



ZAKAAT AL-

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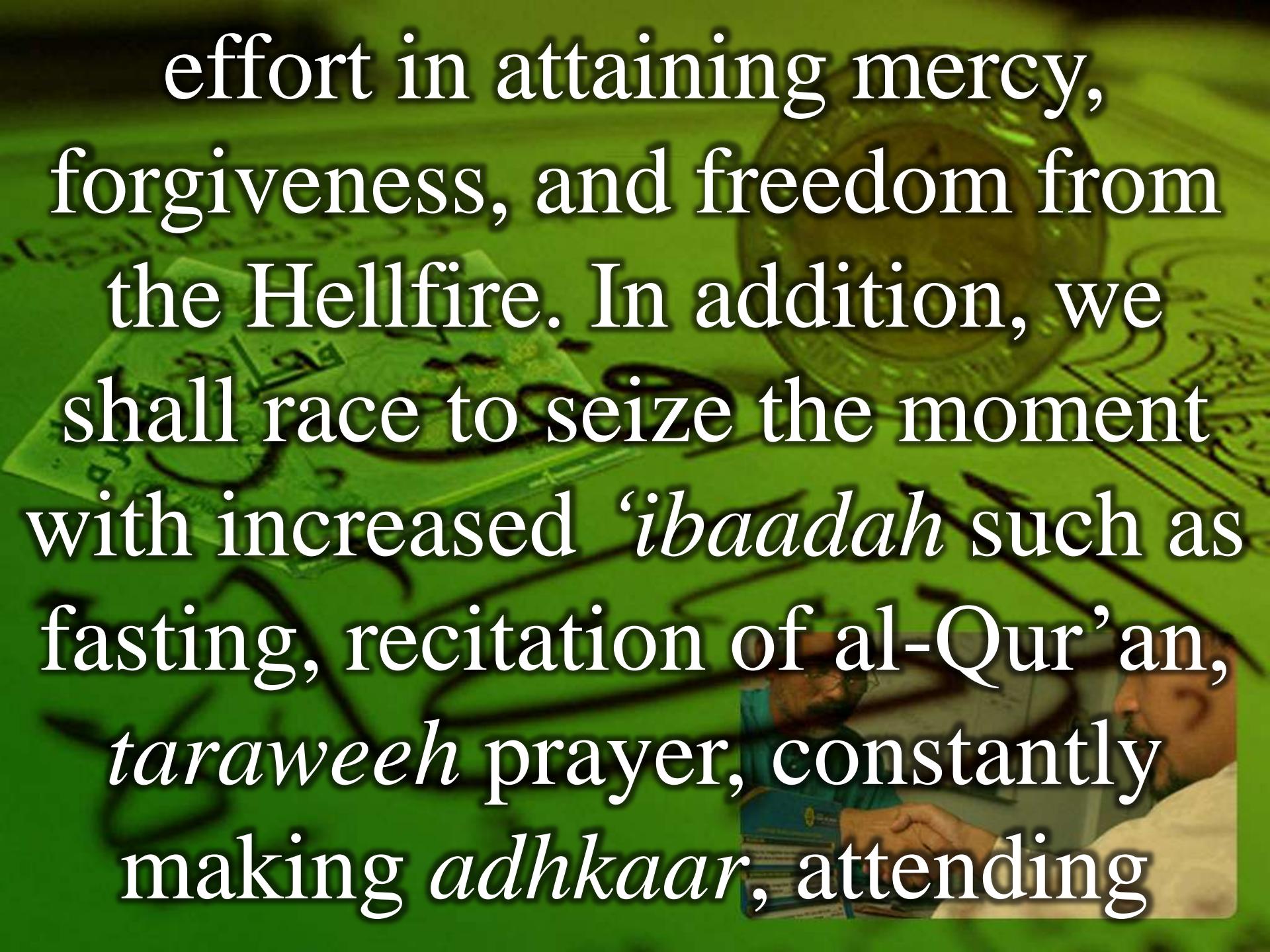
PURIFICATION

FOR THE SOUL



I remind myself and all of us to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Verily, the best ones in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* are those with utmost *taqwa*.

Let us praise and thank Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala for
uniting us in the masjid, the
House of Allah, in this blessed
month of Ramadaan al-
Mubaarak. We hope that with
the arrival of this noble month,
we will diligently increase our

A photograph showing a person from the side, wearing a white agal and a light-colored robe. They are holding a small, open book in their left hand and a pen in their right hand, appearing to write or draw on the book. The background is a solid green color.

effort in attaining mercy, forgiveness, and freedom from the Hellfire. In addition, we shall race to seize the moment with increased ‘ibaadah such as fasting, recitation of al-Qur’ān, *taraweeh* prayer, constantly making *adhkaar*, attending

circles of knowledge, and other forms of ‘ibaadah.

