coming of the noble
month of *Ramadaan*. These
very words were narrated by
Salman al-Faarisi



radiyAllaahu 'anh, and part
of it was:

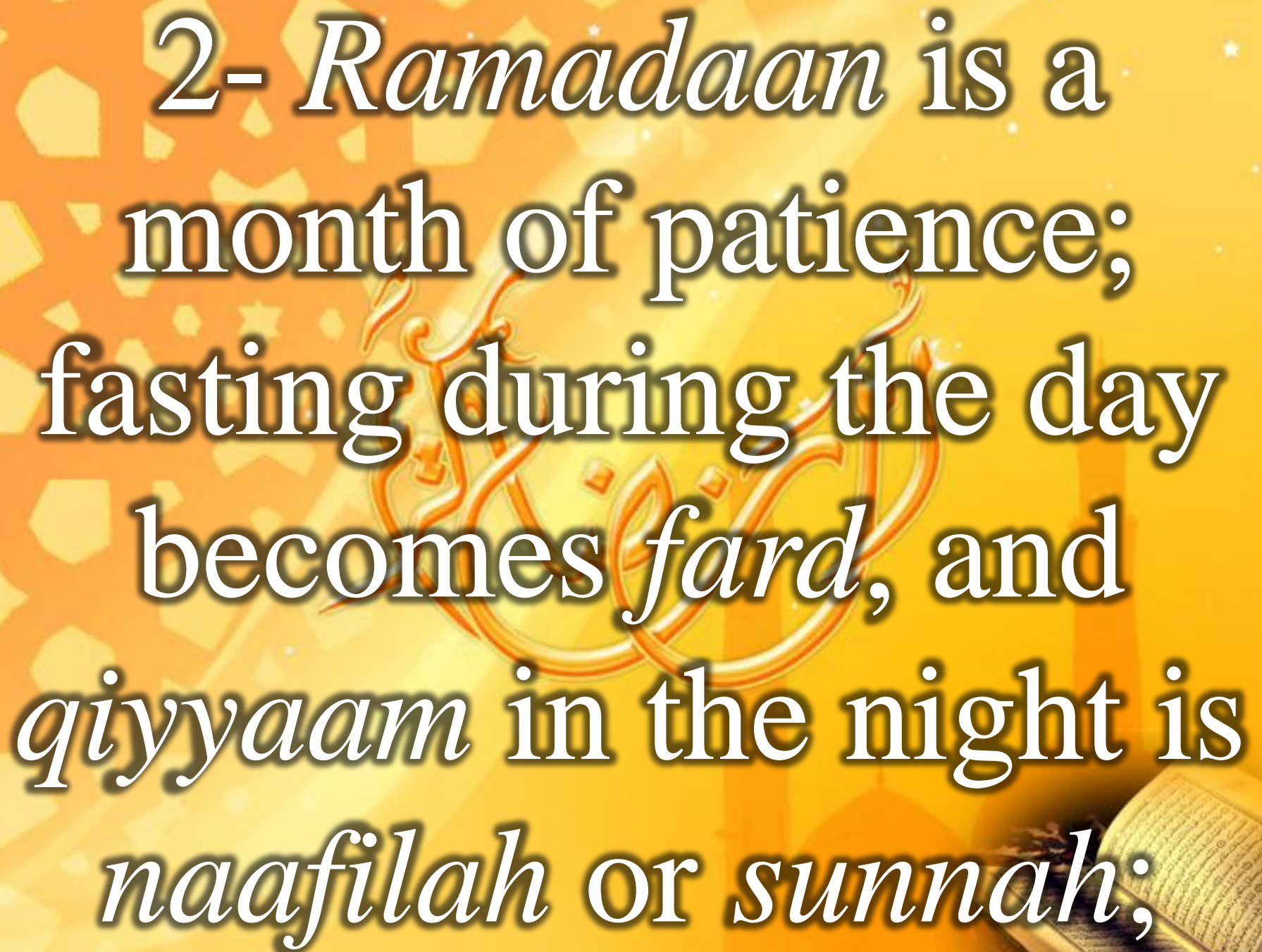
Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi
wasallam* had reminded us
about the coming of the
noble *Ramadaan*, having
unmatched superiority when

compared with other months throughout the year. Among its advantages are:

1- Allah has bestowed upon one of the night as being a night worth more than a thousand months;



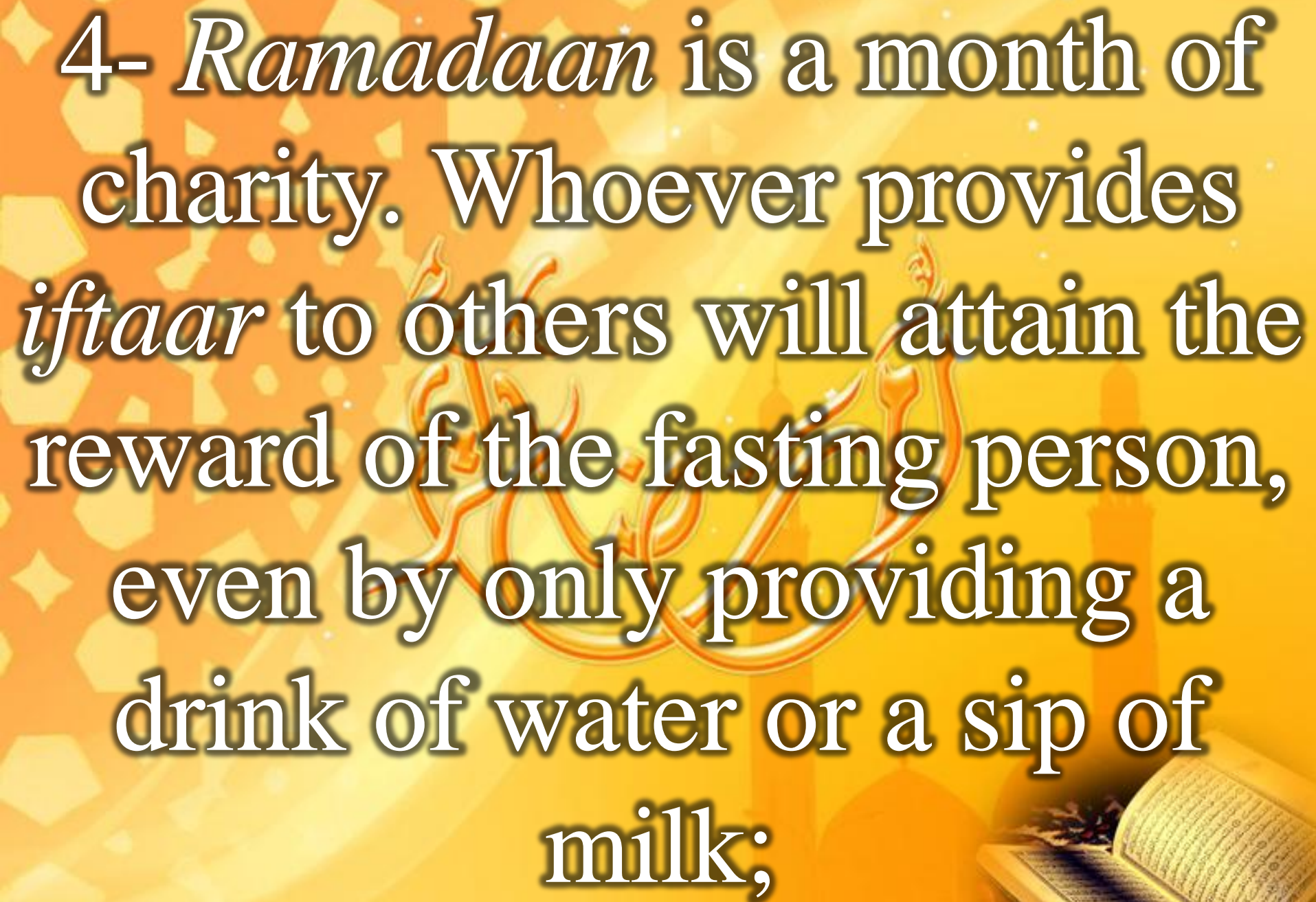
2- *Ramadaan* is a month of patience; fasting during the day becomes *fard*, and *qiyyaam* in the night is *naafilah* or *sunnah*;



