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UNDERSTANDING

ZAKAAT AL-FITR

ZAKAT

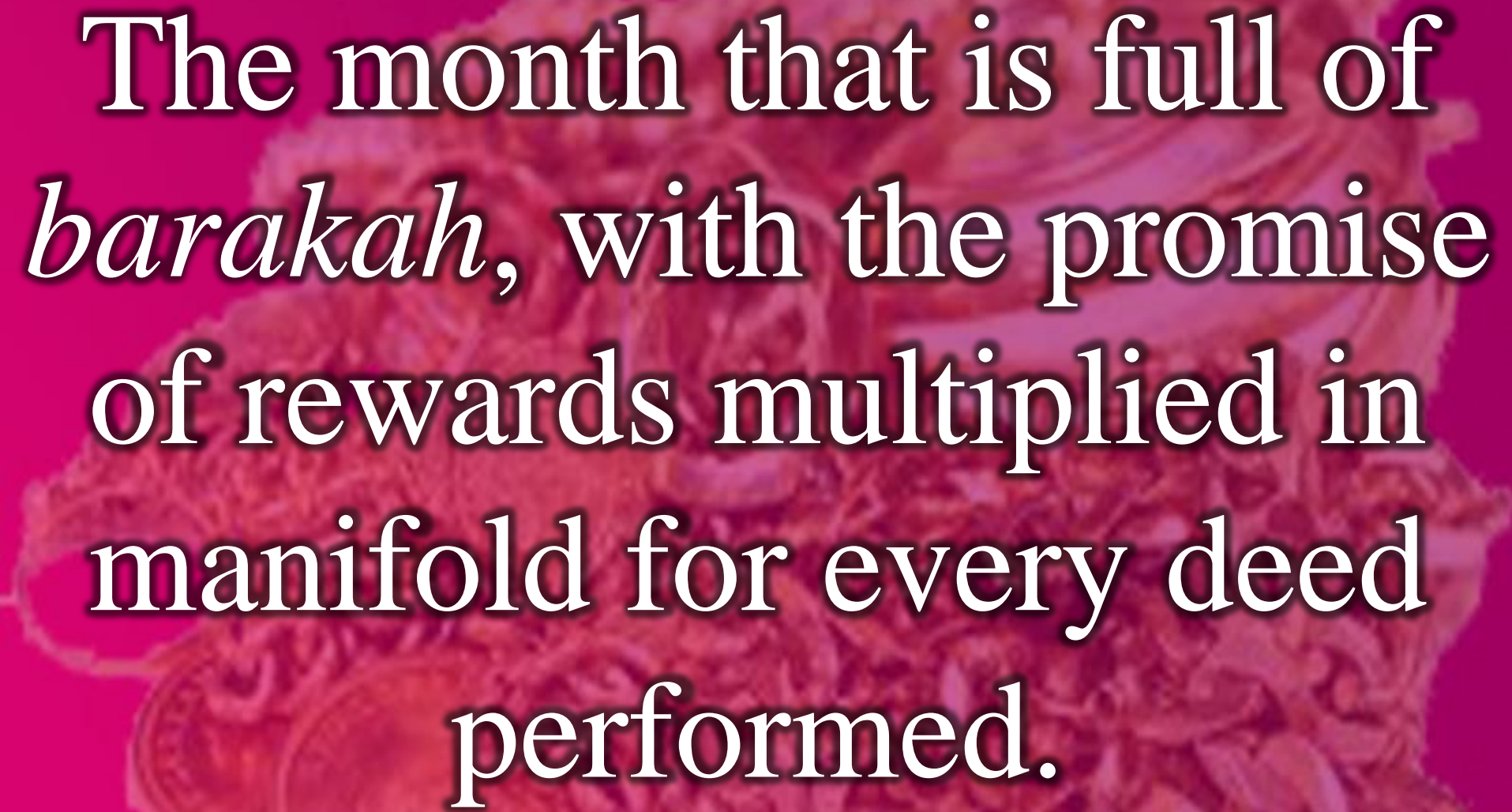


I remind myself and fellow
audience to strive our
utmost in increasing our
imaan and *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala,

by abiding by all of His
Commands and abstaining
from all of His prohibitions.

Indeed, the most noble of
people in the Sight of Allah
are those having utmost
taqwa.

In this very blessed time, let
us utter and manifest our
gratefulness to Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala, that
we are still given the
opportunity to continue on in
this blessed month.

