



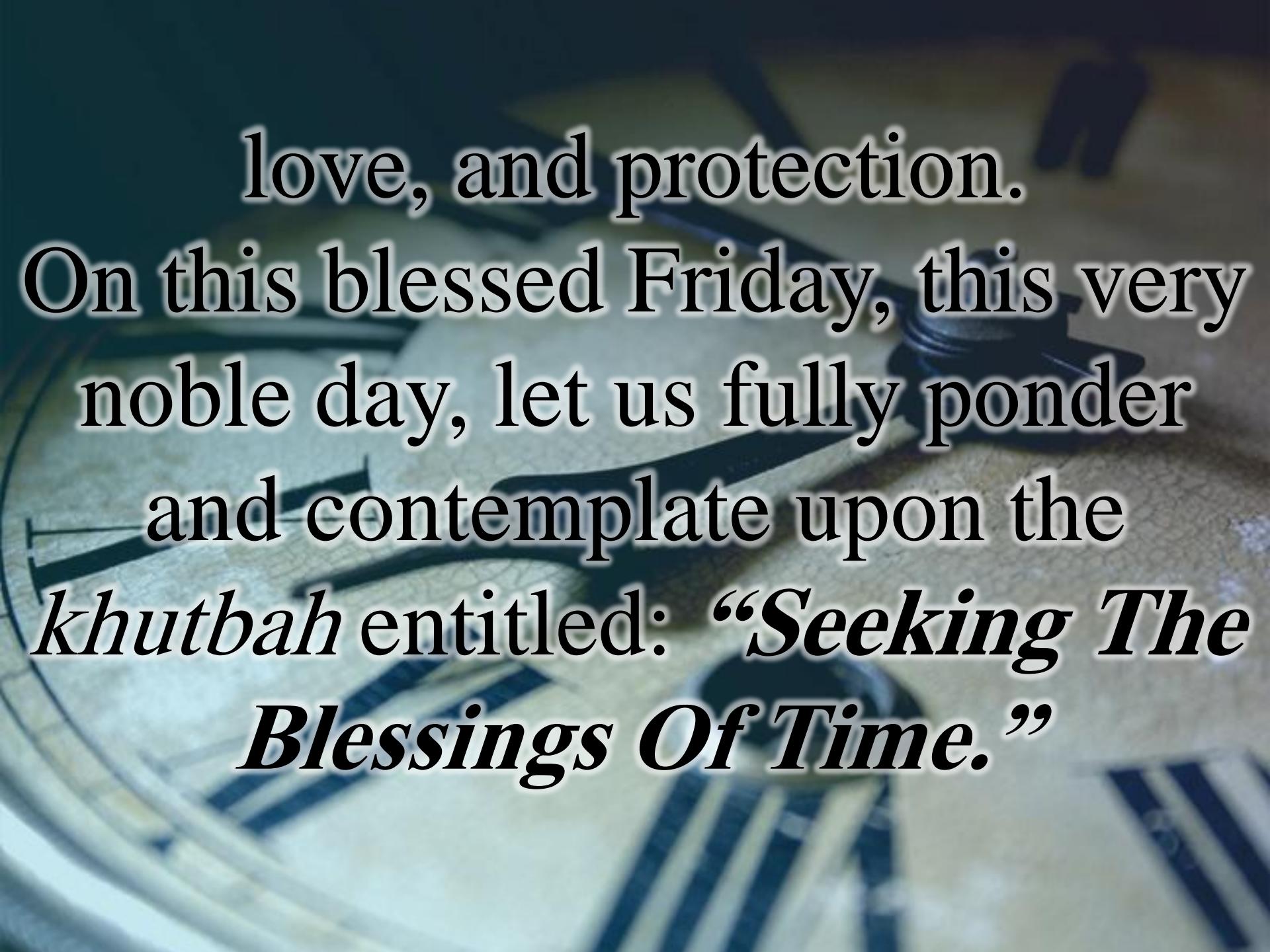
SEEKING THE

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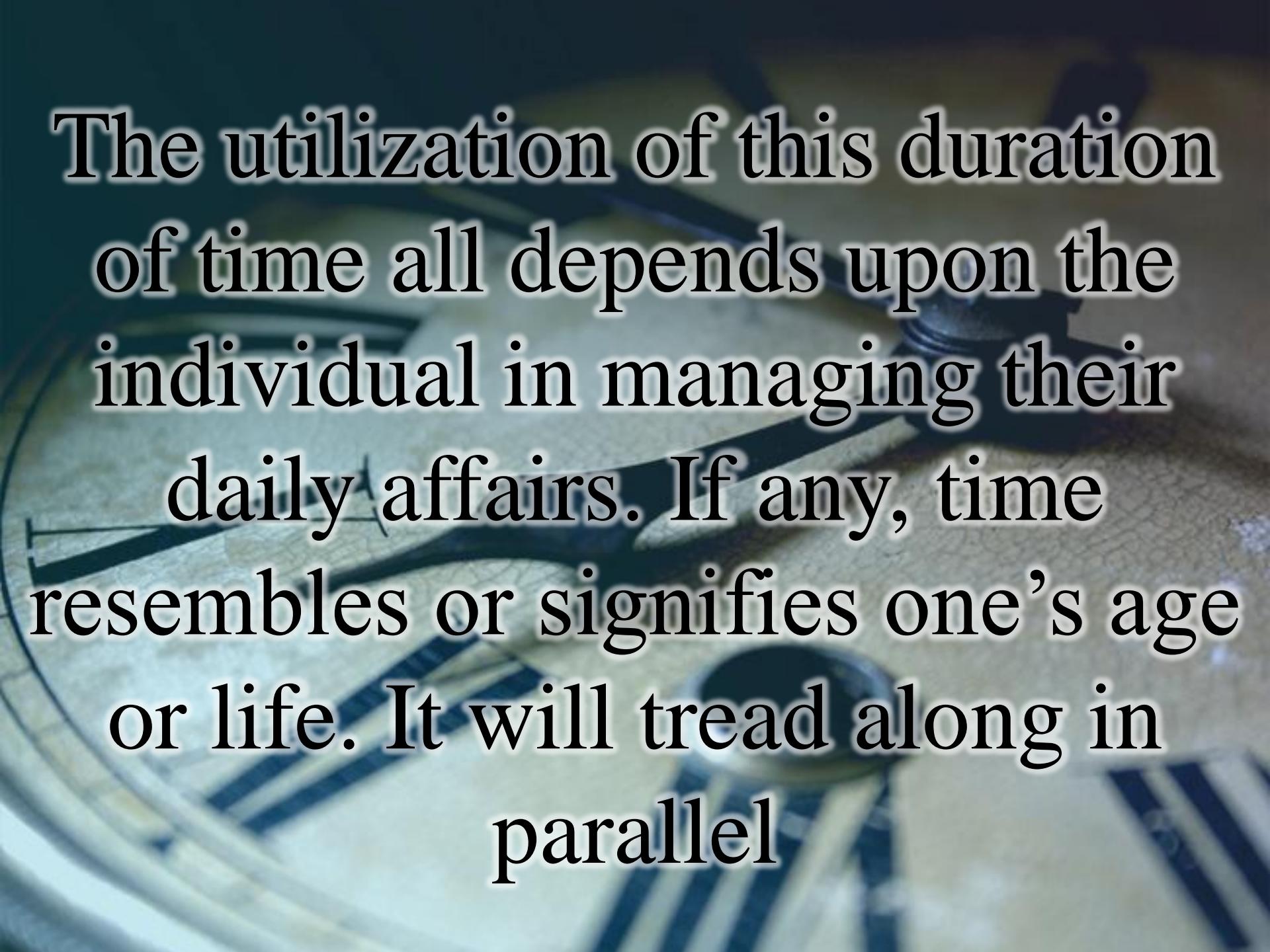
Let us all strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Indeed, we hope to become among His slaves whom are granted His mercy,



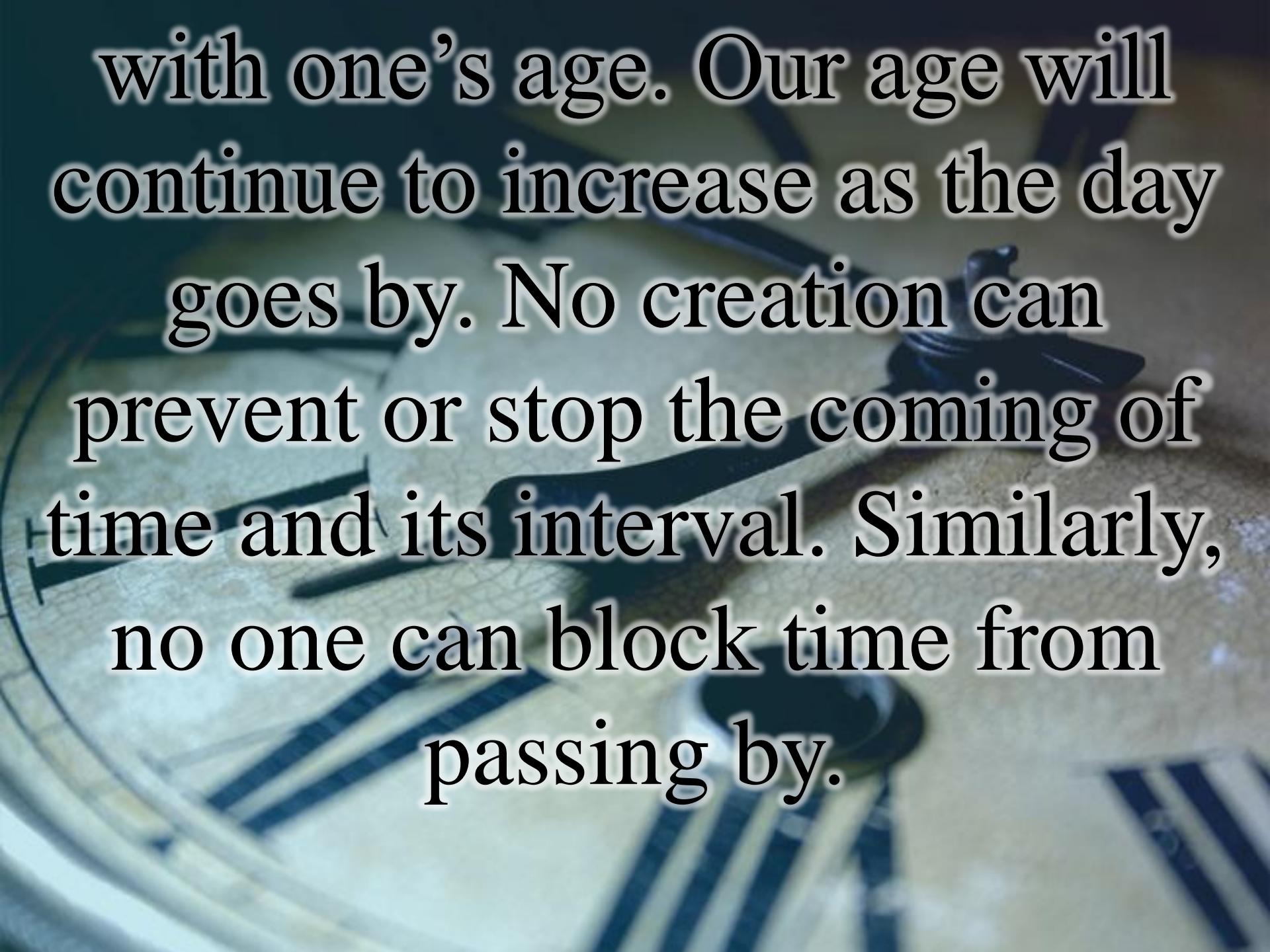
love, and protection.