3- Whomever performs
good deeds, will be
rewarded with 70 times
the reward of *fard* acts
performed outside of
Ramadaan:



4- *Ramadaan* is a month of charity. Whoever provides *iftaar* to others will attain the reward of the fasting person, even by only providing a drink of water or a sip of milk;

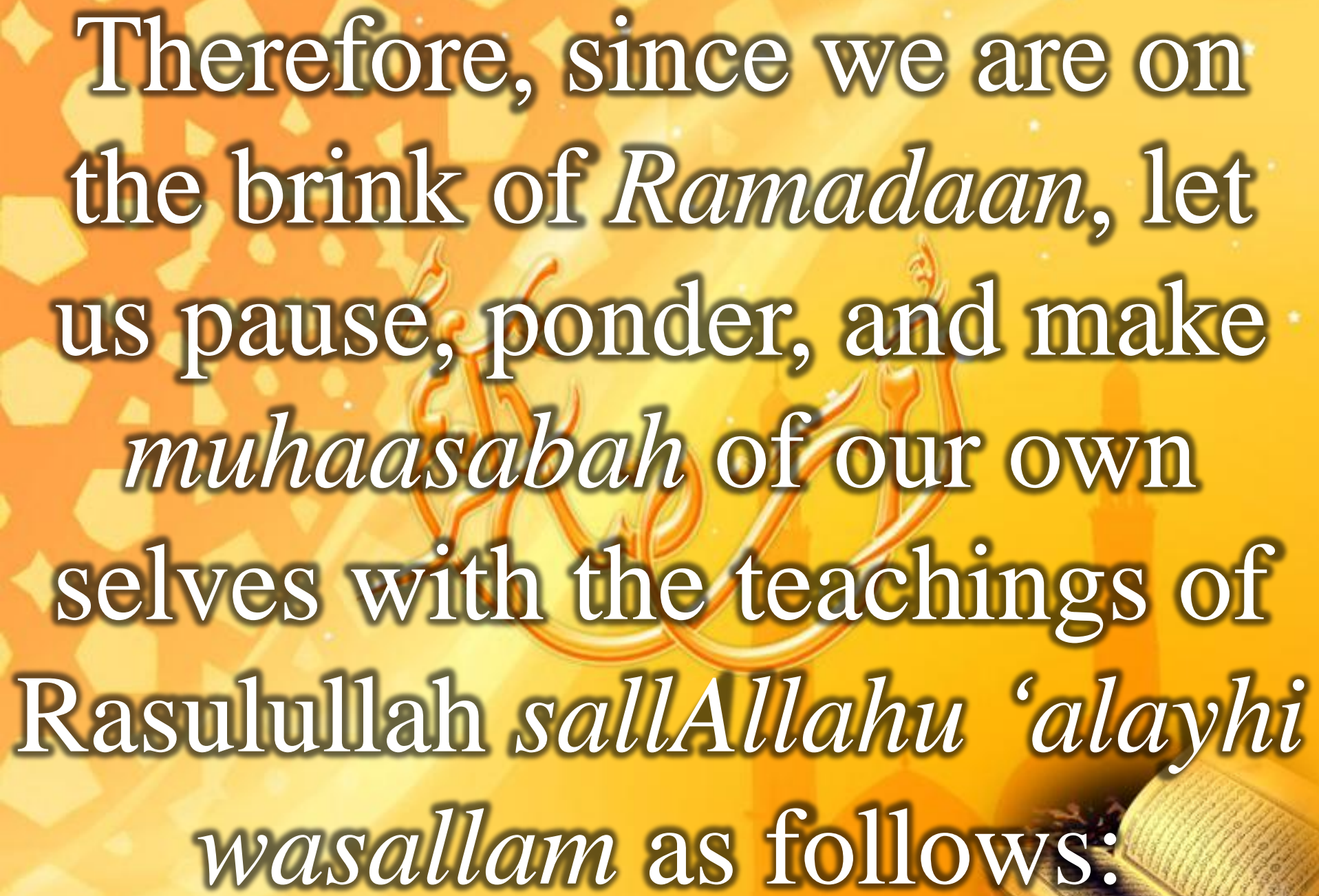


5- *Ramadaan* is a month, the first part of which brings Allah's mercy, the middle of which brings His forgiveness and the last part of which brings emancipation from the fire of *Jahannam*.

(ibn Khuzaymah: *da'eef*)




Therefore, since we are on the brink of *Ramadaan*, let us pause, ponder, and make *muhaasabah* of our own selves with the teachings of Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* as follows:

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1- *Ramadaan* is a month in which Allah grants ample opportunity for the fasting person to reap as much reward as possible, as He has promised. The deeds are not tedious, but its return is manifold and lucrative.