Among the obligatory acts mandated upon the Muslim *ummah* in Ramadaan is the fulfillment of *zakaat al-fitrah*. On the authority of ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*:

“The Messenger of Allah
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
enjoined *zakaat al-fitr*, a *saa’*
of dates or a *saa’* of barley, for
every Muslim, slave or free,

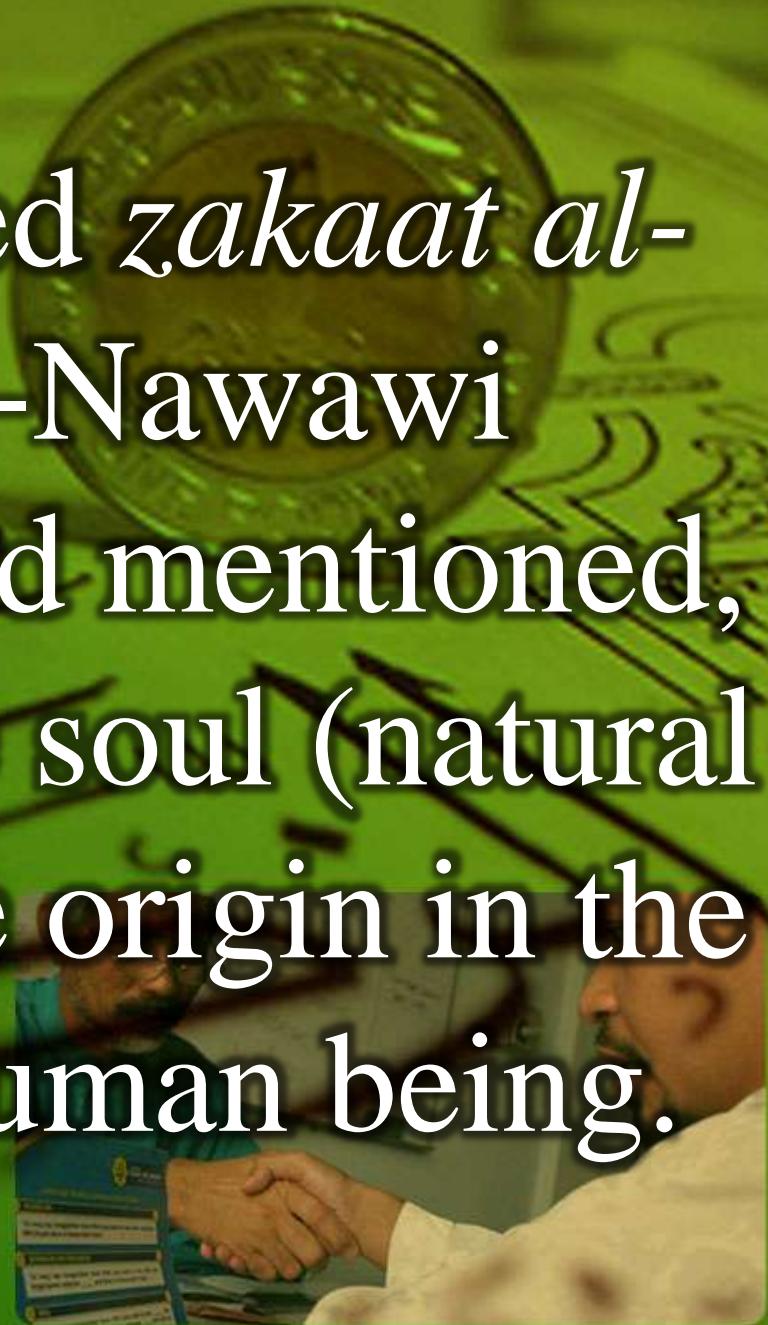


male or female, young or old,
and he enjoined that it be
given before the people go out
to the prayer.”

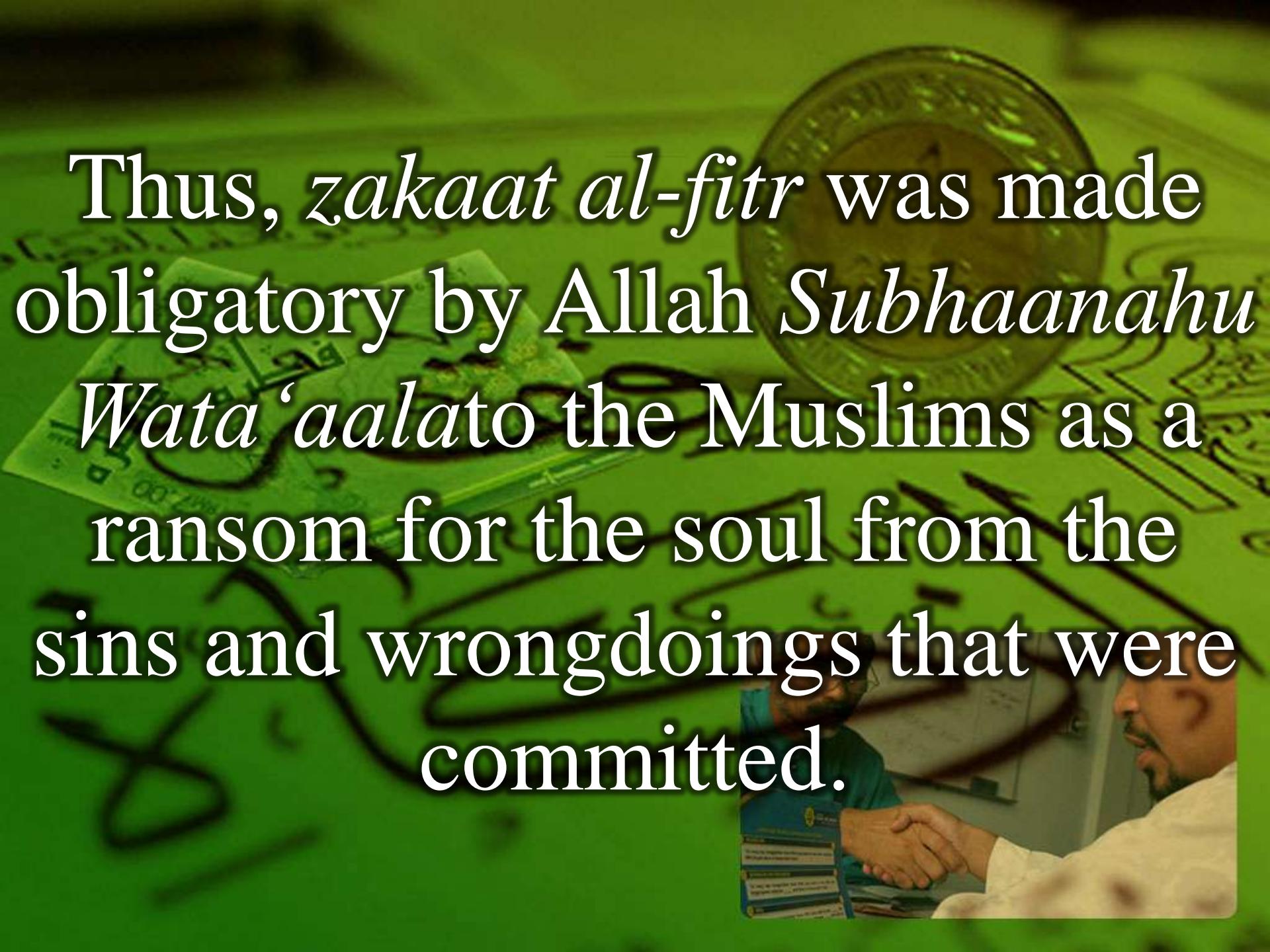
(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)