On this blessed Friday, this very noble day, let us fully ponder and contemplate upon the *khutbah* entitled: “*Seeking The Blessings Of Time.*”

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* is undoubtedly just towards all of His slaves. Each one of us is rewarded by Allah with 24 hours, day in and day out.

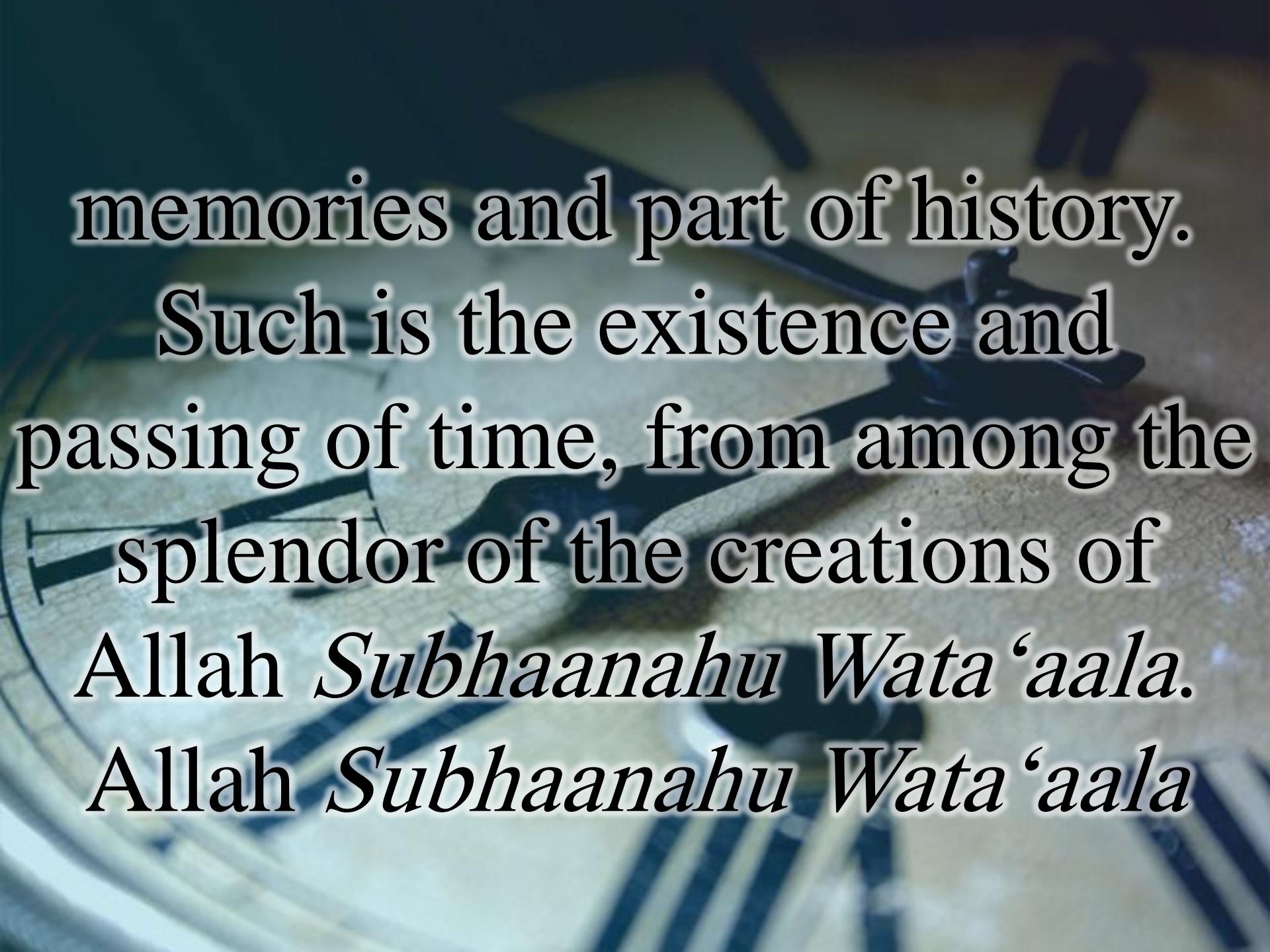


The utilization of this duration of time all depends upon the individual in managing their daily affairs. If any, time resembles or signifies one's age or life. It will tread along in parallel



with one's age. Our age will continue to increase as the day goes by. No creation can prevent or stop the coming of time and its interval. Similarly, no one can block time from passing by.

No matter how many diary entries have been recorded, how many praise have been uttered, and how many criticisms have been thrown out with the passing of time, but all of them are now old



memories and part of history.

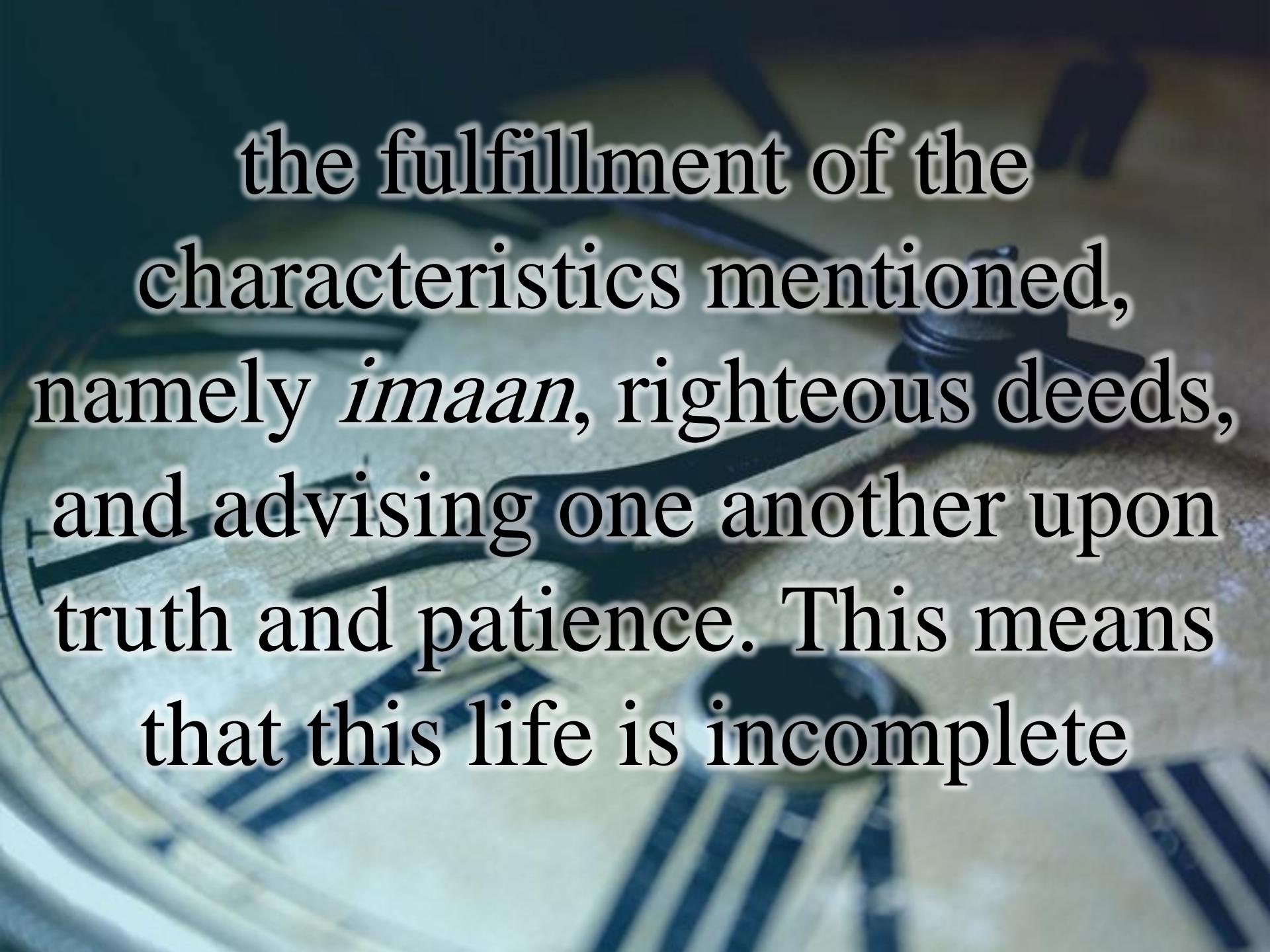
Such is the existence and passing of time, from among the splendor of the creations of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*.
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*

mentions in al-Qur'an:

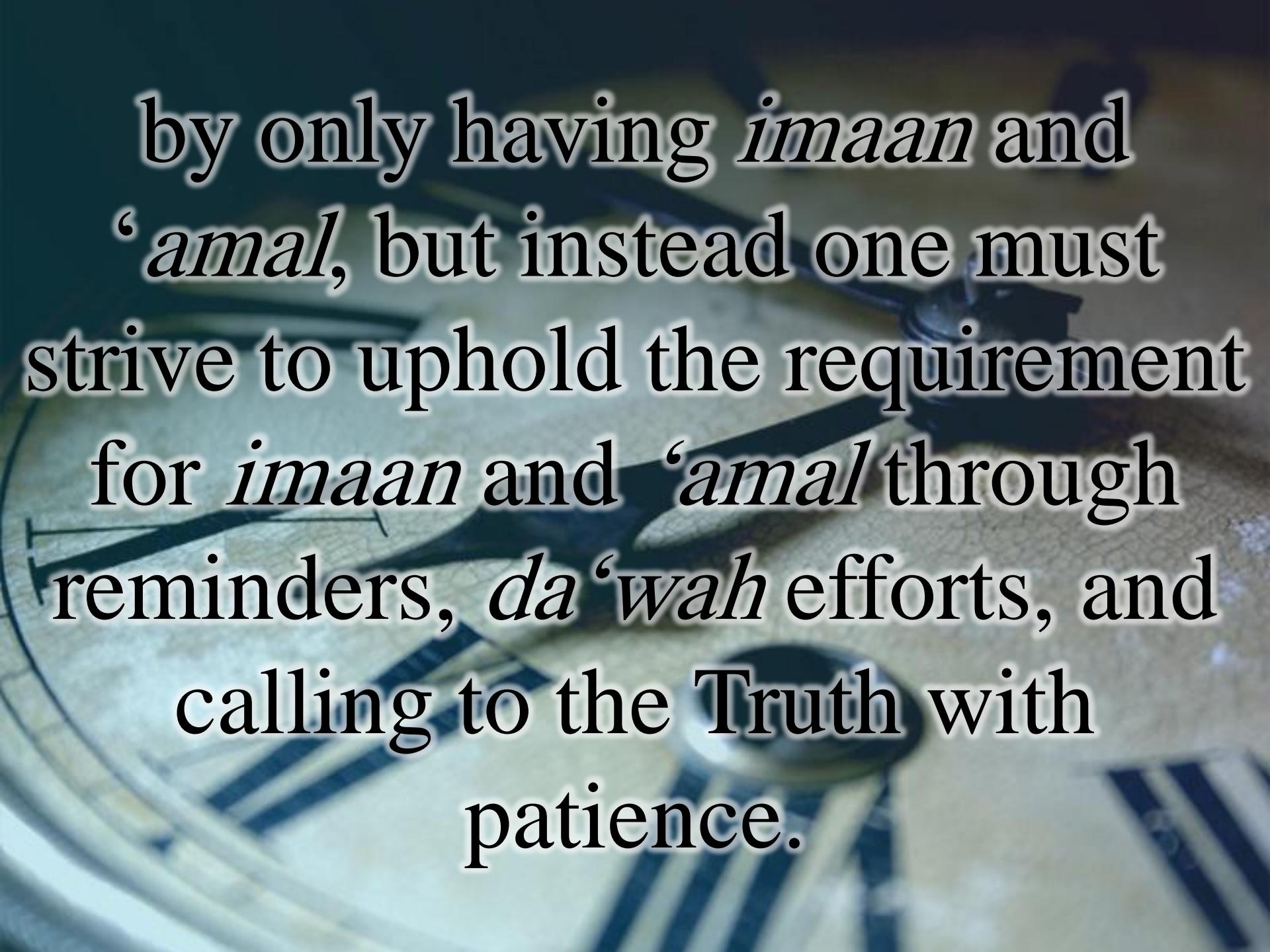
“By time, Indeed, mankind is
in loss, Except for those who
have believed and done
righteous deeds and advised
each other to truth and
advised each other to

patience.”
(al-‘Asr 103:1-3)