The background of the image is a vibrant red. In the center, there is a large, overflowing pile of gold coins and paper money, rendered in a semi-transparent, golden-brown color. The coins are scattered throughout the pile, some showing intricate designs. The paper money is crumpled and layered, creating a sense of abundance and wealth. The overall composition is centered and fills most of the frame.

The month that is full of
barakah, with the promise
of rewards multiplied in
manifold for every deed
performed.

Zakaat al-fitr is heavily associated with the month of *Ramadaan*. With the coming of this month, every Muslim is compelled to fulfill this very obligation of *zakaat al-fitr*.

Even so, do we really fully understood this *'ibaadah* of *zakaat al-fitr*?

Zakaat al-fitr is from among the two types of *zakaat*, the other one being *zakaat al-maal* (wealth).

Zakaat al-fitr is also known as “*zakaat badan*” (i.e. pertaining to the body). It was made *fard* by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* in the year 2 After Hijrah.

In terms of its obligation,
zakaat al-fitr is obligated
upon every Muslim
individual, whether a slave
or free person, infant, young
child, adults, the sane or
insane.

In a hadeeth, ibn ‘Umar
radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma
mentioned:

*“Allah’s Messenger
(sallAllahu ‘alayhi
wasallam) ordered*

*sadaqat al-fitr on behalf of
the young and the old, and
the free and the slave -
whom you provide for.”*

*(al-Bayhaqi, ad-Daaraqutni:
hasan)*

Zakaat al-fitr has a different *nisaab* (minimum amount required) compared to *zakaat al-maal*. In this regard, Islam has stipulated that anyone having food that is enough for himself for the night

before (eve) *'eid* until the day of *'eid*, then *zakaat al-fitr* is due upon the person. The amount of *zakaat al-fitr* to be given is determined at a *saa'* of basic food, which is based upon the staple diet of



that particular community
(nation). In the Malaysian
context, it is approximately
equivalent to 2.7kg and its
pricing according to rice
grain changes from year to
year,

depending on the current price of that commodity.

Therefore, the Selangor

Fatwa Committee has

determined that the rate of

zakaat al-fitr due in the state

of Selangor is RM7

per person, equivalent to the current price of rice grain of medium grading. With this standardization, it is hoped that the Muslims in this state are capable of fulfilling their *zakaat al-fitr* obligation

within its due time.

When are we to fulfill this *zakaat al-fitr*? Some of us are in the habit of procrastinating to the very final moment, meaning right before *salaat al-‘eid* begins,