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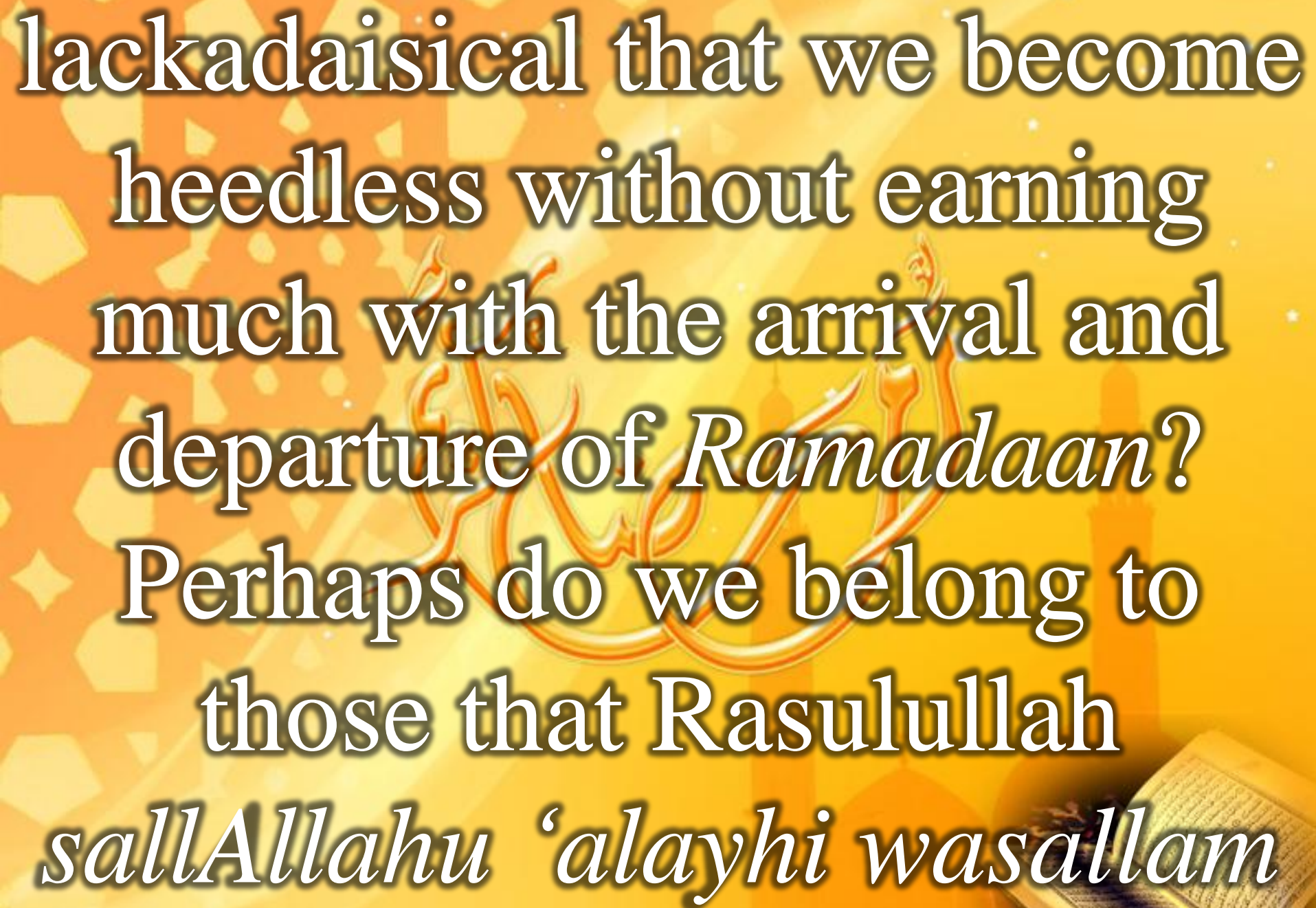
Therefore, few questions that we should ask our own selves: With all these bountiful offers mentioned by Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*, are they not sufficient to entice us to



long and unite with
Ramadaan once more? Are
we able to embrace
Ramadaan firmly from the
start until its final days
leaving us? Or are we
emotionless and




lackadaisical that we become
heedless without earning
much with the arrival and
departure of *Ramadaan*?
Perhaps do we belong to
those that Rasulullah
sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam



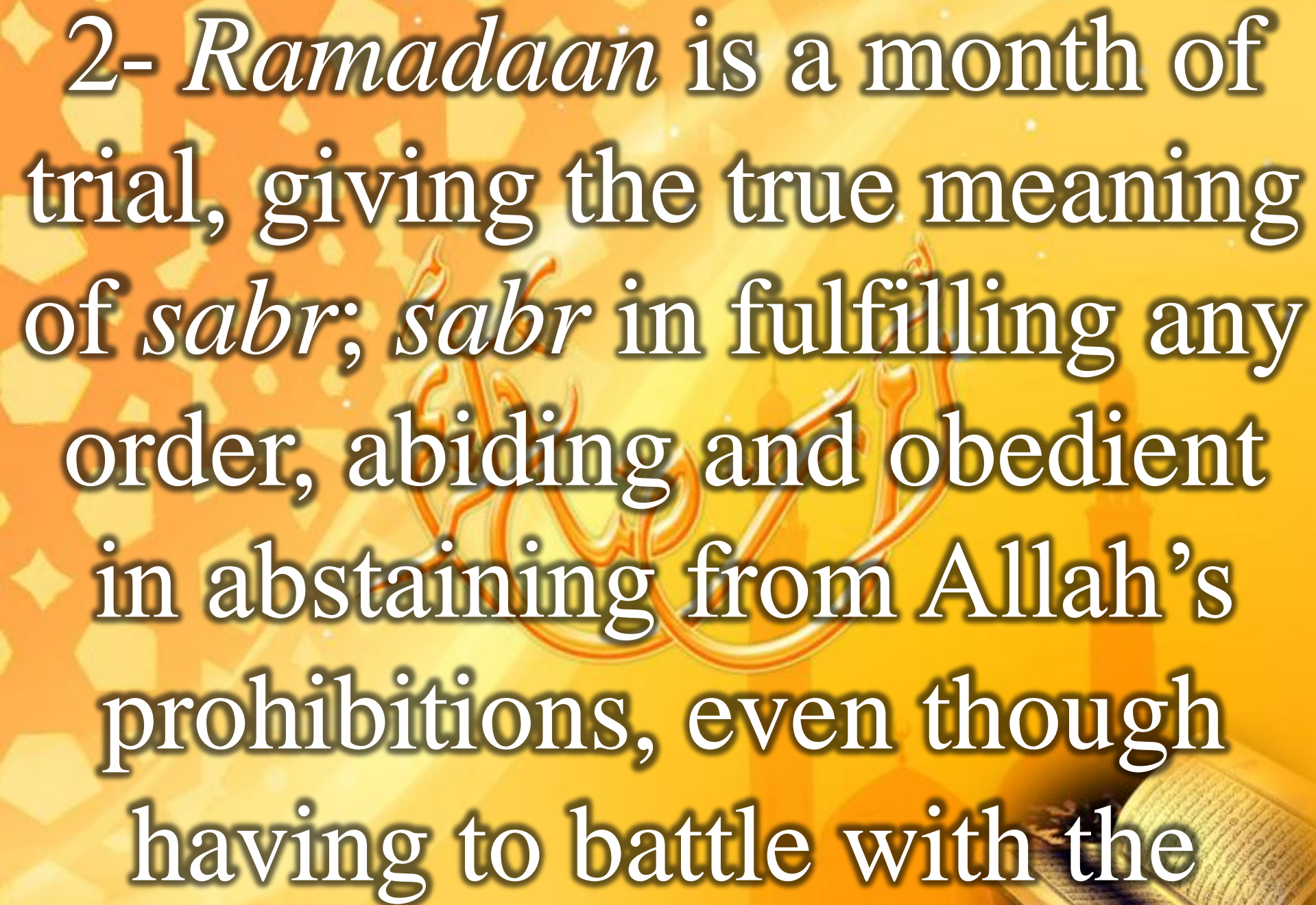
had warned about in a
hadeeth:

**"Perhaps a person fasting
will receive nothing from
his fasting except hunger
and thirst."**

(ibn Maajah, ad-Daarimi, Ahmad and al-
Bayhaqi: *saheeh*)



2- *Ramadaan* is a month of trial, giving the true meaning of *sabr*; *sabr* in fulfilling any order, abiding and obedient in abstaining from Allah's prohibitions, even though having to battle with the



lustful desire (*shahawaat*)
and evil forces from among
the jinn and mankind.
Hence, those that strive in
their fasting are ennobled
by Allah all the time,



they are likened to a *mujaahid*
on the battlefield, fighting battle
after battle. The recognition that
Allah grants is illustrated in a
hadeeth narrated by ibn Abi
Awfa al-Aslami *radiyAllaahu*
'anh,

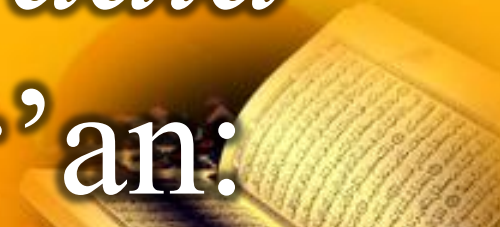


that Rasulullah *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam said: “The
sleep of the fasting person is
worship, his silence is *tasbeeh*,
his *du'a* is answered and his
good deeds will be
multiplied.”