In those verses, Allah admonishes us that mankind are living in loss. They would only be rescued upon

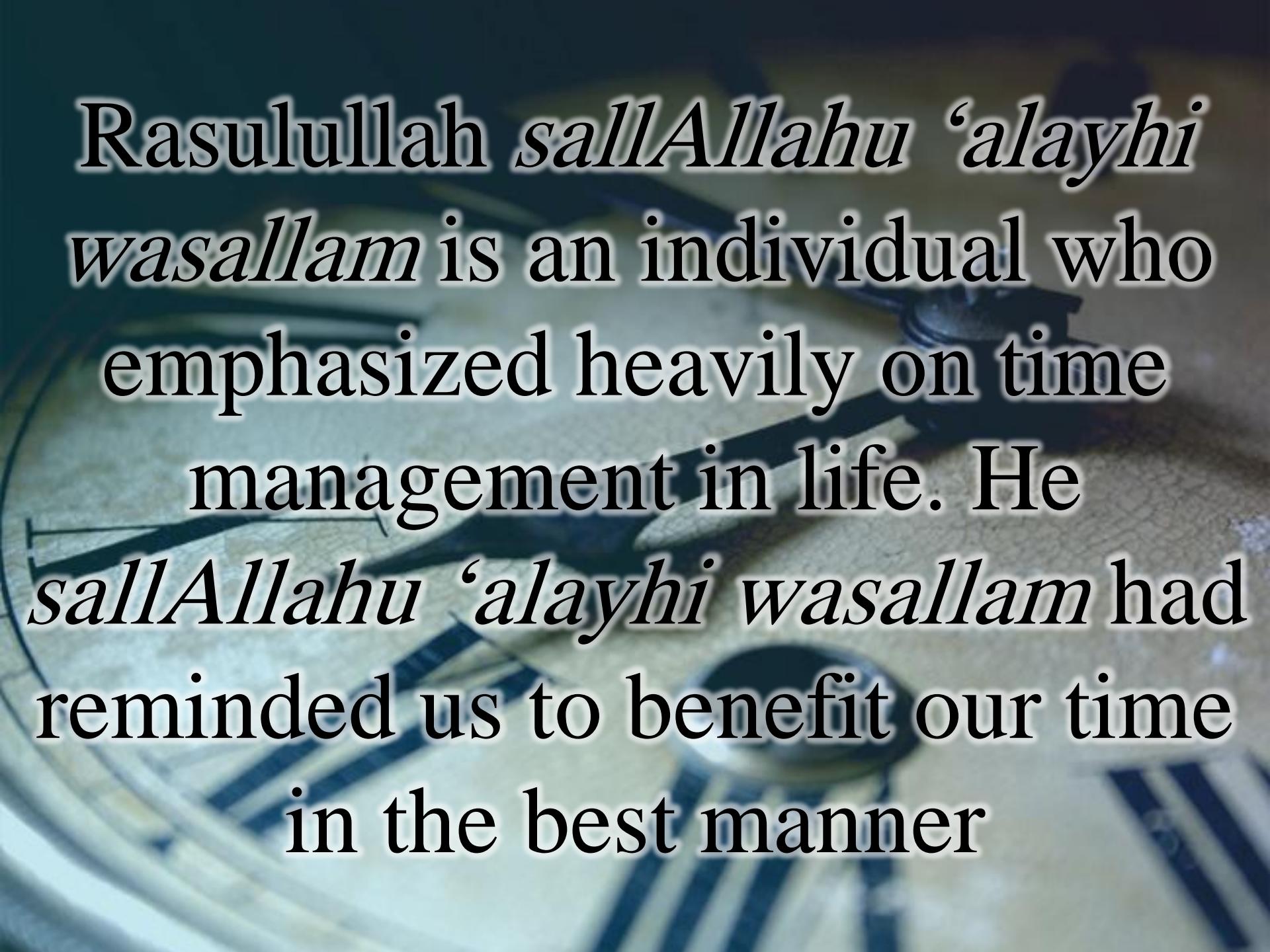


the fulfillment of the characteristics mentioned, namely *imaan*, righteous deeds, and advising one another upon truth and patience. This means that this life is incomplete



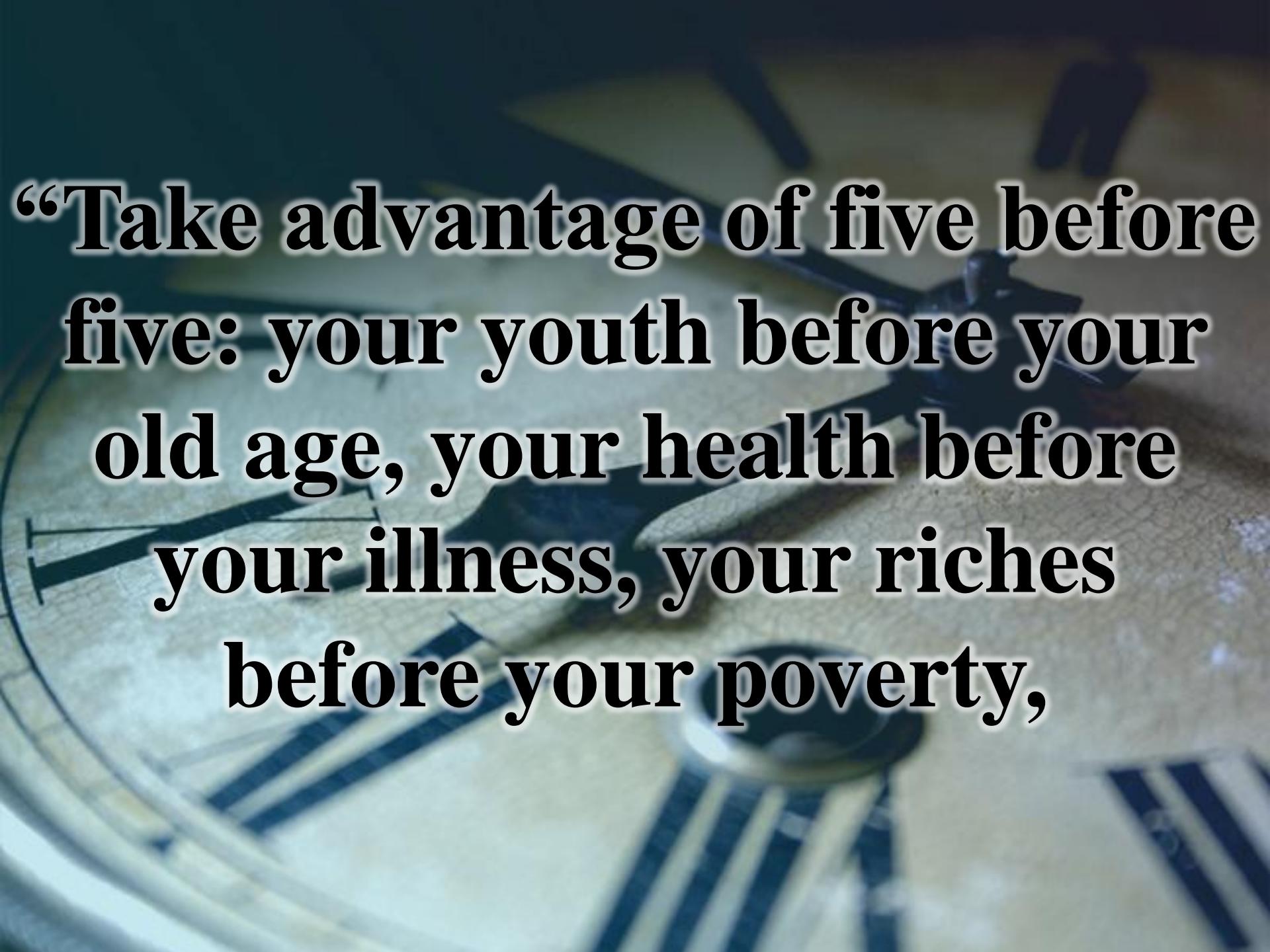
by only having *imaan* and ‘*amal*, but instead one must strive to uphold the requirement for *imaan* and ‘*amal* through reminders, *da‘wah* efforts, and calling to the Truth with patience.

Truth is that which was taught by Allah and His Messenger, and we must remain patient while enduring the struggle in upholding the Truth.



Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* is an individual who emphasized heavily on time management in life. He *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* had reminded us to benefit our time in the best manner