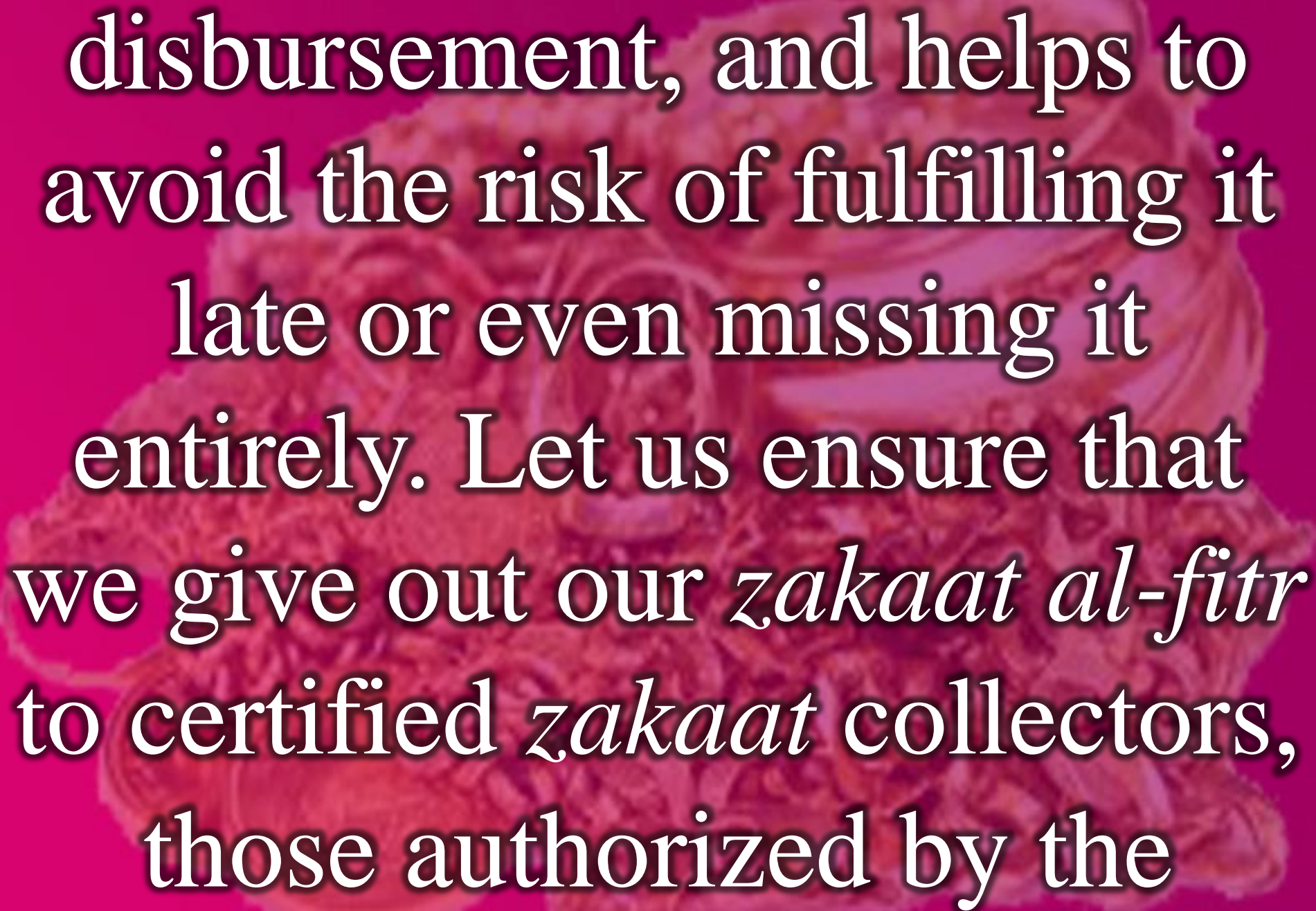
on the pretext that it is the preferred time. However, in the book *Fiqh al-Manhaji* (Volume 1), it was elaborated in details regarding the time to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr*:

“Whoever fulfills zakaat al-fitr from the 1st of Ramadaan, then the ruling is that it is permissible and valid. If one fulfills it between the period of after sunset at the end of Ramadaan until right before

salaat al-‘eid begins, then those are the preferred (afdal) times. But fulfilling zakaat al-fitr after salaat al-‘eid, then the ruling is makrooh. And delaying it

*until sunset on the 1st of
Shawwaaal is deemed
sinful; but it is still waajib
to fulfill this obligation
and it would be
considered as qadaa'.”*

Even though the best time is right before *salaat al-‘eid*, we should not just wait until those final moment. Let us fulfill this obligation even from early *Ramadaan*, for it will ease the affairs of its



disbursement, and helps to avoid the risk of fulfilling it late or even missing it entirely. Let us ensure that we give out our *zakaat al-fitr* to certified *zakaat* collectors, those authorized by the

Islamic Religious Council of Selangor (MAIS).

There are numerous *hikmah*
for *zakaat al-fitr*. Among
them:

1- Brings happiness to every
Muslim.

This was mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, where Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* stated:
“... *There are two (occasions) of joy for the*

*observer of fast. He
feels joy when he
breaks the fast and he
is happy when he meets
Allah ...”*

(Muslim)

2- *Zakaat al-fitr* can help rid one from stinginess and miserliness. Vanity will be replaced with humbleness and instill the love of sharing with others upon the *ni'mah* that Allah *Subhaanahu*

Wata'ala has bestowed upon them. If sharing RM7 with others brings such grieve, then how could one give off more than that in fulfilling their *zakaat al-maal* and giving *sadaqah*?

3- Zakaat al-fitr helps develop the love and care of the rich towards the poor and needy. Such that the ill feeling of *hasad* and envy that leads to the erosion of brotherhood and harmony

amongst Muslims will be
further eradicated.

4- *Zakaat al-fitr* is a form of
self-purification for the
Muslim *ummah*. As it was
narrated by ibn 'Abbaas
radiyAllaahu 'anhuma:

*“The Messenger of Allah
(sallallahu ‘alayhi
wasallam) enjoined zakaat
al-fitr as a purification for
the fasting person from idle
talk and obscene speech, and
to feed the poor.”*

(Abu Dawood: hasan)

5- Zakaat al-fitr helps to manifest the unity of *'aqeedah* and deeds that is required by Allah, such as helping one another, and easing the burden of one another.