(al-Bayhaqi: *da'eef*)



3- The blessing of *Ramadaan* that Allah has bestowed upon His believing slaves is intertwined with the revelation of al-Qur'an. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:



**“The month of *Ramadaan*
[is that] in which was
revealed the Qur’an, a
guidance for the people
and clear proofs of
guidance and criterion...”**

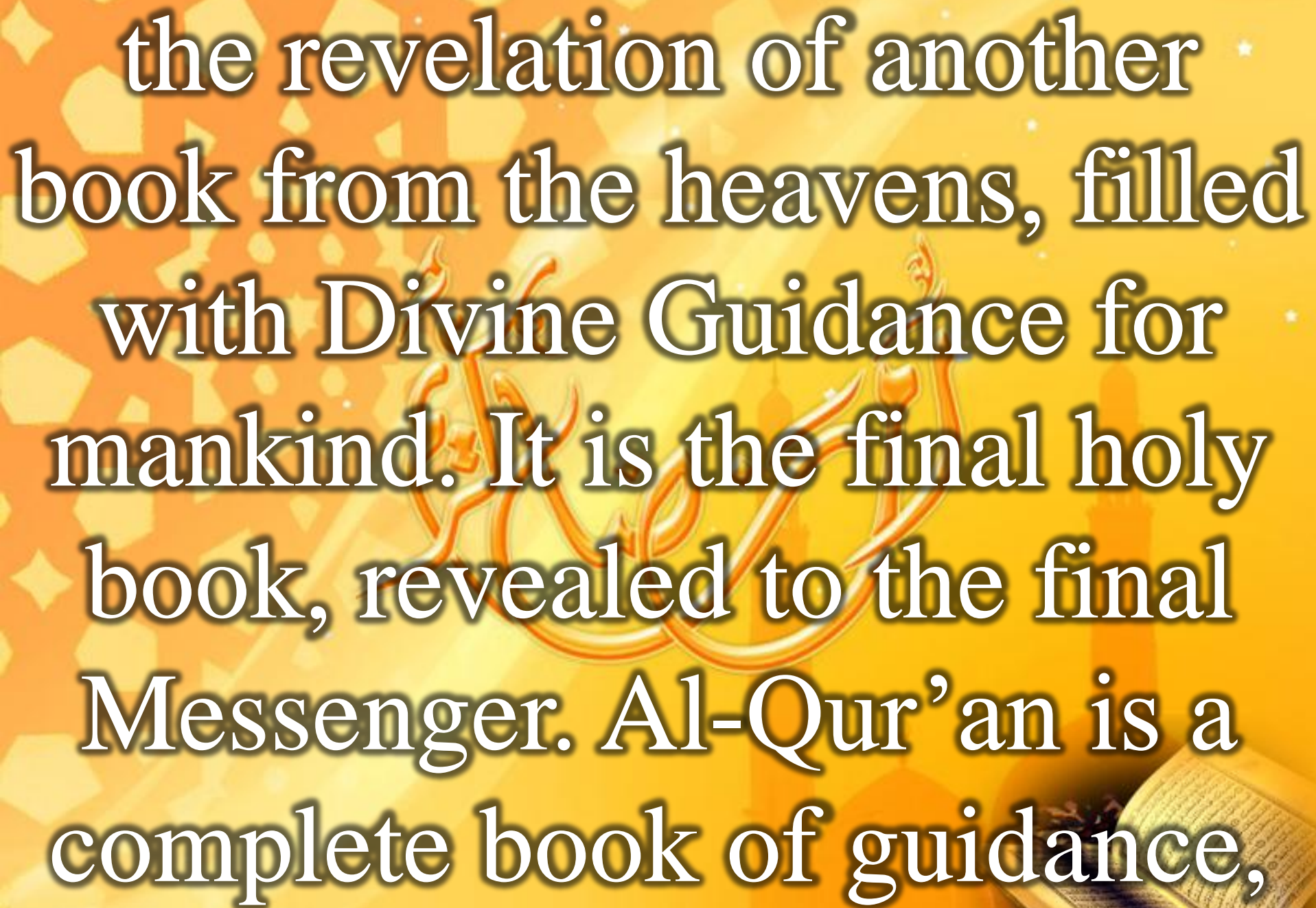
(al-Baqarah 2:185)



The night in which al-Qur'an was revealed is known as "*Laylatul Qadr*" or the Night of Power (Measure). On that night, many angels were commanded to descend to the world to commemorate



the revelation of another book from the heavens, filled with Divine Guidance for mankind. It is the final holy book, revealed to the final Messenger. Al-Qur'an is a complete book of guidance,

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for whoever follows and
abides by its teachings will
be on the path of salvation.
On the contrary, whoever
refuse and stubbornly
declines to follow its
teachings,



will be among those deviated
in this world and Hereafter.