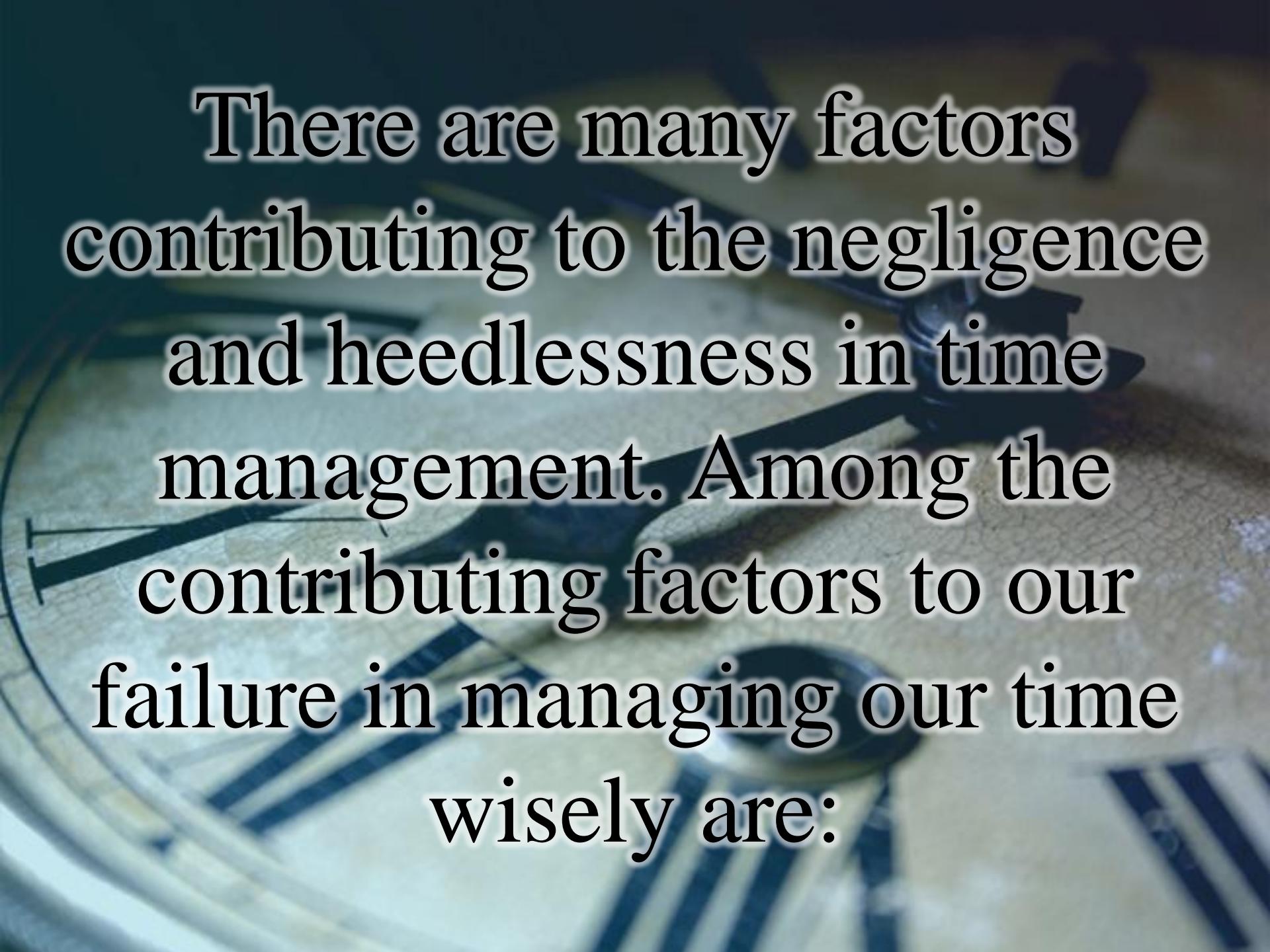
possible. From the *hadeeth* of
‘Abdullah ibn ‘Abbaas
radiyAllaahu ‘anhu,
Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* had mentioned:



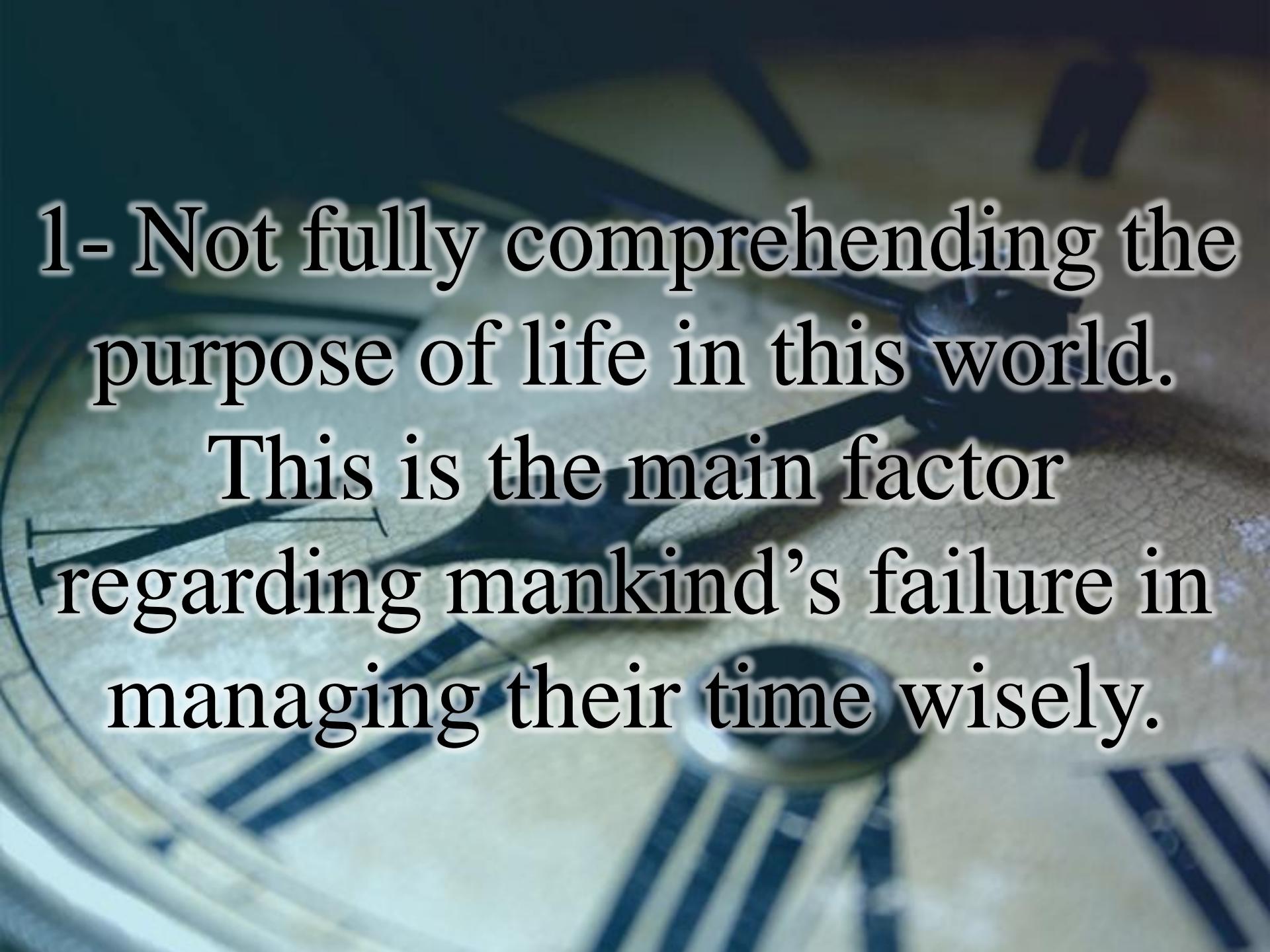
“Take advantage of five before
five: your youth before your
old age, your health before
your illness, your riches
before your poverty,

your leisure before
your work, and your
life before your
death.”

(al-Haakim, al-Bayhaqi, Ahmad:
saheeh)

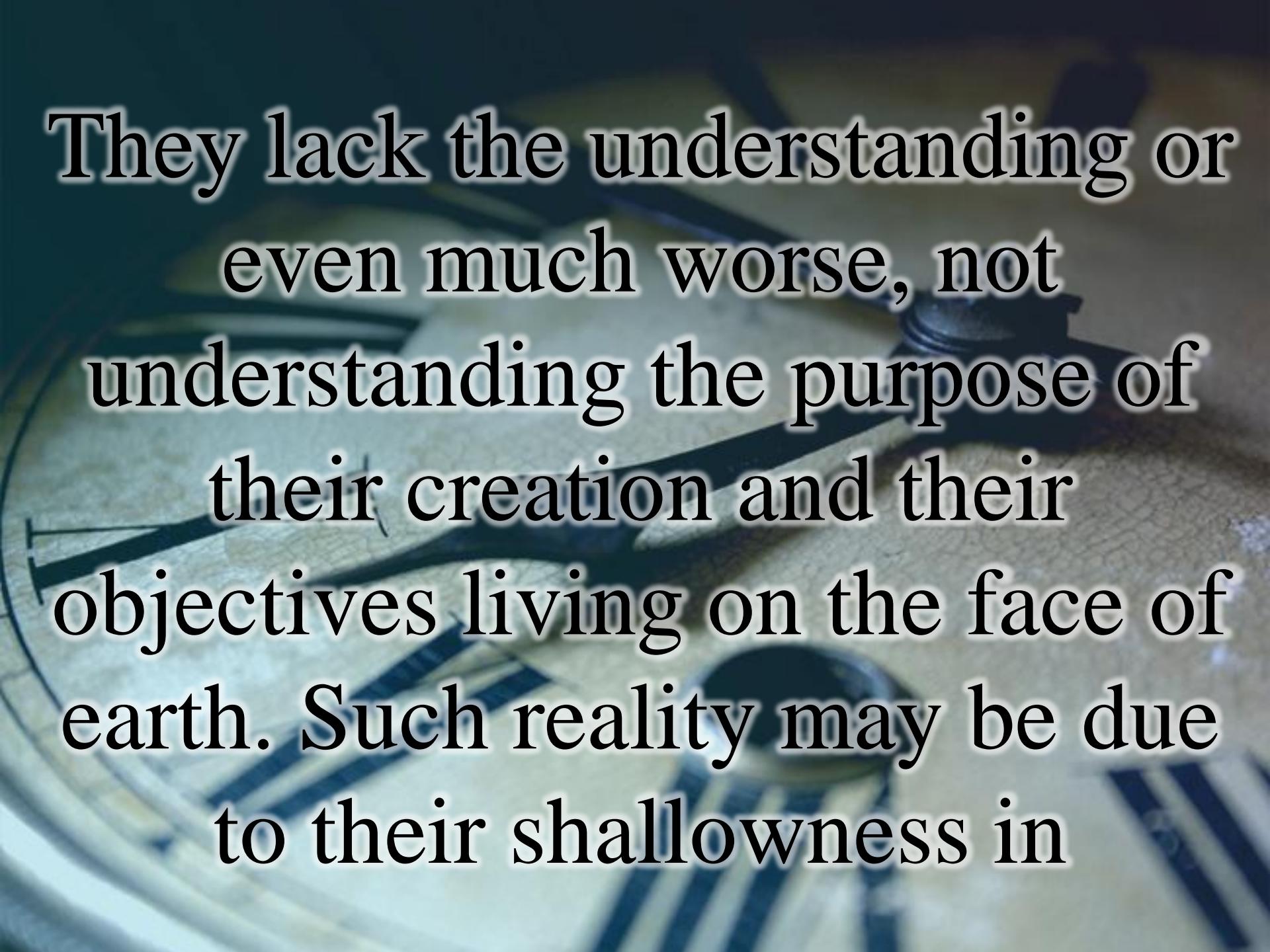


There are many factors contributing to the negligence and heedlessness in time management. Among the contributing factors to our failure in managing our time wisely are:

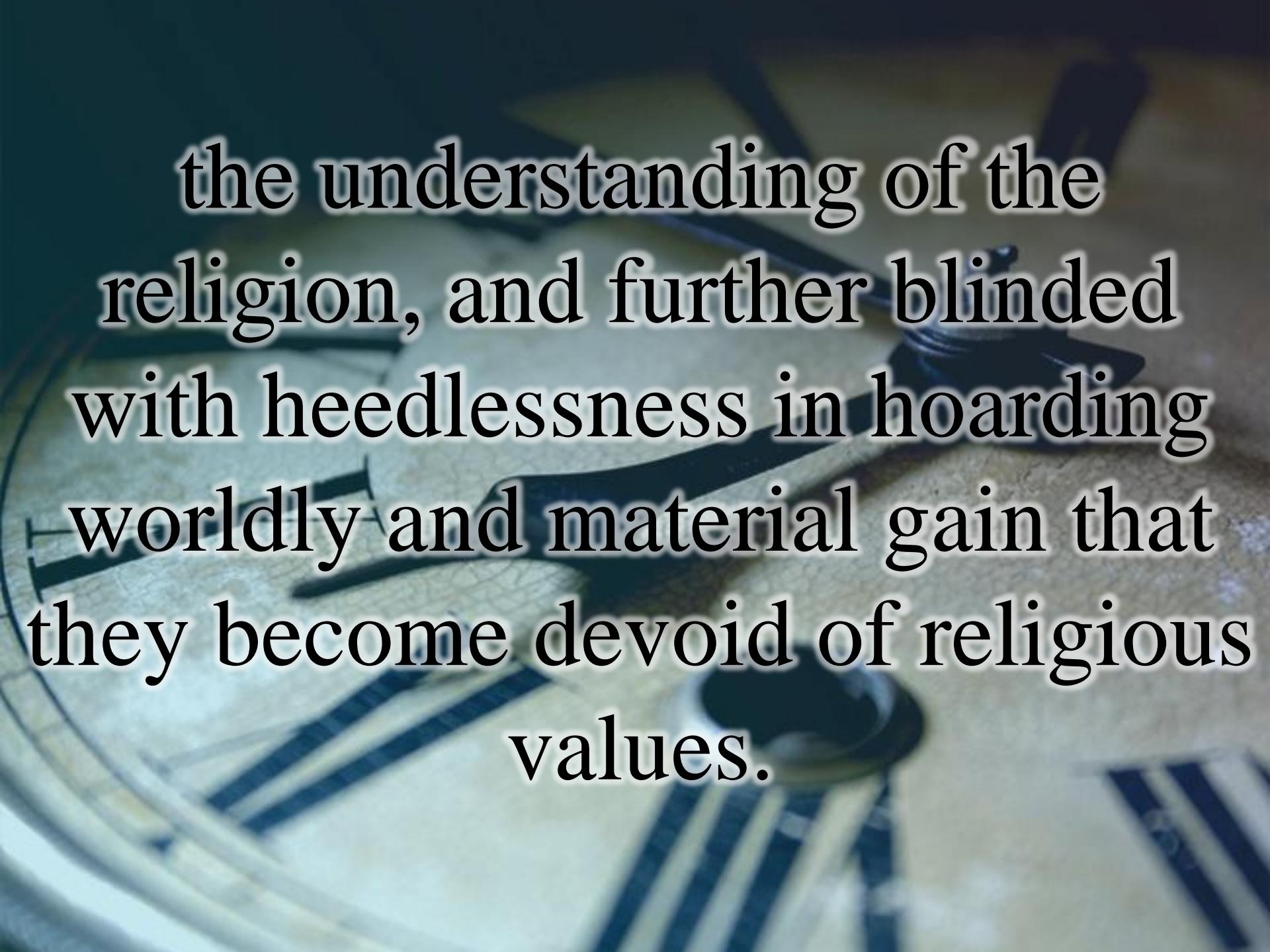


1- Not fully comprehending the purpose of life in this world.

This is the main factor regarding mankind's failure in managing their time wisely.



They lack the understanding or even much worse, not understanding the purpose of their creation and their objectives living on the face of earth. Such reality may be due to their shallowness in

A background image showing a large stack of US dollar bills, with the focus on the \$100 bills. The bills are slightly blurred, creating a sense of depth. The colors are predominantly blue and green, typical of US currency.

the understanding of the religion, and further blinded with heedlessness in hoarding worldly and material gain that they become devoid of religious values.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*
mentions in al-Qur‘an:

“And I did not create the jinn
and mankind except to
worship Me.”

(adh-Dhaariyaat 51:56)

2- Laziness and complacency.

These are reprehensible characteristics in Islam. Those possessing these traits will not advance and progress in their lives.

The Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* has taught us a *du‘aa* that prevents us from dispraised characteristics such as these, as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Anas ibn Maalik

radiyAllaahu ‘anh, where the Messenger *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:

“O Allah , I seek refuge in you from grief and sadness,

from weakness and from laziness, from miserliness and from cowardice, from being overcome by debt and overpowered by men (i.e others).”

(al-Bukhaari)

3- Procrastinating and wasting time

Such traits were also dispraised and condemned by the Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam.*

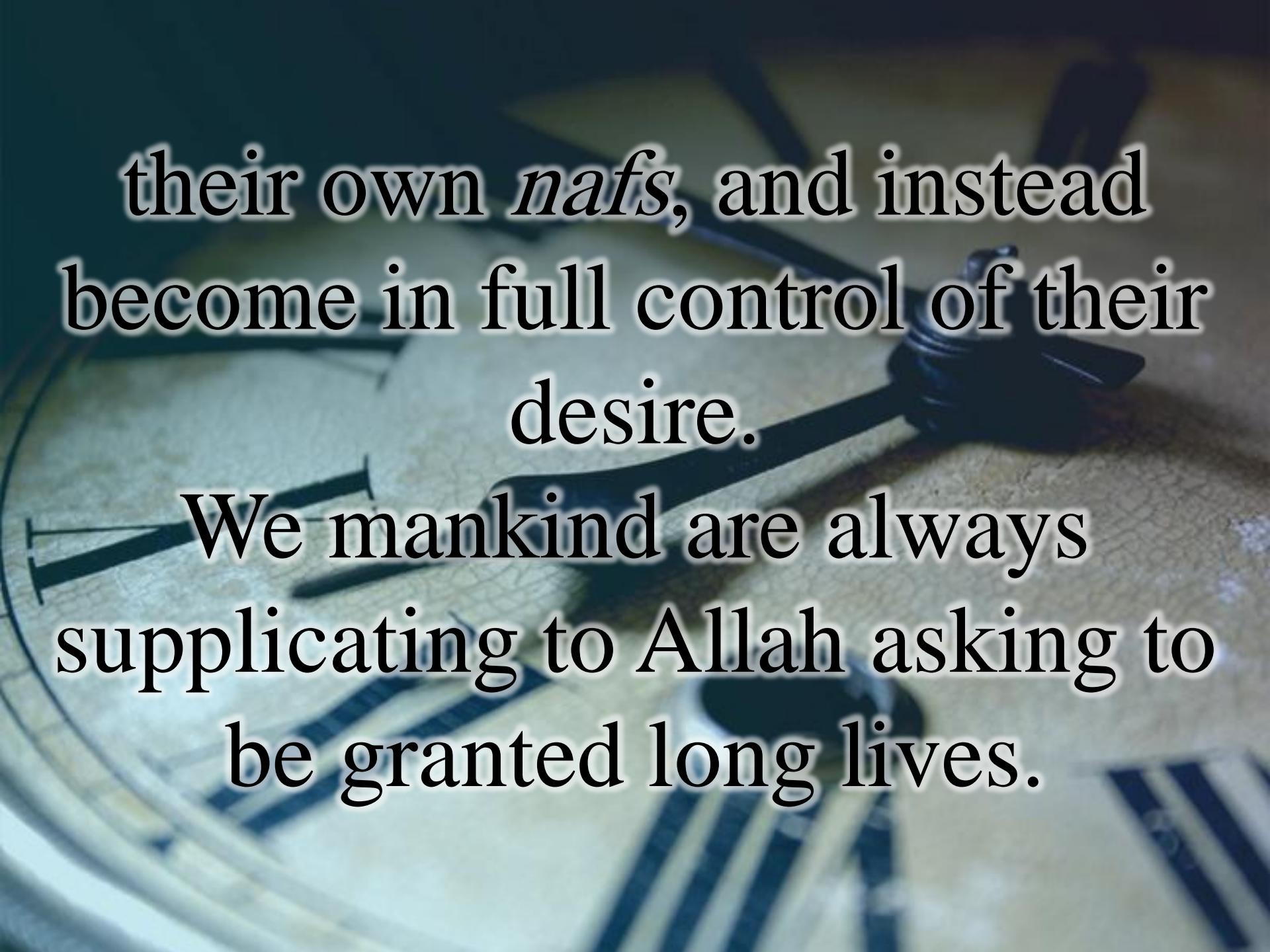
In the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Umar
radiyAllaahu ‘anhu,
Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi
wasallam* said:

“...If you survive till the
evening, do not expect to be
alive in the morning,

and if you survive till the morning, do not expect to be alive in the evening, and take from your health for your sickness, and (take) from your life for your death.”

(al-Bukhaari)

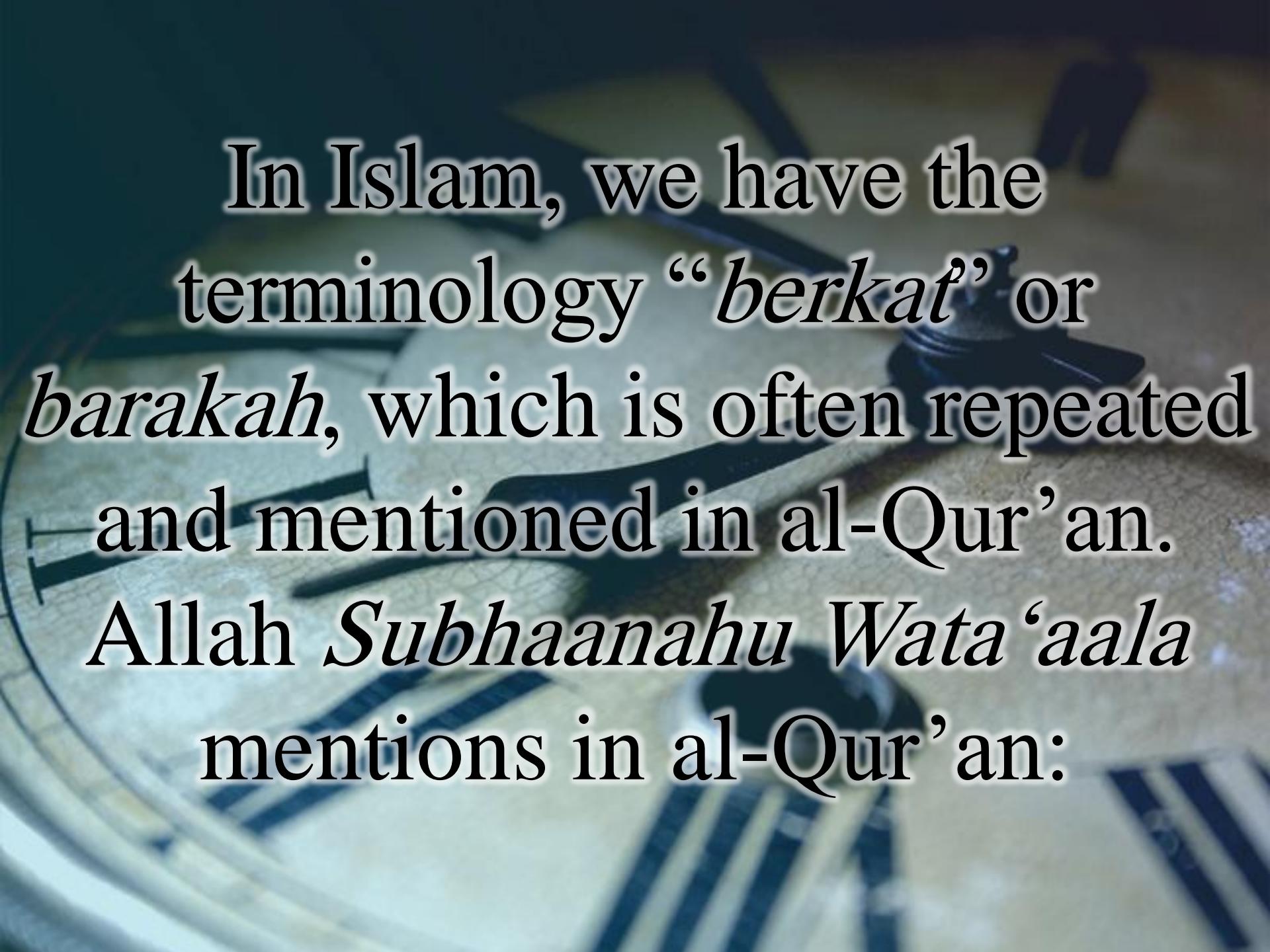
All these bad habits must be confronted and overcome with full *mujaahadah* (steadfastness) in fighting off our own desire. Those with *mujaahadah* will not let their soul become enslaved by



their own *nafs*, and instead become in full control of their desire.