Allah Subhaanahu

Wata 'aala mentions in

al-Qur'an:

“And cooperate in

righteousness and piety,

*but do not cooperate in
sin and aggression.
And fear Allah; indeed,
Allah is severe in
penalty.”*

(al-Maa'idah 5:2)

Indeed, it behooves us to display high characters as Muslims in *Ramadaan al-Mubaarak*, as believers that are well mannered, sympathetic, and courteous towards one another,

with genuine *ikhlaas* and
obedience to Islamic
teachings. Let us fulfill our
zakaat al-fitr with absolute
ikhlaas and awareness. From
Salmaan al-Faarisi
radiyAllaahu 'anh,

Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi
wasallam* had said:

*“...Whosoever tries drawing
nearer to Allah by
performing any virtuous
deed (naafilah) in this
month, for him shall be*

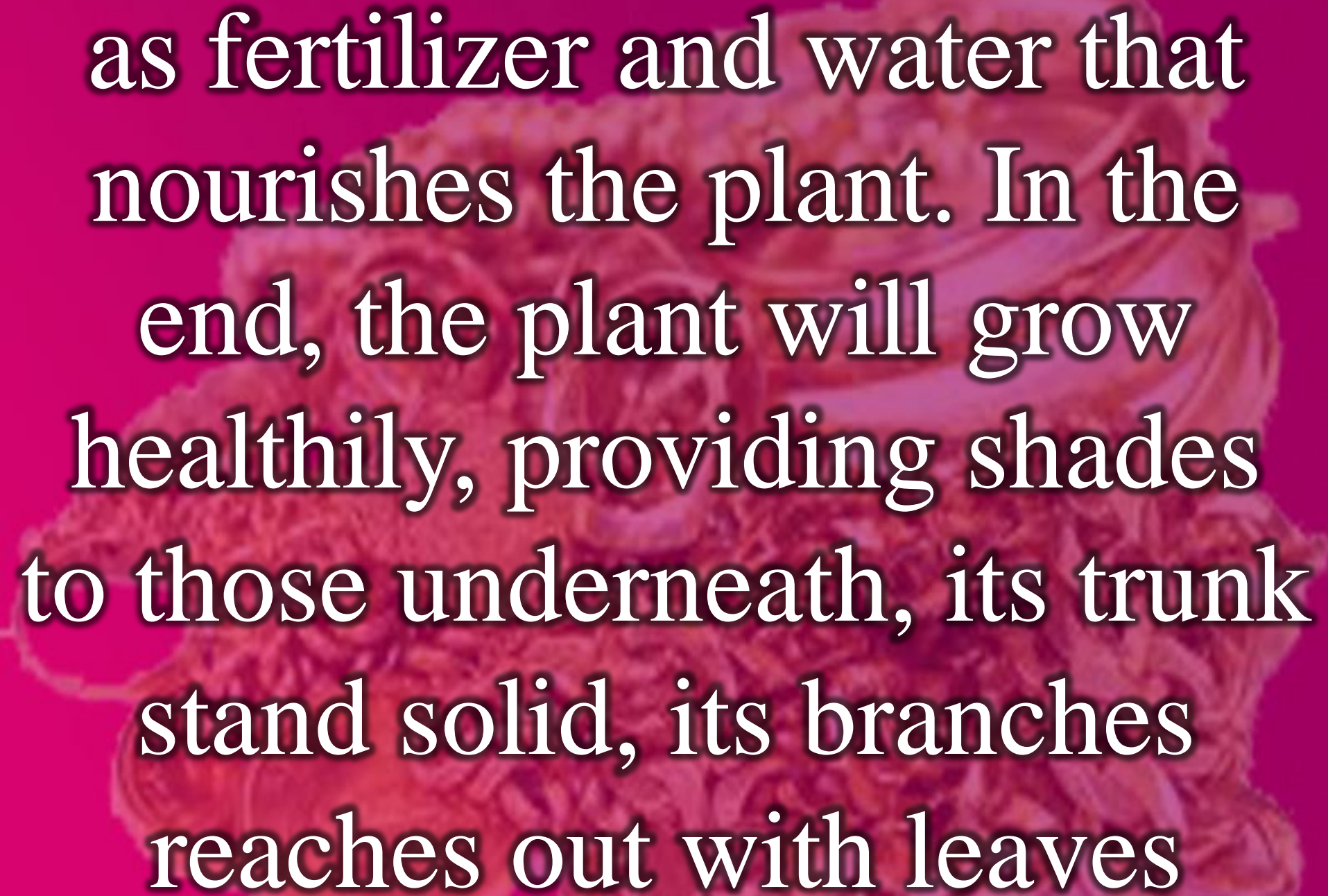
such reward as if he had performed a fard in any other time of the year. And whoever performs a fard for him shall be the reward of seventy fard in any other time of the year...”