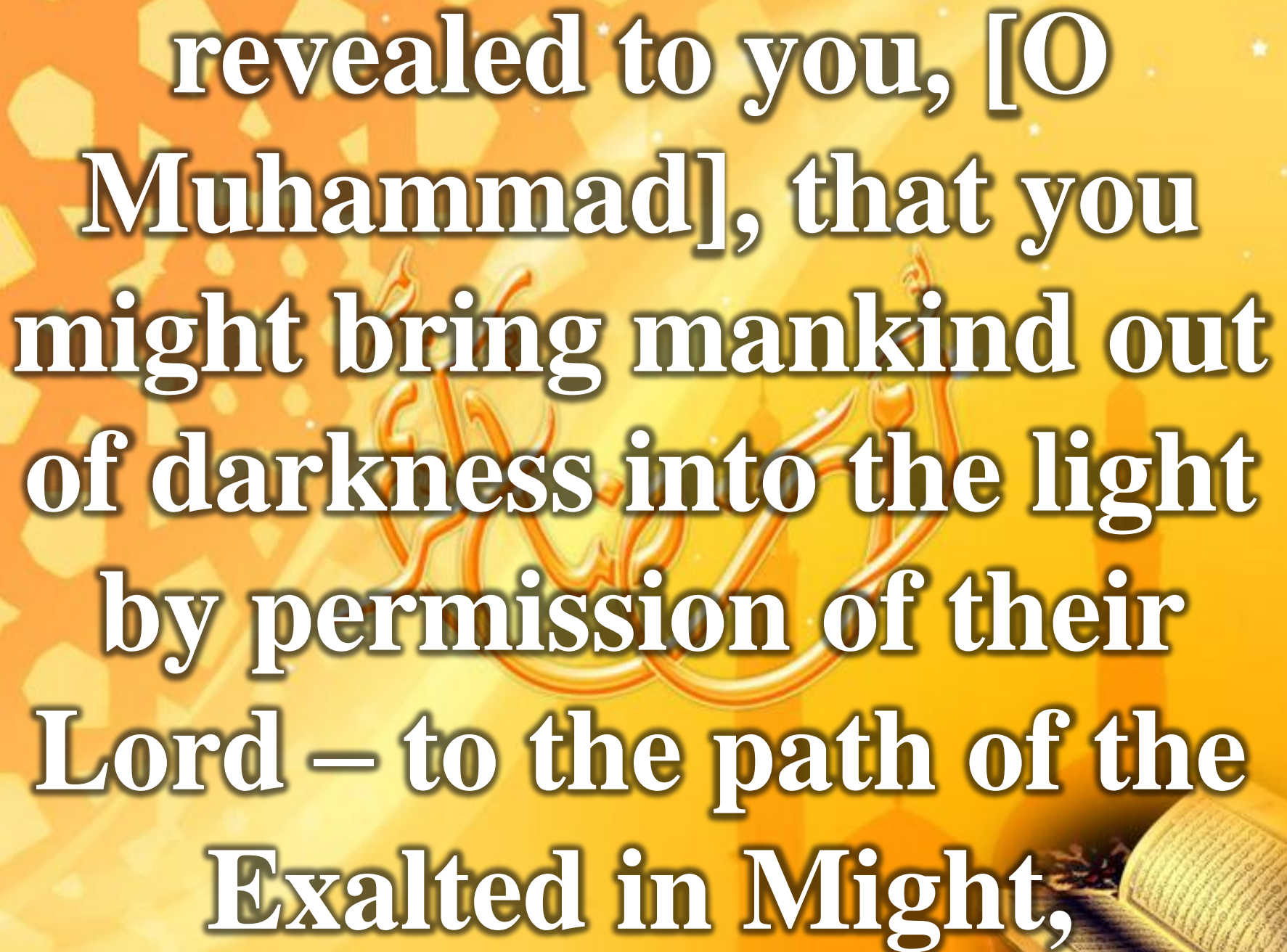
Allah Subhaanahu

Wata 'aala mentions in al-

Qur'an:

**“Alif, Lam, Ra. [This is] a
Book which We have**

**revealed to you, [O
Muhammad], that you
might bring mankind out
of darkness into the light
by permission of their
Lord – to the path of the
Exalted in Might,**

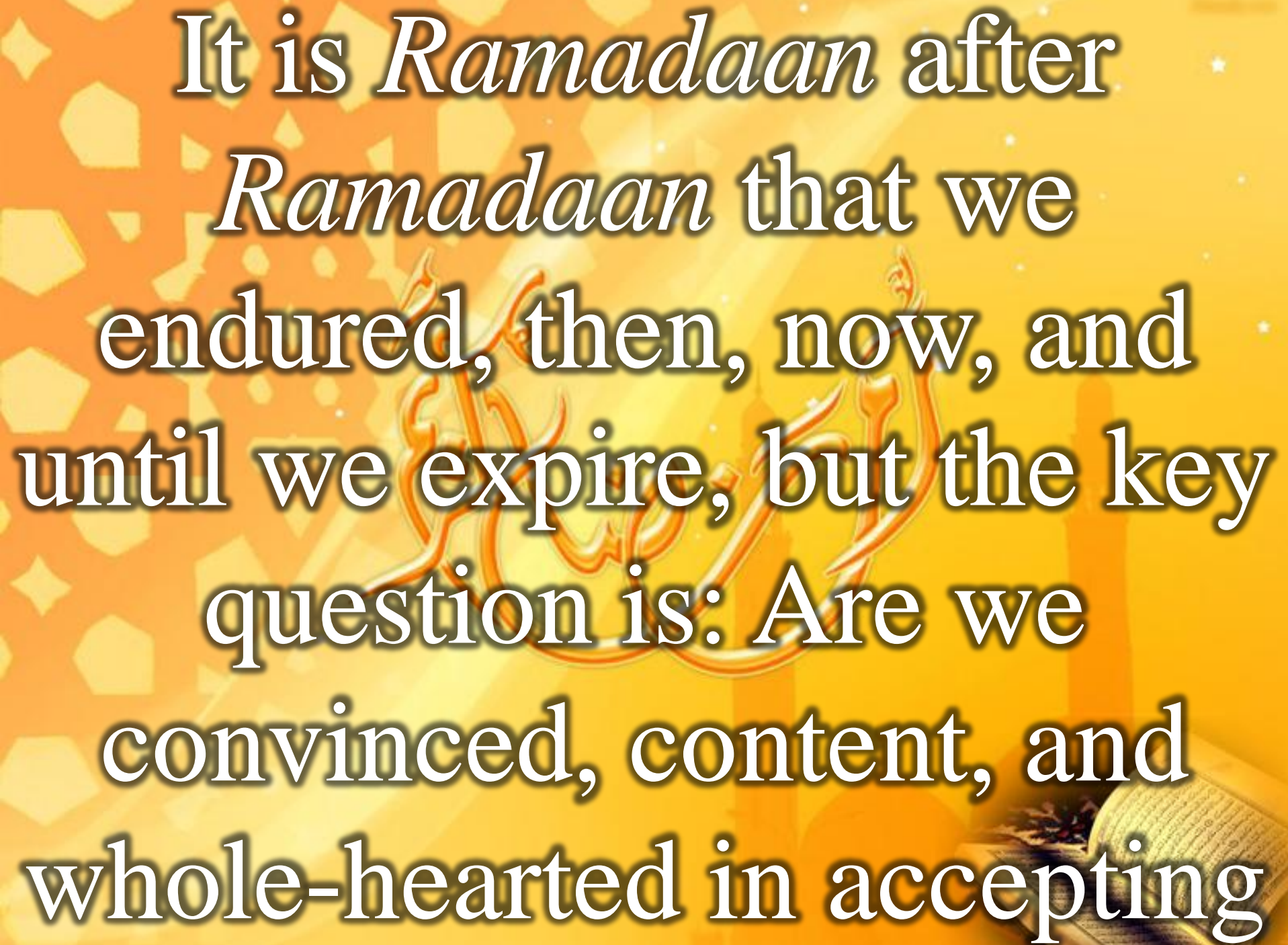


**the Praiseworthy – Allah, to
whom belongs whatever is
in the heavens and
whatever is on the earth.
And woe to the disbelievers
from a severe punishment.”**