We mankind are always supplicating to Allah asking to be granted long lives.

However, a long life is truly
meaningless if it is not filled
with righteous deeds,
obedience, and blessings upon
the age bestowed by Allah.



In Islam, we have the terminology “*berkat*” or *barakah*, which is often repeated and mentioned in al-Qur’ān.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* mentions in al-Qur’ān:

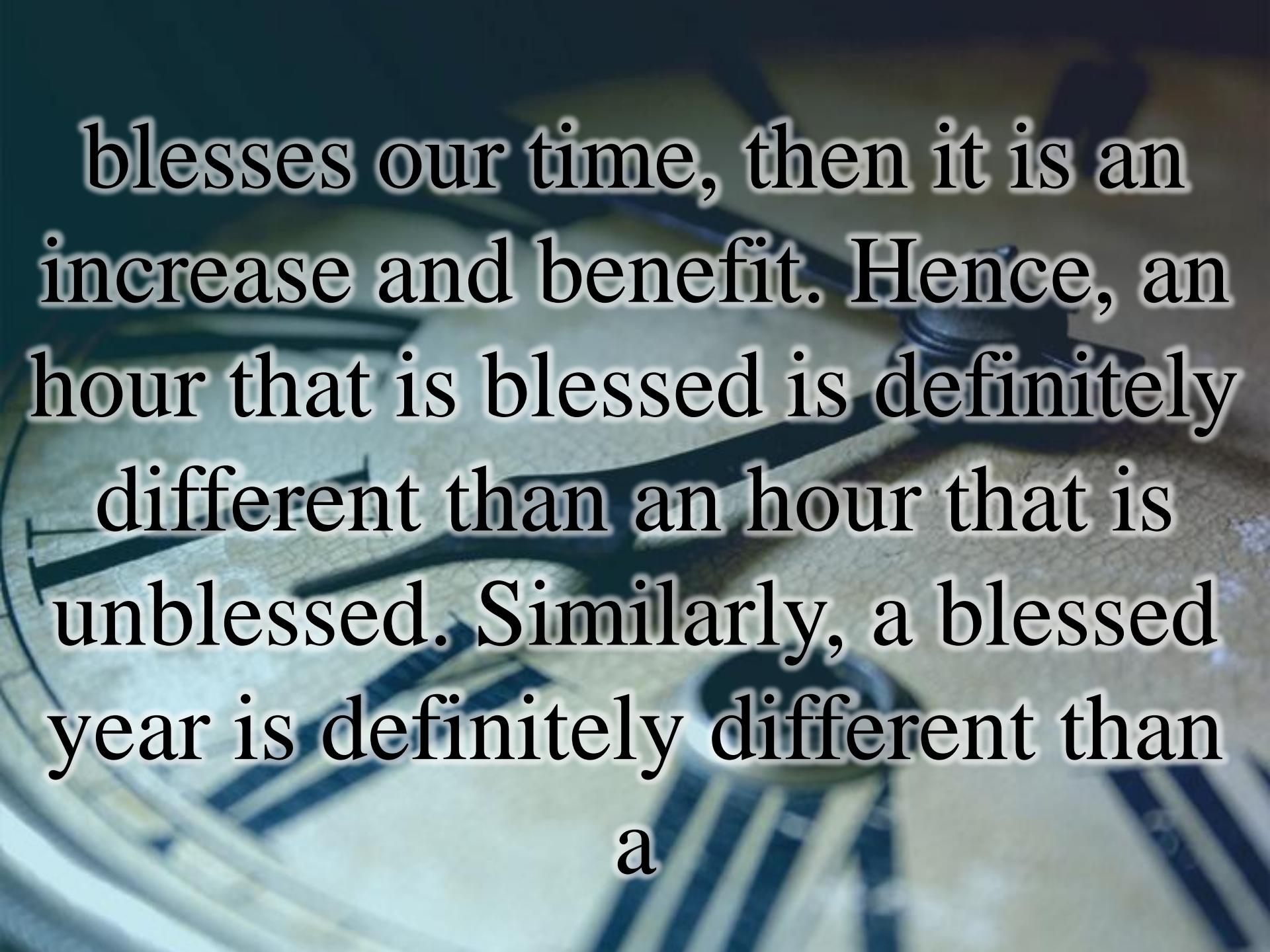
“And if only the people of the cities had believed and feared Allah, We would have opened upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth;

but they denied [the messengers], so We seized them for what they were earning.”

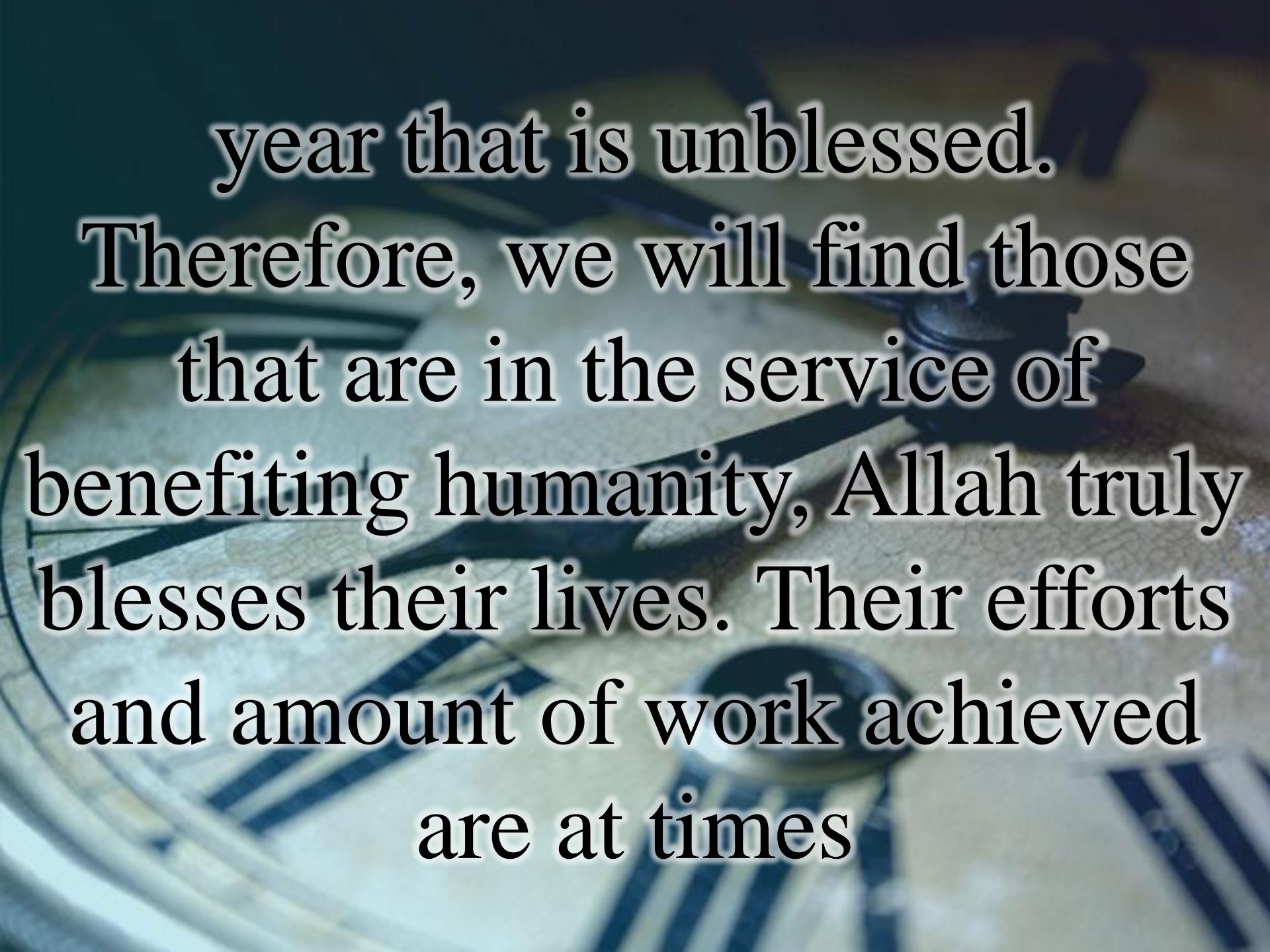
(al-A‘raaf 7:96)

This verse mentions the issue of *barakah*, which means “to increase” or “to expand.”

Hence, *barakah* is from the increment or direct benefit or bounty from Allah upon someone. If Allah truly



blesses our time, then it is an increase and benefit. Hence, an hour that is blessed is definitely different than an hour that is unblessed. Similarly, a blessed year is definitely different than a

The background of the image features a traditional Islamic architectural scene. In the center, there is a large, light-colored dome with intricate geometric patterns. Behind it, a tall, slender minaret rises into the sky. The overall atmosphere is one of reverence and historical significance.

year that is unblessed.