So why is it called *zakaat al-fitrah*? Imam an-Nawawi *rahimahullaah* had mentioned, *fitrah* refers to the soul (natural disposition) or the origin in the creation of the human being.

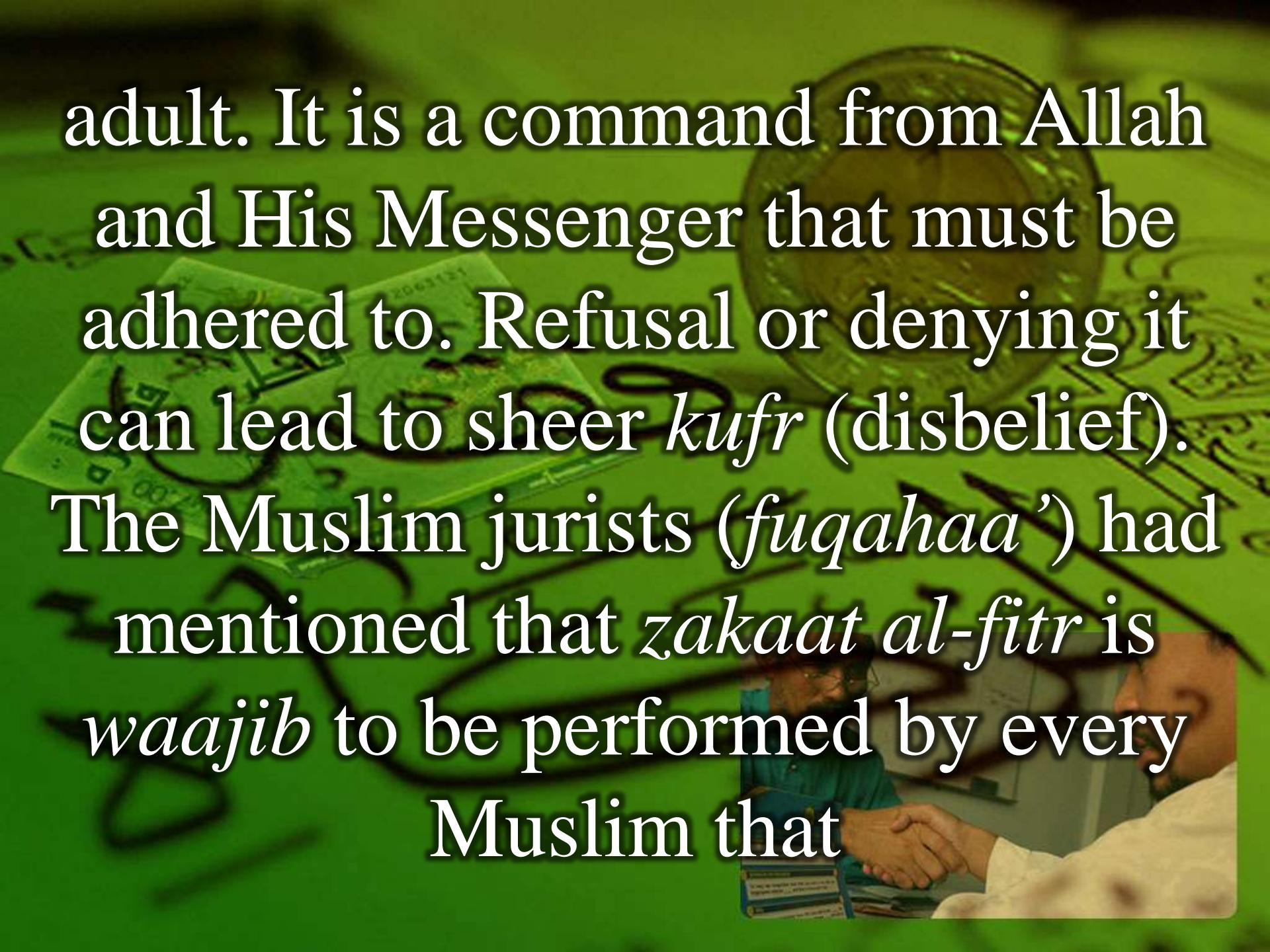


Thus, *zakaat al-fitr* was made obligatory by Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aalato the Muslims as a ransom for the soul from the sins and wrongdoings that were committed.