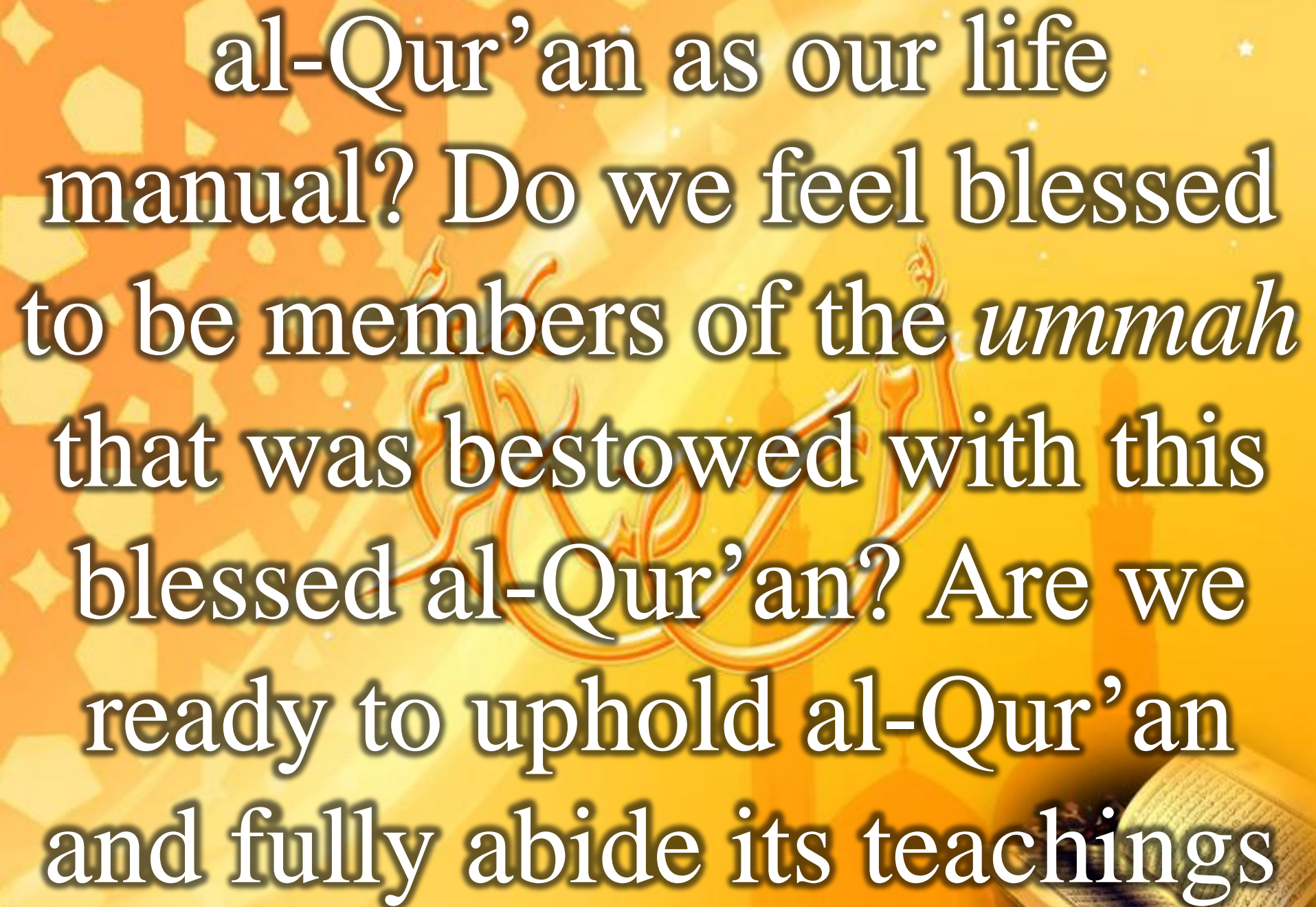
(Ibraaheem 14:1-2)



It is *Ramadaan* after
Ramadaan that we
endured, then, now, and
until we expire, but the key
question is: Are we
convinced, content, and
whole-hearted in accepting

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al-Qur'an as our life manual? Do we feel blessed to be members of the *ummah* that was bestowed with this blessed al-Qur'an? Are we ready to uphold al-Qur'an and fully abide its teachings

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as regulations in every aspect of our lives? Are we negligent upon al-Qur'an and its teachings? Do we turn a deaf ear when others refer us as being al-Qur'an illiterate?



While in within our Malay heritage, there is a saying and poetry dispraising such attitude:
*Slide the board, pull the board,
The keranji fruit (tamarind) is
inside the canoe, If you tell him
to eat, he will eat, Reciting al-
Qur'an, he doesn't know how to.*



The questions relating to al-Qur'an previously mentioned must definitely be answered without a choice. They will be asked one-by-one in a sequence that is only known to The All-Knowing.



Would it be in a moment?
Tomorrow? The day after
tomorrow? This year, or the
next? Or at any time? No
one knows.

Indeed, successful are those
that are ever ready with their

good deeds, for he will be able to answer those questions fluently without doubts. His life that was full of dedication to al-Qur'an will assist him to answer those questions with ease.



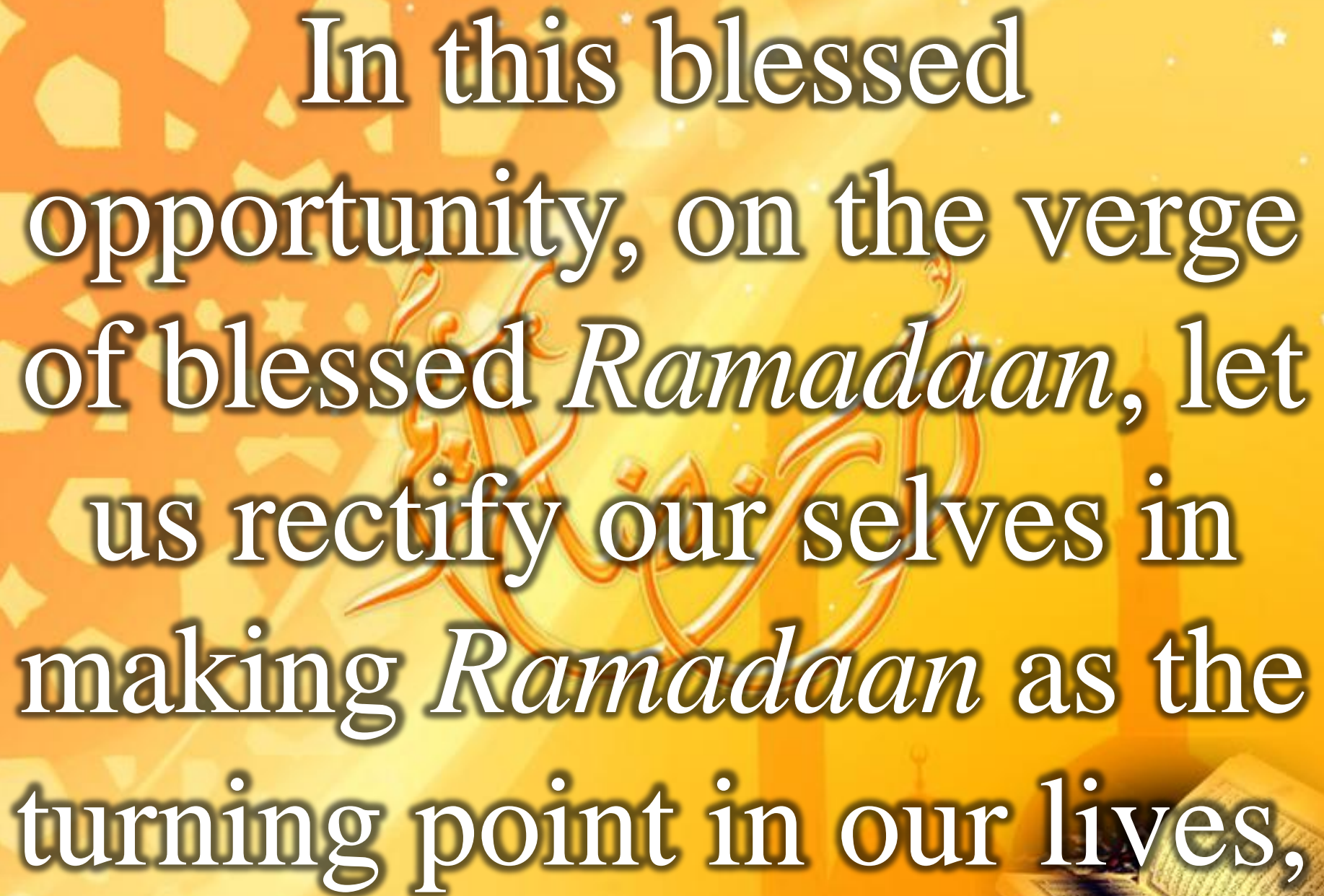
On the contrary, those that
are heedless with al-
Qur'an, without effort and
jihaad to learn its
recitation, furthermore
neglectful, lazy, proud and