(al-Bayhaqi, ibn Khuzaymah: da‘eef)

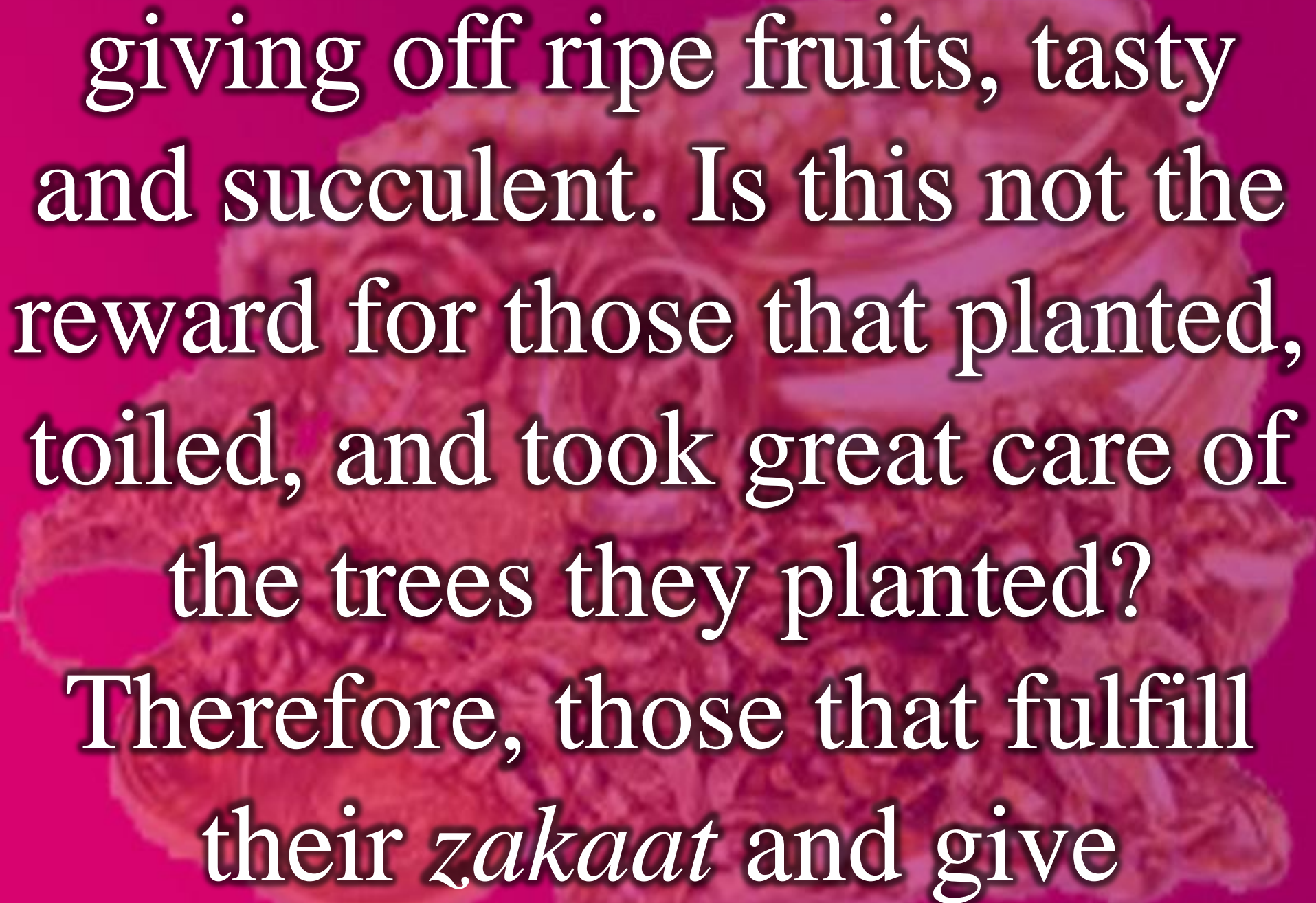
Such greatness in the reward
offered by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala in
this blessed month of
Ramadaan. Hence, it makes
a whole lot of sense for us
Muslims to utilize

Ramadaan as the month of *zakaat*. Not just for *zakaat al-fitr*, but to fulfill *zakaat al-maal* due on our possessions such as gold, income, savings, shares, commerce, livestock, and agriculture.