Therefore, we will find those

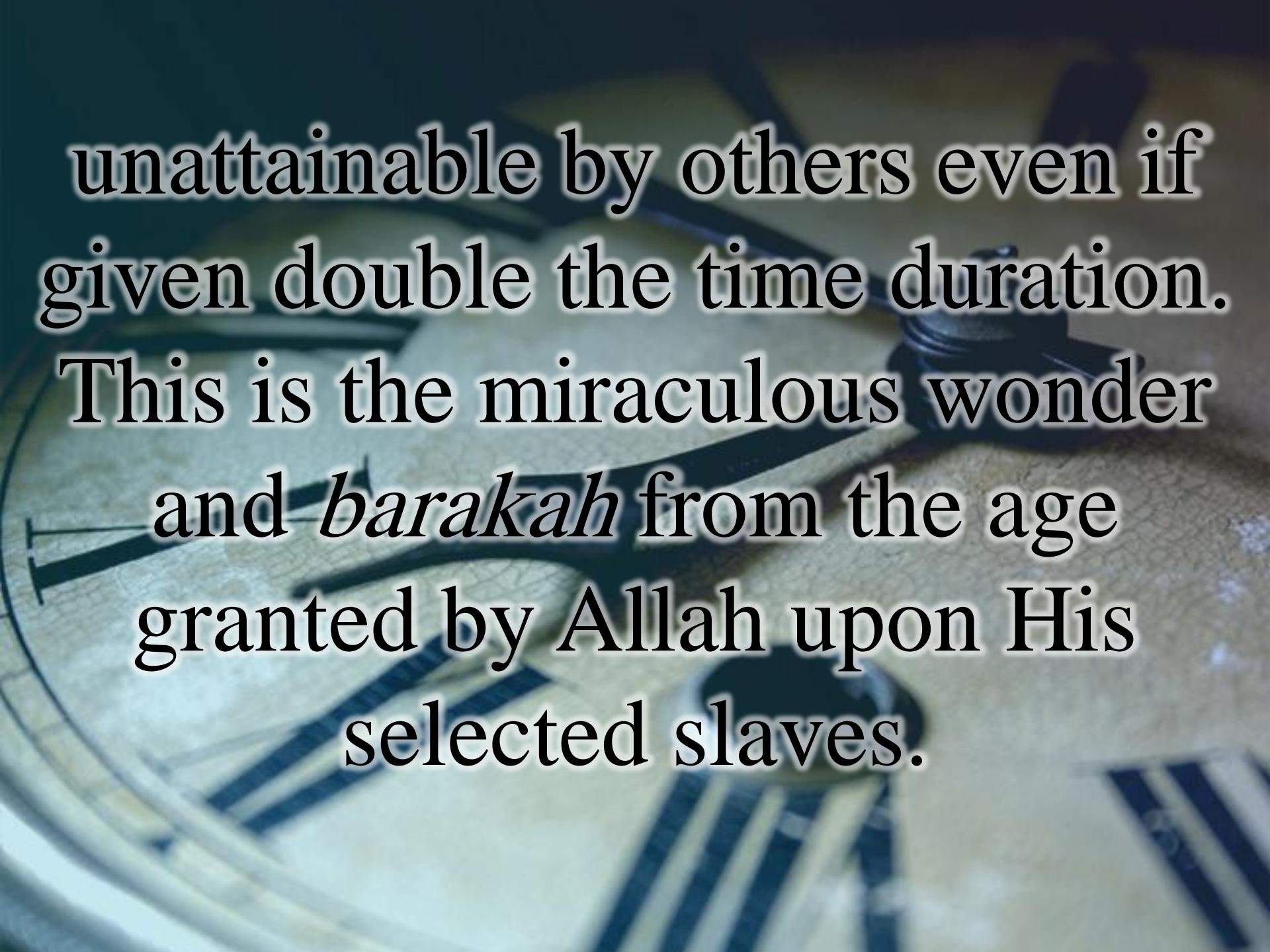
that are in the service of

benefiting humanity, Allah truly

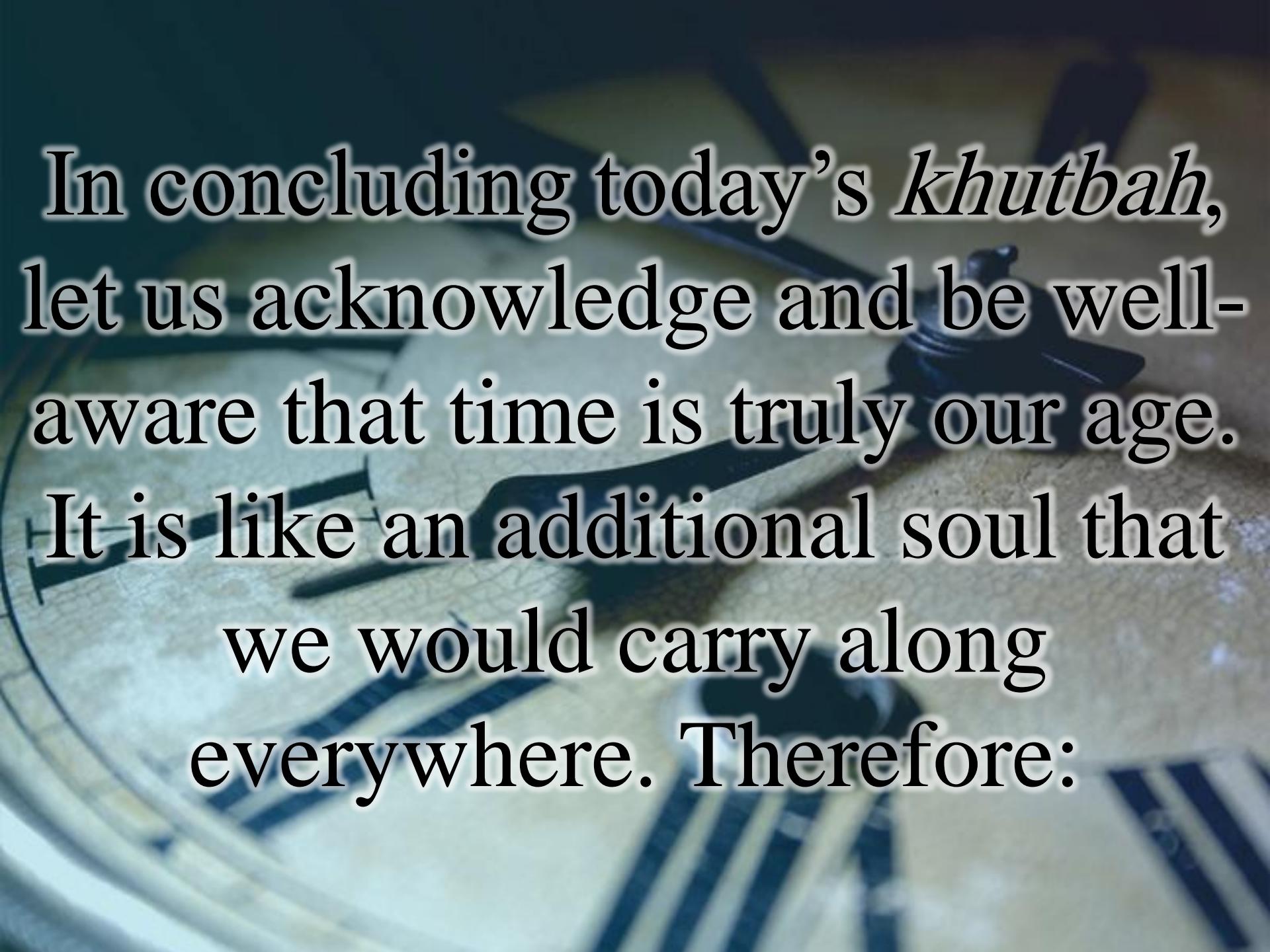
blesses their lives. Their efforts

and amount of work achieved

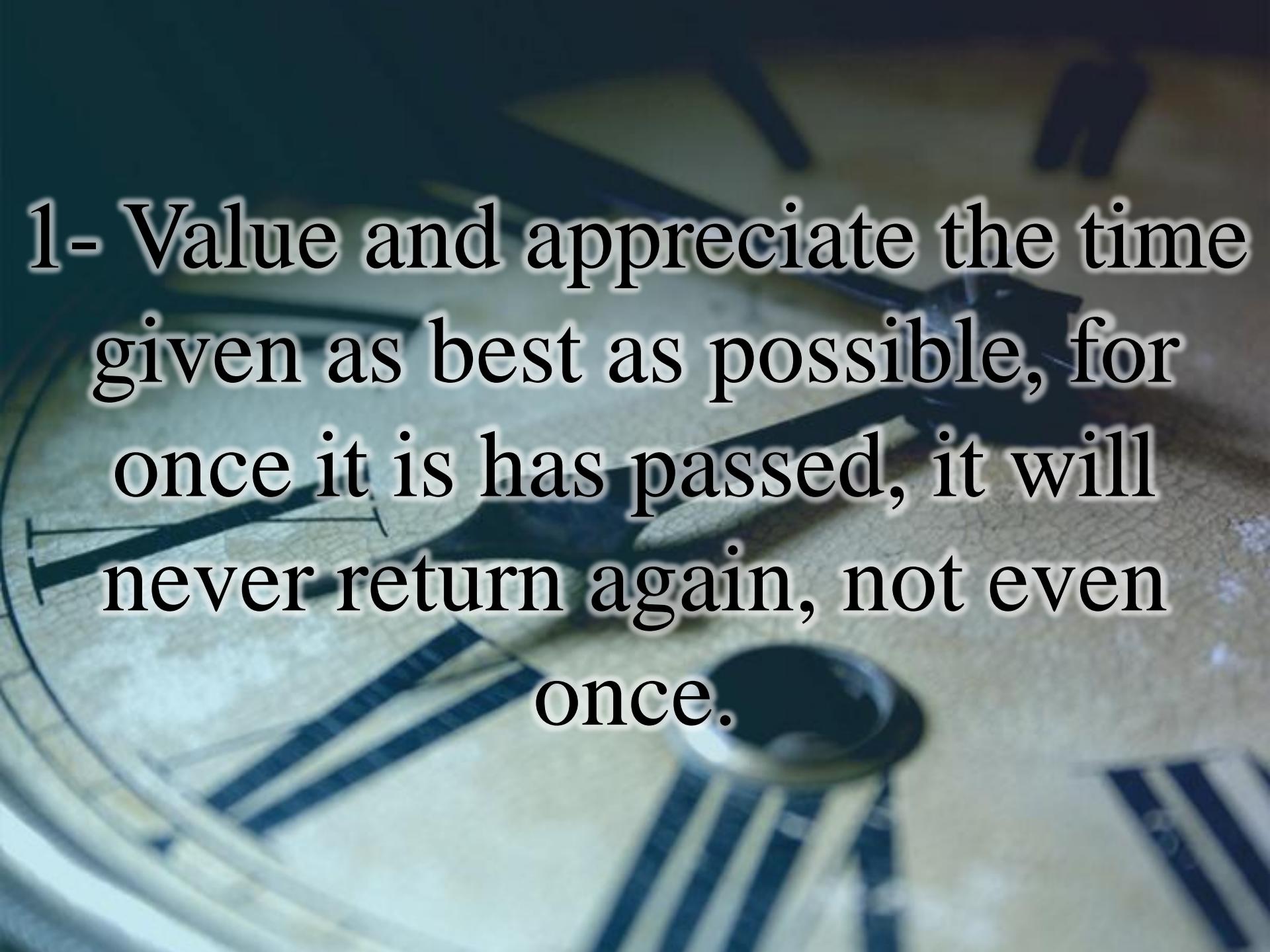
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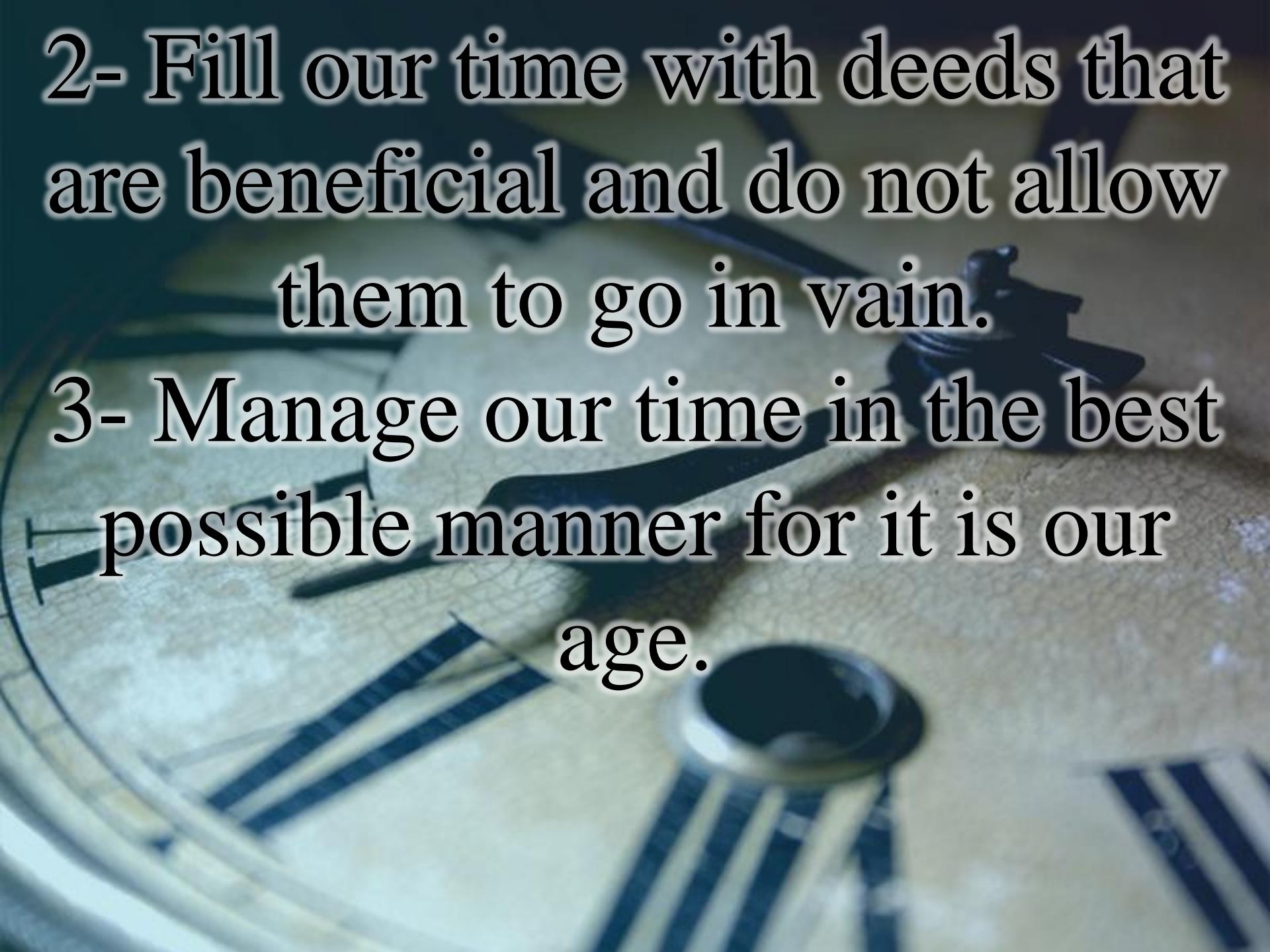
unattainable by others even if given double the time duration. This is the miraculous wonder and *barakah* from the age granted by Allah upon His selected slaves.