arrogant, they will
definitely stumble and
become fearful when
those questions are posed
to them.



In this blessed
opportunity, on the verge
of blessed *Ramadaan*, let
us rectify our selves in
making *Ramadaan* as the
turning point in our lives,

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family, society, and
ummah, towards that which
excellent and having
istiqaamah.

Let us beseech Allah to
grant us one more chance
to rectify our mistakes and



negligence in the past, that
at the end, we are
permitted to step through
the doors of Paradise
without any obstacle and
barrier.



**“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.”**

(an-Nahl 16:97)

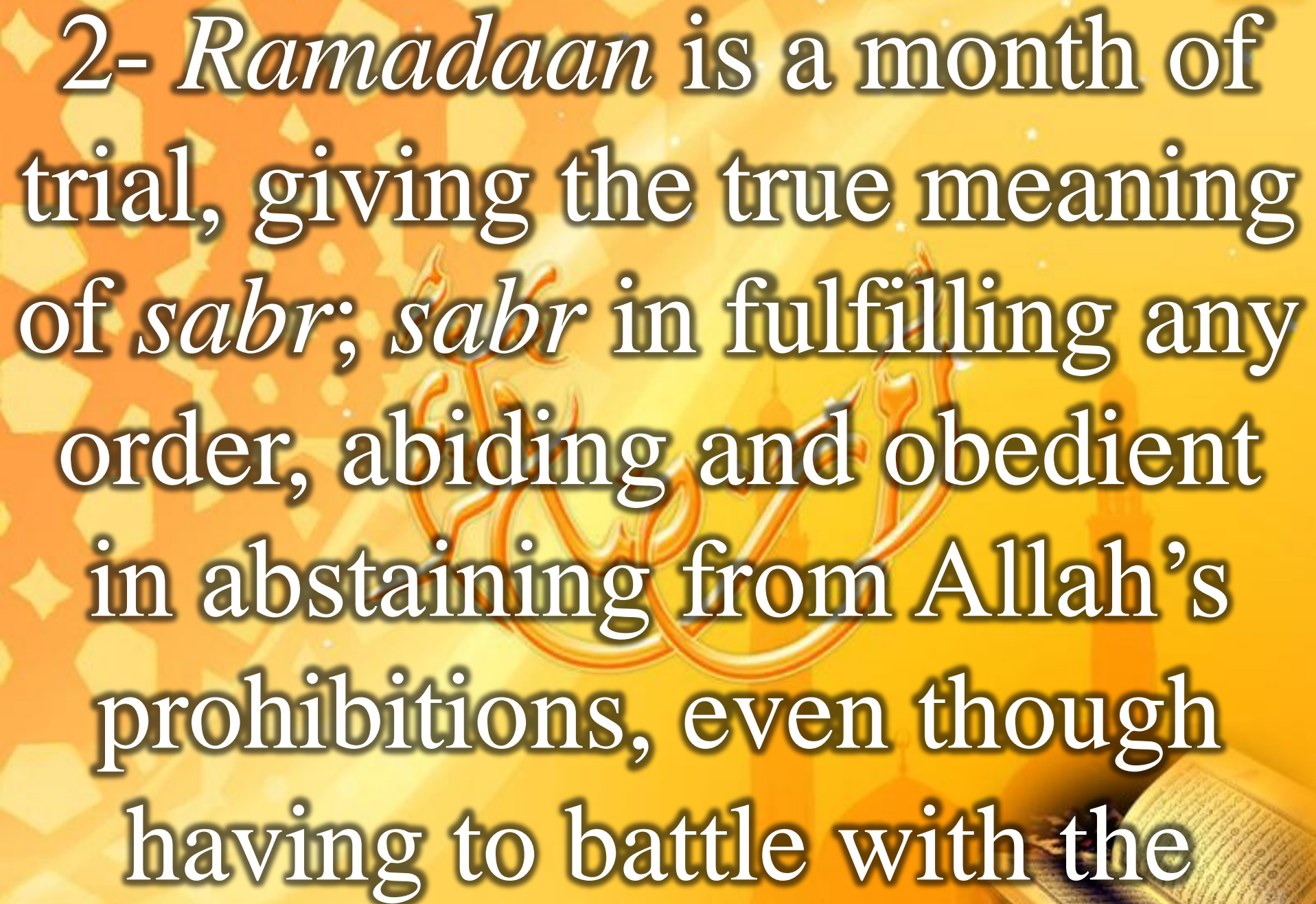


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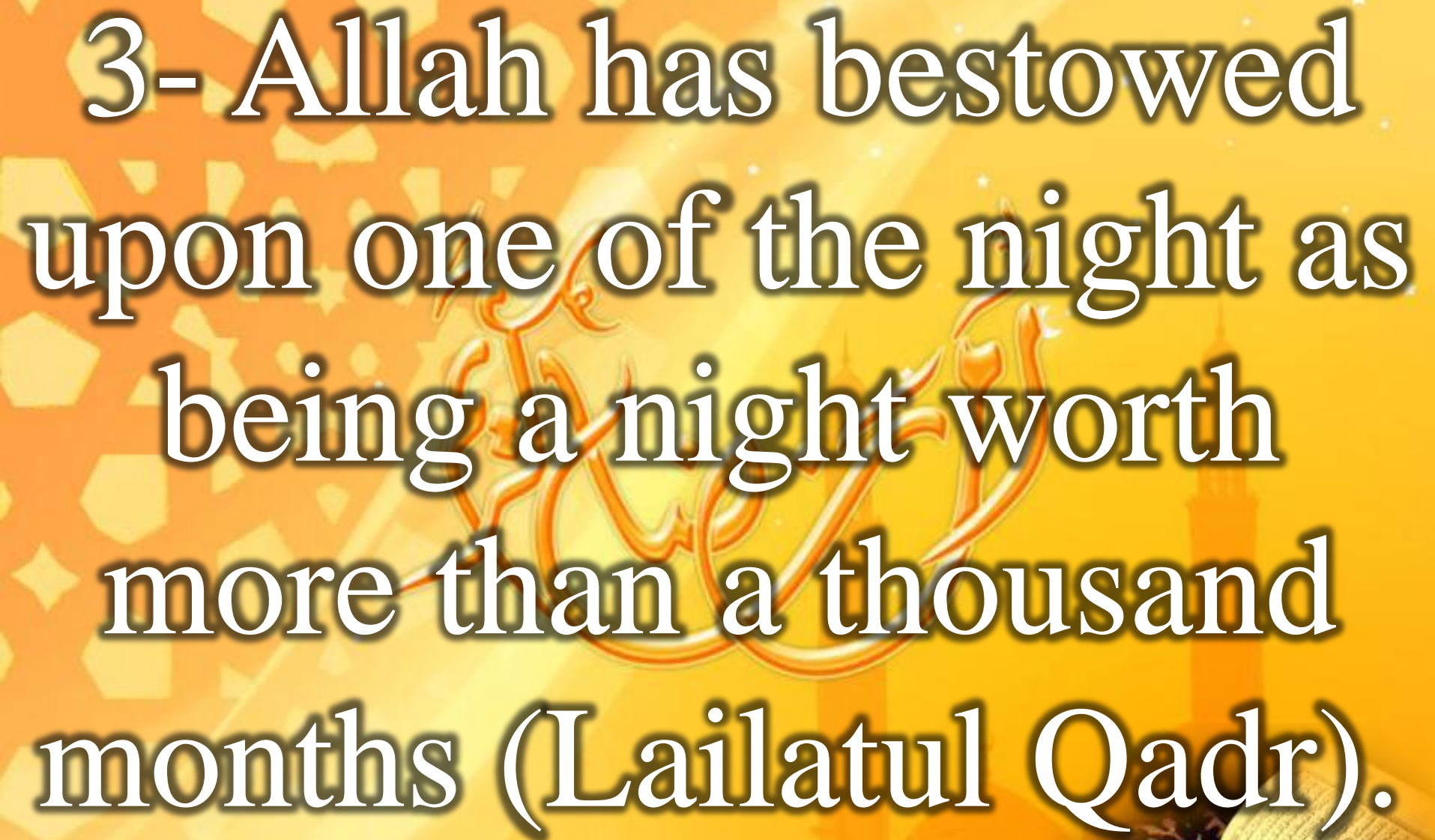
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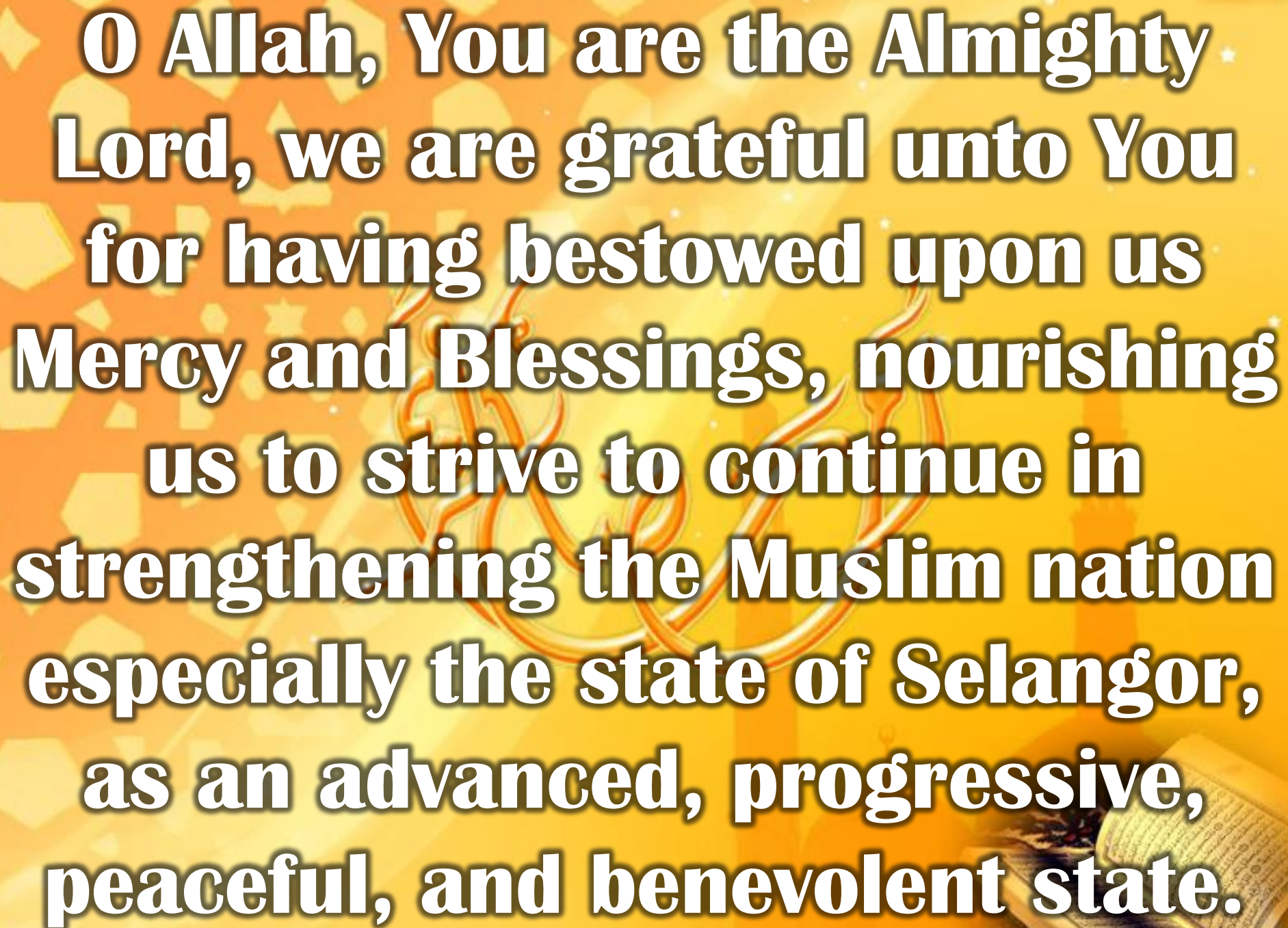
3- Allah has bestowed upon one of the night as being a night worth more than a thousand months (Lailatul Qadr).

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بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ
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إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ



O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.




We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our *imaan*, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,



protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.



Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.



**Purify their wealth and soul so
that they will live according to
that which pleases You. Protect
the poor and needy from
disbelief and everlasting poverty.**

Allaahummaa ameen





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