Imam ibn Hajar al-‘Asqalaani
rahimahullaah mentioned that
zakaat *al-fitr* means zakaat that
was made obligatory by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala upon
the Muslims for breaking their
fast in the month of Shawwal
upon completing the struggle

in enduring the test of hunger and thirst while fasting throughout Ramadaan. It signifies the victory in defeating the desire (*nafs*). *Zakaat al-fitr* is an ‘ibaadah that is *waajib* upon every Muslim, whether male or female, children or



adult. It is a command from Allah and His Messenger that must be adhered to. Refusal or denying it can lead to sheer *kufr* (disbelief). The Muslim jurists (*fuqaha'*) had mentioned that *zakaat al-fitr* is *waajib* to be performed by every Muslim that

lived to experience the last day
of Ramadaan until the night of
the first of Shawwal.

Verily Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala* had revealed a
Sharee'ah that is full of wisdom
and tremendous goodness for
His slaves.

This *hikmah* can only be tasted by those with true sincerity and *mujaahadah* in fulfilling the commands of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala. Zakaat al-fitr offers hikmah and magnitude of virtues for the Muslim ummah.

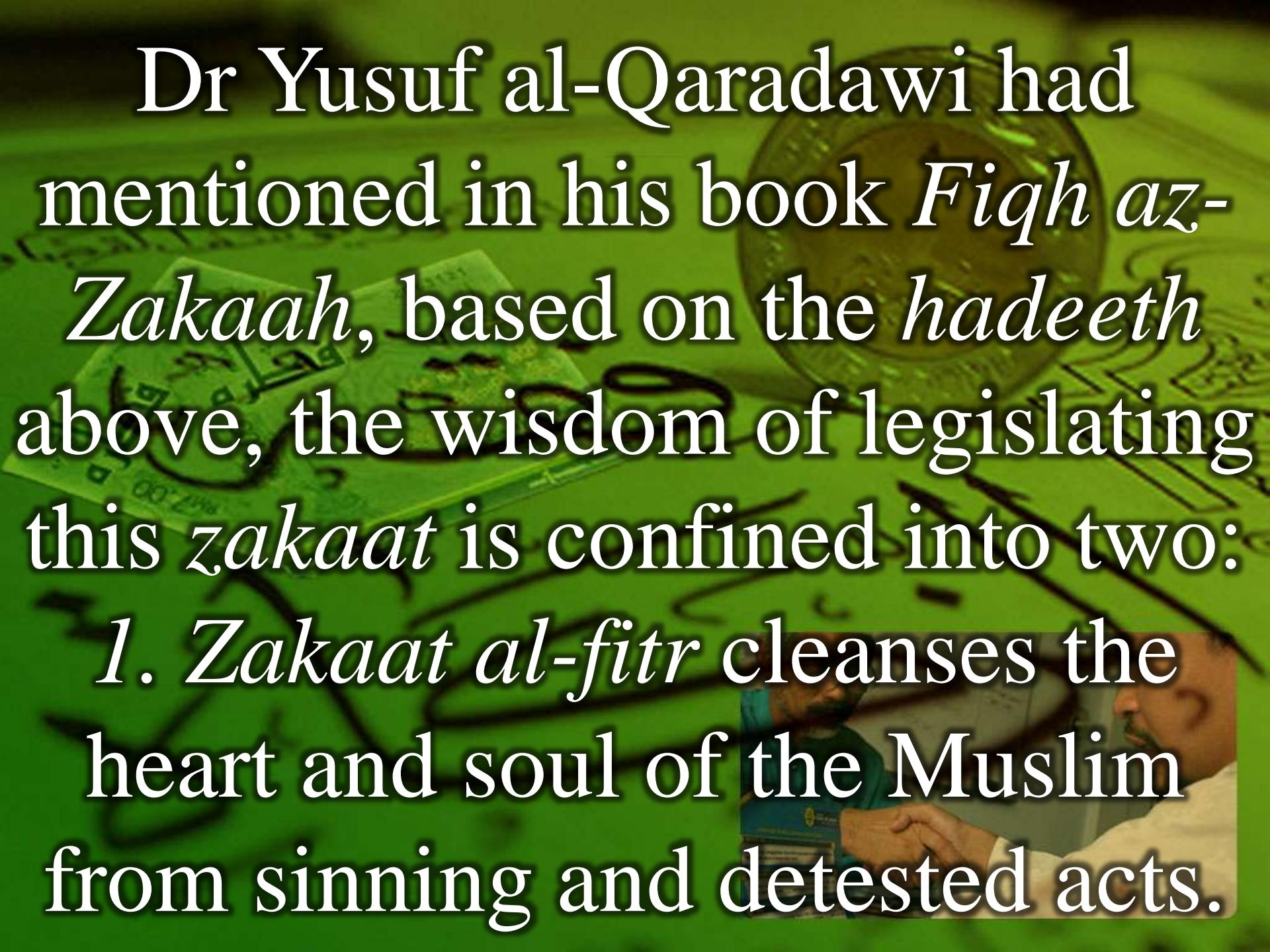
It is a great blessing that was revealed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* as a sign of His love and care for His believing slaves unto His religion (Islam).

The wisdom of *zakaat al-fitr* was mentioned in a *hadeeth*

reported by ibn ‘Abbas
radiyAllaahu ‘anhu:
“The Messenger of Allah
sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam
made *zakaat al-fitr* obligatory
as a purification for the
fasting person from

useless, non-beneficial speech
(or acts) and obscene speech
(or behavior), and as a means
of feeding the poor.”