Have *yaqeen* and full surety,
that the *zakaat* and *sadaqah*
given out to the *fugaraa*' and
masakeen are like fertilizer
that will further cultivate and
enhance the wealth. It takes
the same role and function

A large, vibrant pink rose is the central focus of the background. The petals are layered and detailed, with a rich magenta hue. The rose is set against a solid, deep pink background. The text is overlaid on the rose, following its general shape and orientation.

as fertilizer and water that
nourishes the plant. In the
end, the plant will grow
healthily, providing shades
to those underneath, its trunk
stand solid, its branches
reaches out with leaves

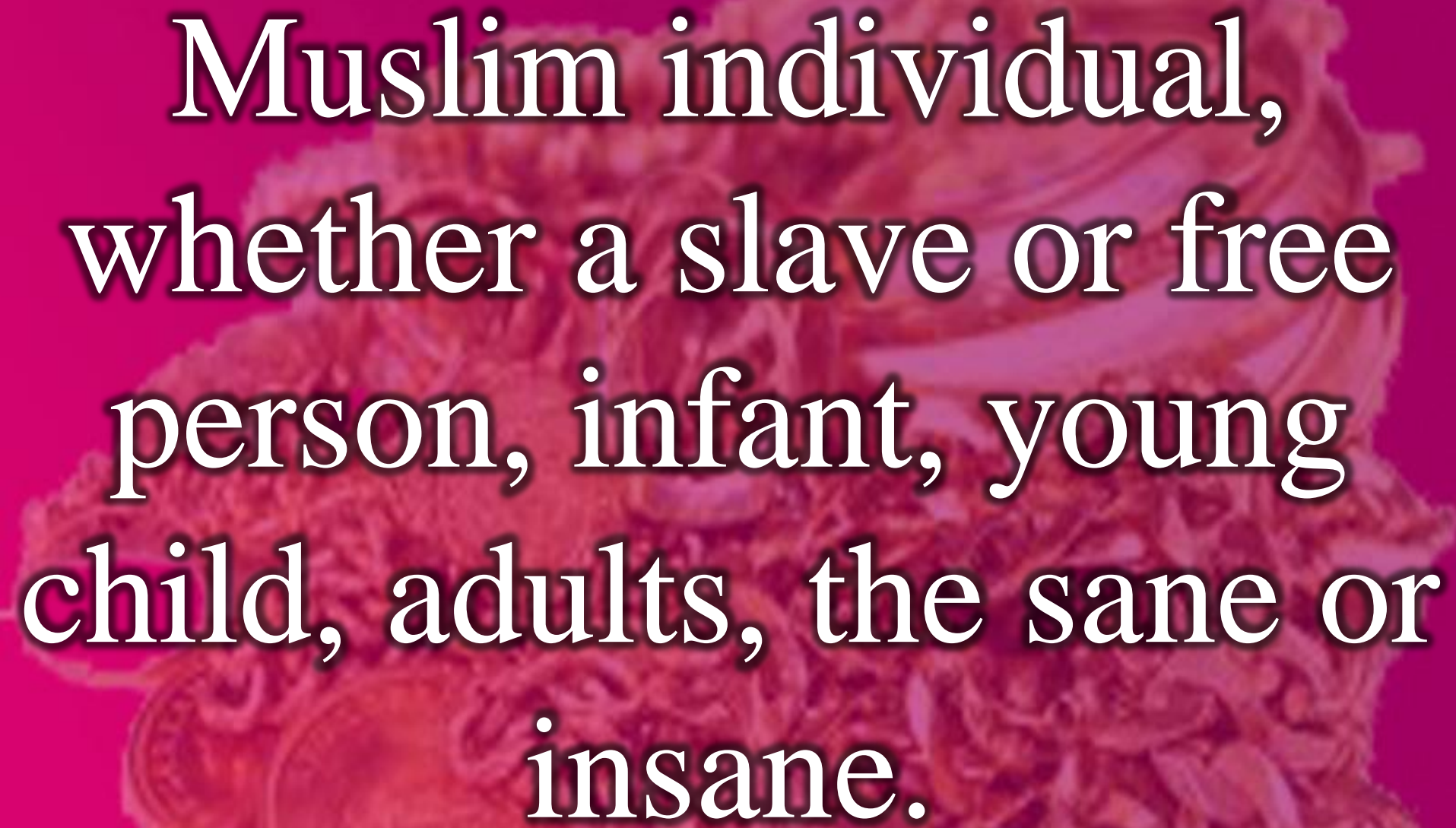


giving off ripe fruits, tasty
and succulent. Is this not the
reward for those that planted,
toiled, and took great care of
the trees they planted?
Therefore, those that fulfill
their *zakaat* and give

sadaqah, their rewards are
with Allah *Subhaanahu*
Wata 'aala as He