In concluding today's *khutbah*, let us acknowledge and be well-aware that time is truly our age. It is like an additional soul that we would carry along everywhere. Therefore:



1- Value and appreciate the time given as best as possible, for once it is has passed, it will never return again, not even once.



2- Fill our time with deeds that are beneficial and do not allow them to go in vain.

3- Manage our time in the best possible manner for it is our age.

**“And say, “Do [as you will],
for Allah will see your deeds,
and [so, will] His Messenger
and the believers. And you
will be returned to the**

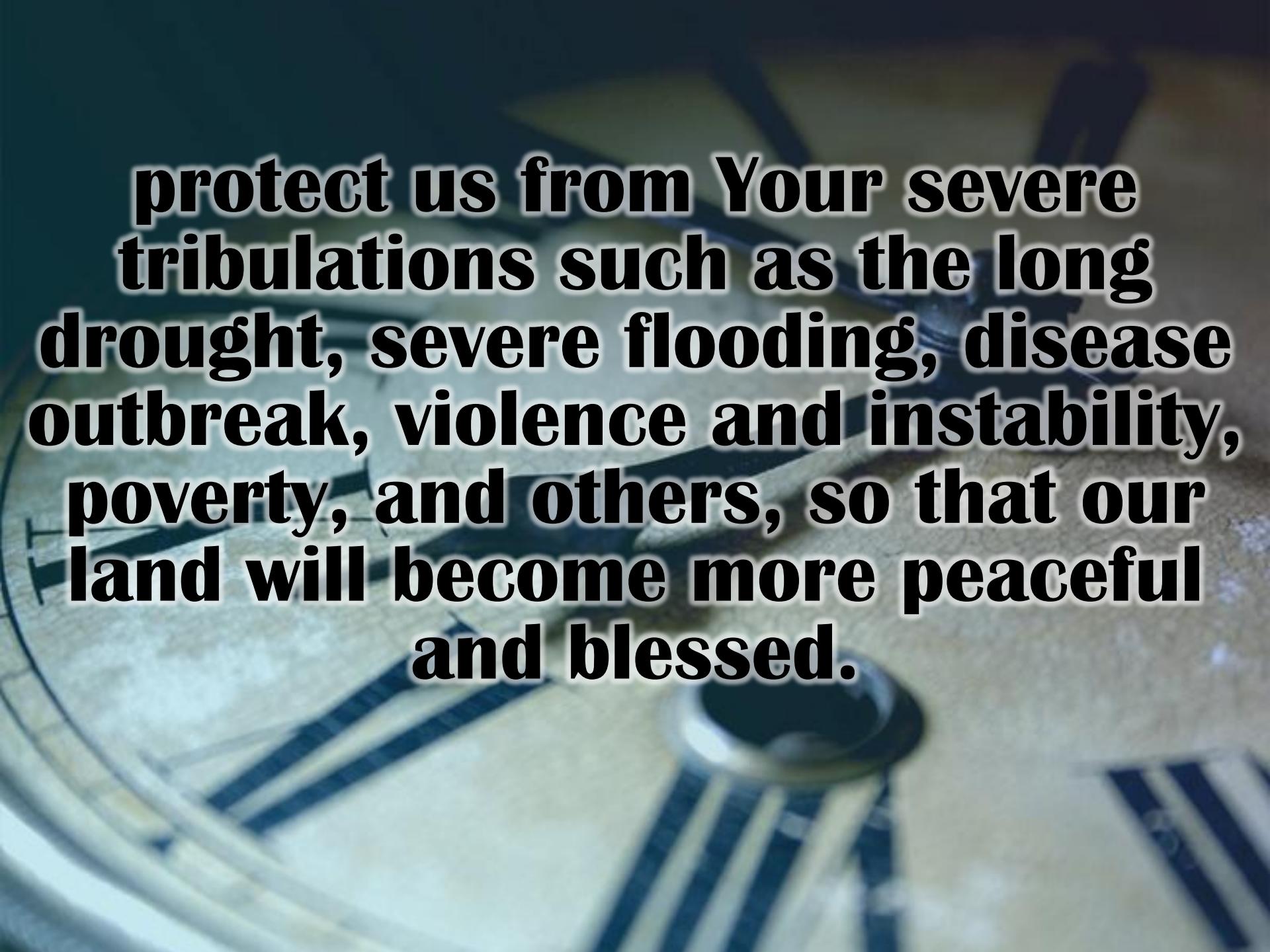
**Knower of the unseen
and the witnessed, and
He will inform you of
what you used to do.”**

(at-Tawbah 9:105)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
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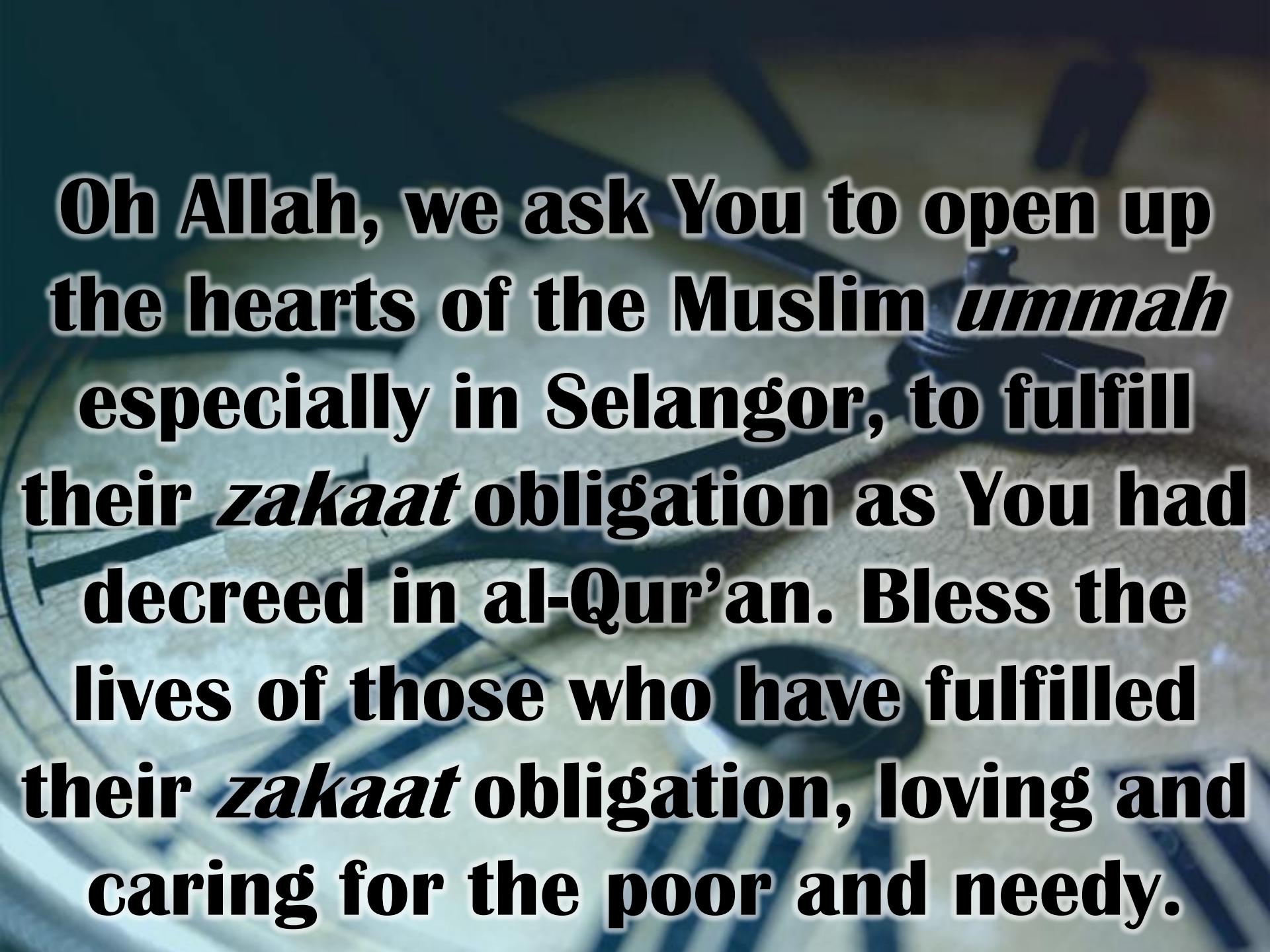
**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we
are grateful unto You for having
bestowed upon us Mercy and
Blessings, nourishing us to strive to
continue in strengthening the Muslim
nation especially the state of Selangor,
as an advanced, progressive, peaceful,
and benevolent state.**

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.

**O Allah, we implore upon you, keep us
steadfast upon the methodology of
Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa‘ah, and
protect us from ‘aqeedah and practices
that are misguided and deviated such
as extreme Shee‘ism, Qaadiyani, and
others.**



**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.**

and also those that have given away and endowed (*waqf*) their wealth to the Selangor Islamic Development Trust Fund (*Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor*) with eternal rewards until the Hereafter.

**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.**

Allaahumma ameen



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