(Abu Dawood and ibn Maajah: *saheeh*)



Dr Yusuf al-Qaradawi had mentioned in his book *Fiqh az-Zakaah*, based on the *hadeeth* above, the wisdom of legislating this *zakaat* is confined into two:

1. *Zakaat al-fitr* cleanses the heart and soul of the Muslim from sinning and detested acts.

Indeed, every believer longs for good deeds and completeness in every form of ‘ibaadah performed for the sake of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* such as fasting during Ramadaan.

However, the completeness hoped for may be accompanied

with defects, or deficiency in words, actions, or heart.

However, Allah Subhaanahu
Wata ‘aala is Most Merciful,
All-Knowing of the weakness
and deficiency of His slaves,
will grant atonement and
cleansing of deficiencies and

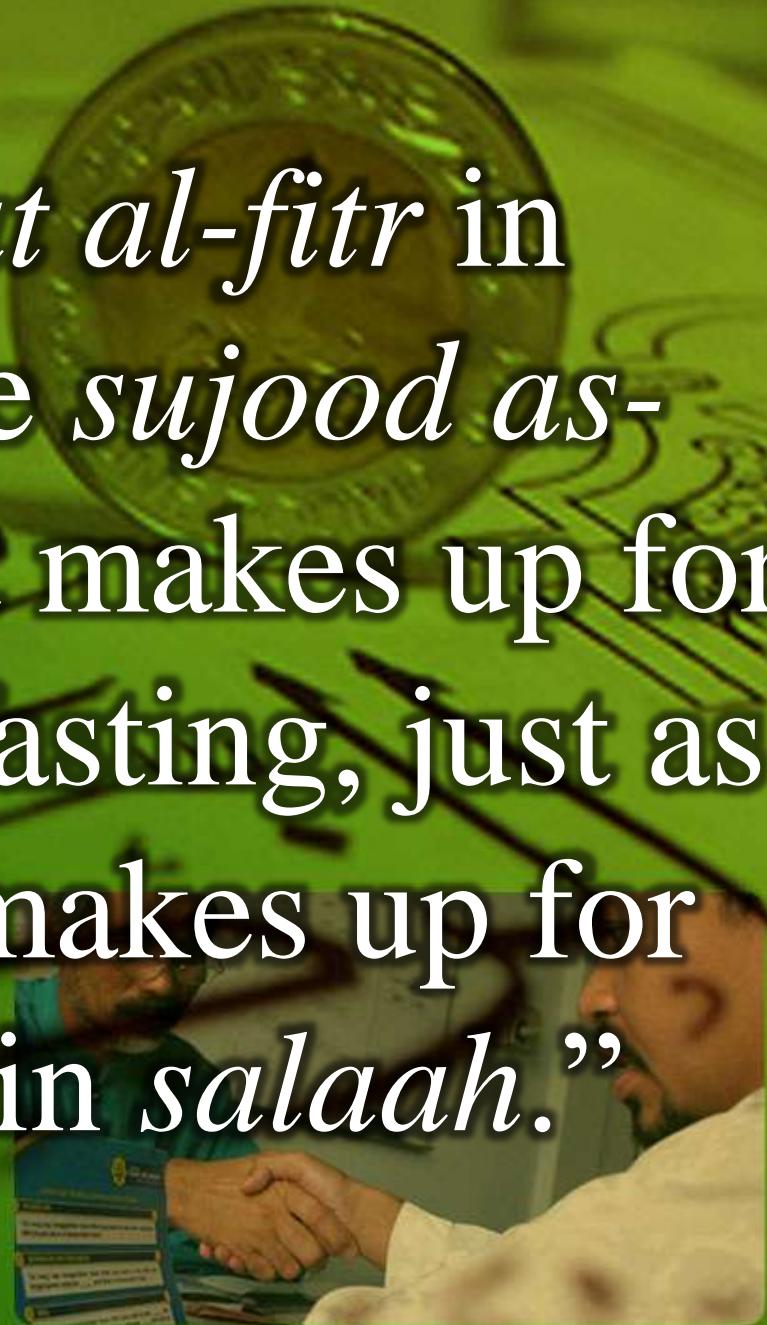
sins through zakaat al-fitr. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala
mentions in al-Qur’ān:
**“Indeed, good deeds do away
with misdeeds. That is a
reminder for those who
remember.”**

(Hood 11:114)

May our *zakaat al-fitr* make up for our deficiencies and heedlessness during the fasting of Ramadaan. In his book *Nihaayat al-Muhtaj*, Imam Waaki‘ bin al-Jarraah *rahimahullaah* mentioned:



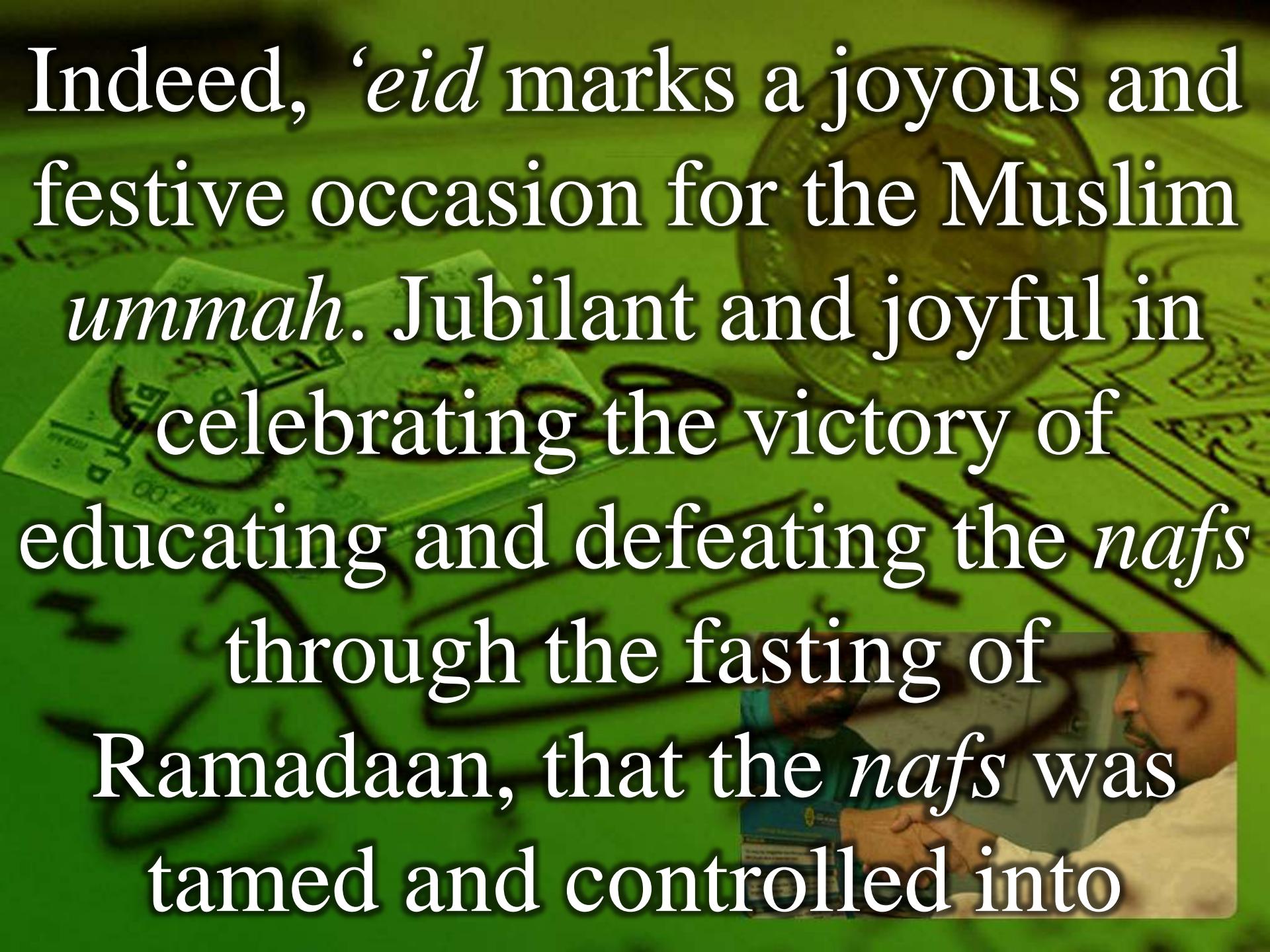
“Indeed, *zakaat al-fitr* in Ramadaan is like *sujood as-sahw* for *salaah*. It makes up for the deficiency in fasting, just as *sujood as-sahw* makes up for the inadequacy in *salaah*.”



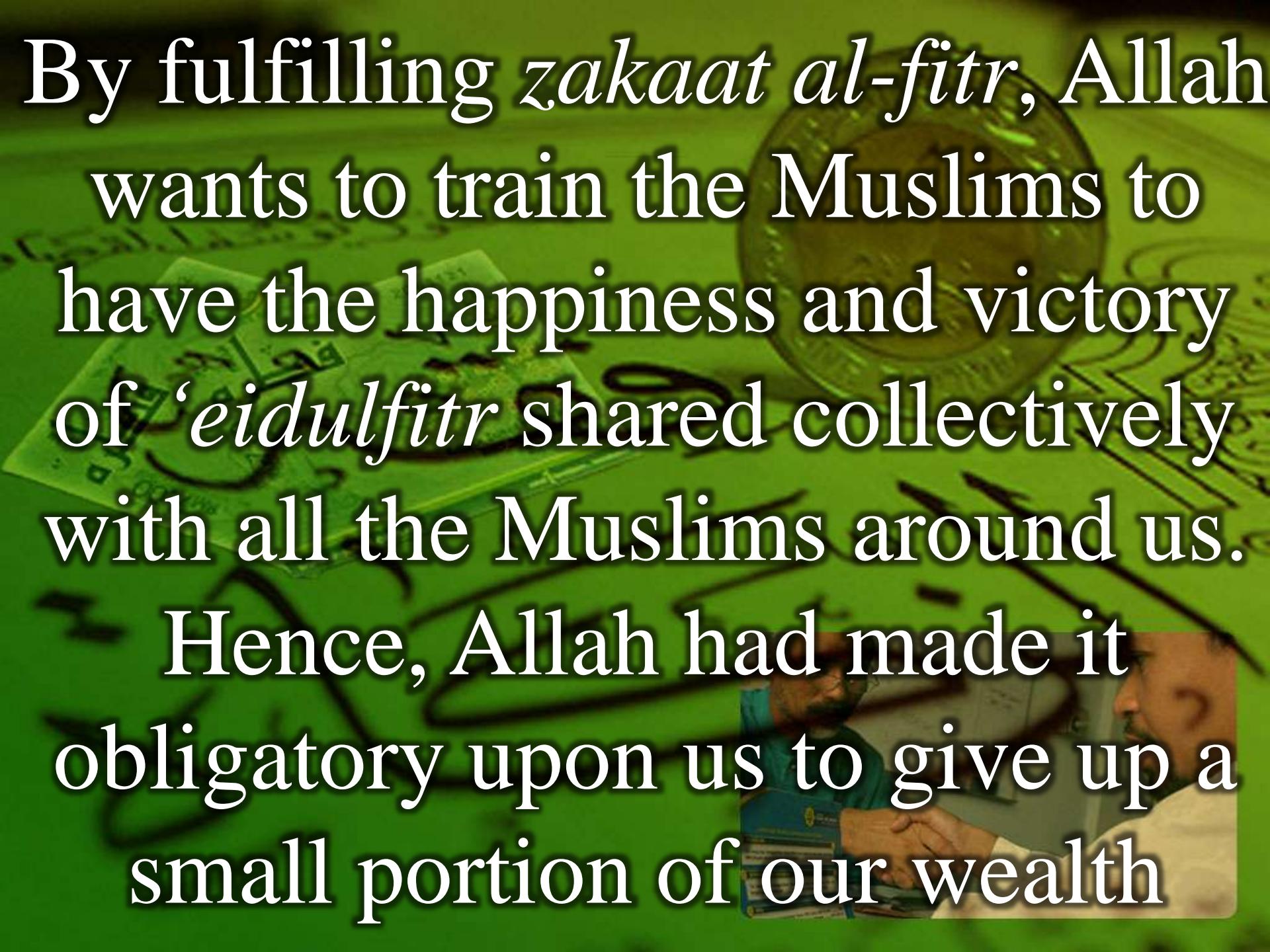
2. *Zakaat al-fitr* helps sow and strengthen the love, care, and brotherhood (*silaturrahm*) among Muslims