Promised. Furthermore,
they will be granted
barakah in their lives in
this world.

Conclusion:

1- There are 2 types of zakat in Islam; *Zakat Fitr* and *Zakaat al-maal* (wealth). *Zakaat al-fitr* is obligated upon every



Muslim individual,
whether a slave or free
person, infant, young
child, adults, the sane or
insane.

2- Time to perform the Zakaat al-Fitr

I - From 1st of Ramadaan -
Permissible and Valid.

II - After sunset at the end of
Ramadaan until right before
salaat al-‘eid begins - Preferred
(afdal) times.



iii-After salaah al-‘eid
– Makrooh.

iv - After sunset on
the 1st of Shawwaaal –
sinful.

“And the example of those who spend their wealth seeking means to the approval of Allah and assuring [reward for] themselves is like a garden on high ground which

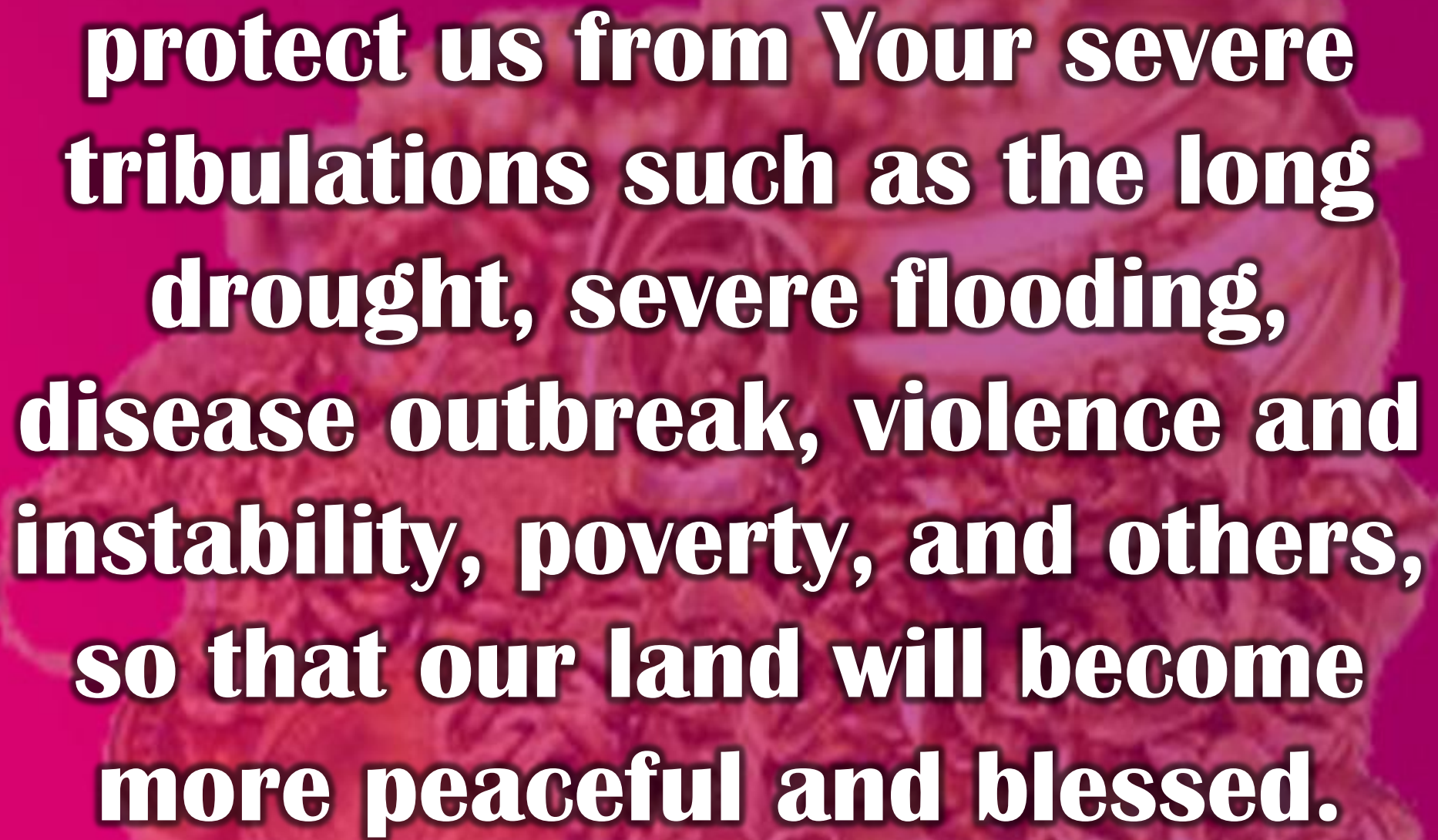
is hit by a downpour – so it yields its fruits in double. And [even] if it is not hit by a downpour, then a drizzle [is sufficient]. And Allah, of what you do, is Seeing.”