Indeed, ‘eid marks a joyous and festive occasion for the Muslim *ummah*. Jubilant and joyful in celebrating the victory of educating and defeating the *nafs* through the fasting of Ramadaan, that the *nafs* was tamed and controlled into



obedience of the Commands of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.*
The Muslim *ummah* are happy
and blissful on the first day of
Shawwal, which is a day of
greatness and celebration for the
Muslims.



By fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr*, Allah wants to train the Muslims to have the happiness and victory of '*eidulfitr* shared collectively with all the Muslims around us.

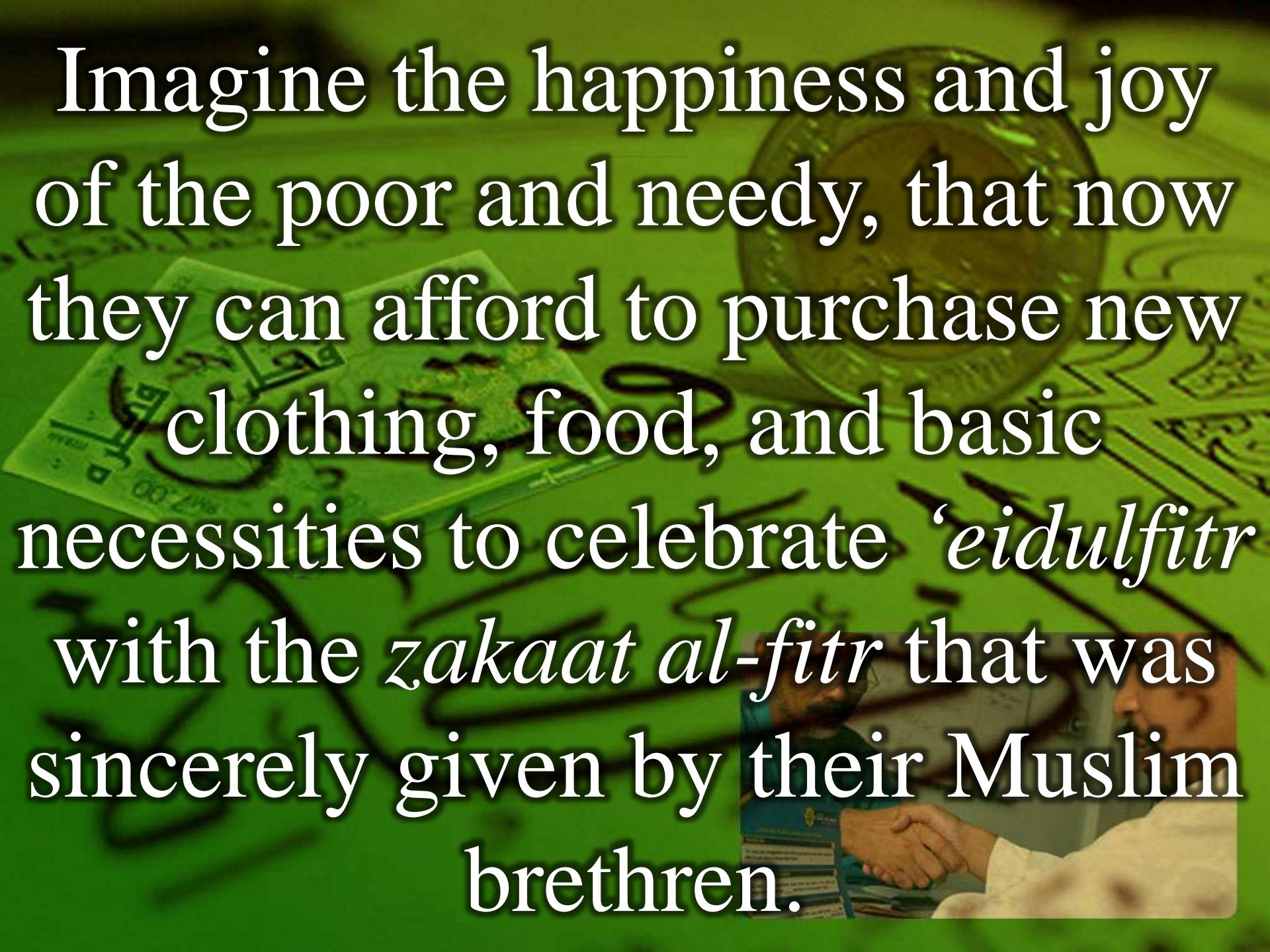
Hence, Allah had made it obligatory upon us to give up a small portion of our wealth

to be shared with the poor and needy so that they too can celebrate ‘*eidulfitr* with others.