(al-Baqarah 2:265)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ
وَلكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

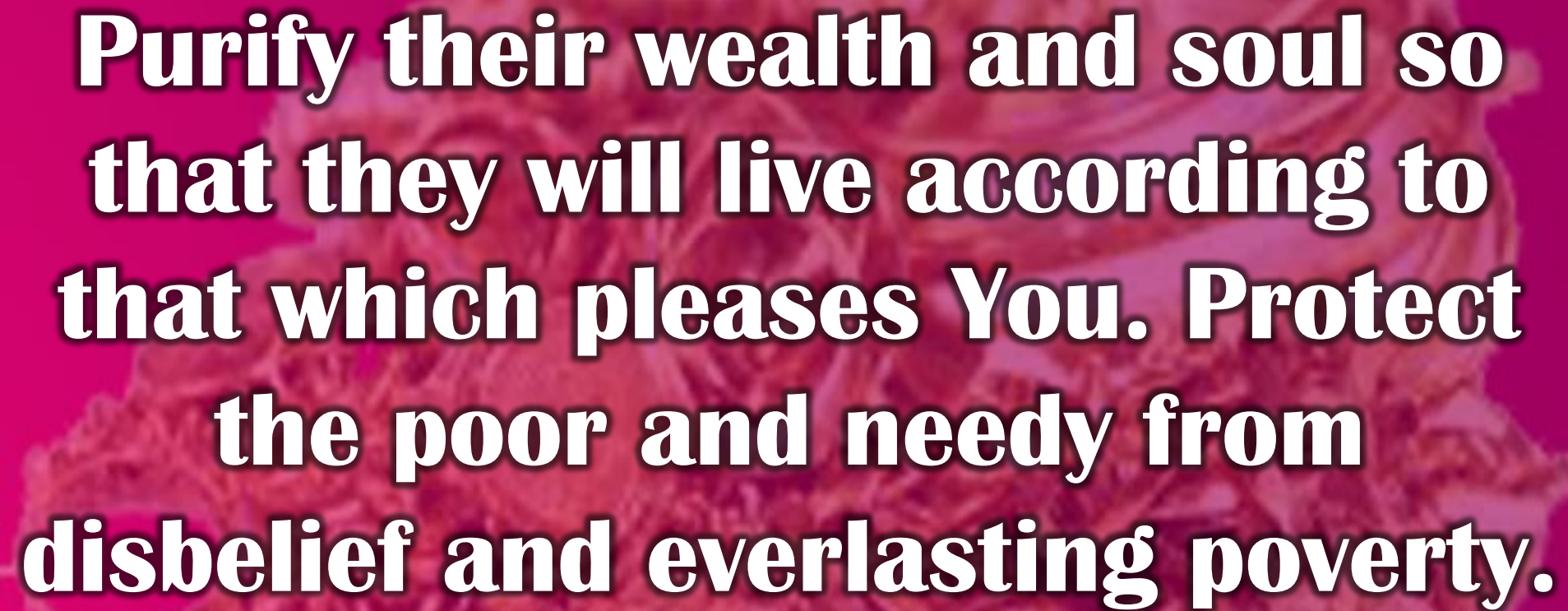
O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.

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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