Imagine the nobility of those expending *zakaat al-fitri*, their willingness in giving up a portion of their

wealth for the poor and needy,
all for the sake of attaining
Allah's Pleasure and
Forgiveness. Along with this,
tremendous reward will be
reaped and multiplied manifold.





Imagine the happiness and joy of the poor and needy, that now they can afford to purchase new clothing, food, and basic necessities to celebrate ‘*eidulfitr*’ with the *zakaat al-fitri* that was sincerely given by their Muslim brethren.

Such is the noble value and character that Islam preaches to its adherents. They are an *ummah* that are always united and cooperative in all situations, whether in ease or difficulty.

Nu‘man bin Basheer
radiyAllaahu ‘anh reported:

The Messenger of Allah
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
said:

“The similitude of believers in
regard to mutual love,
affection,



fellow-feeling is that of one body; when any limb of it aches, the whole body aches, because of sleeplessness and fever.”

(Muslim)



Let us not become an *ummah*
that would allow our Muslim
brethren to be neglected in their
pain, suffering, and difficulties
without tending to their need.

We have been reminded by
Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi
wasallam* in a *hadeeth*:

“He is not a perfect believer,
who goes to bed full and
knows that his neighbor is
hungry.”

(al-Bazaar: *saheeh lighayrihi*)



Let us not become an *ummah* that is miserly and stingy with our wealth and possession that we are not willing to give off a portion for *zakaat* to those in need.



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

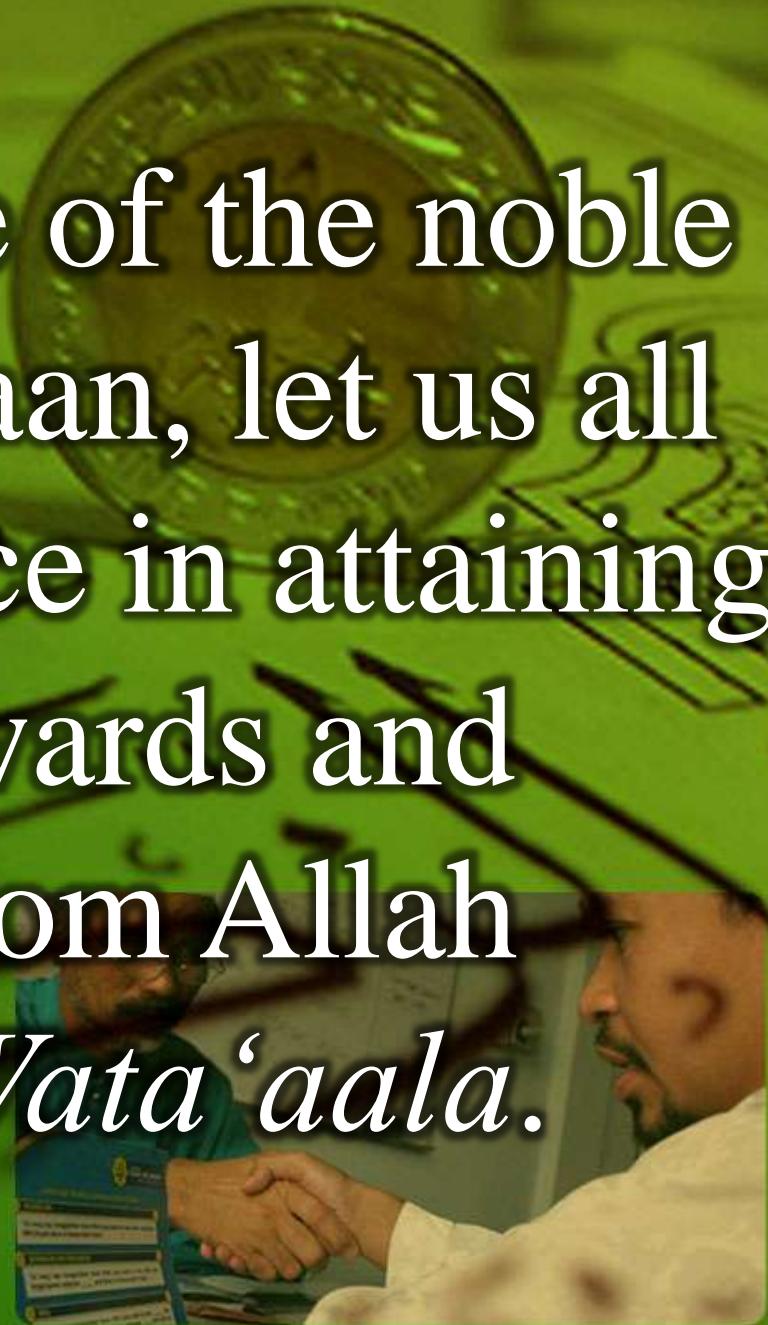
“And let not those who
[greedily] withhold what Allah
has given them of His bounty
ever think that it is

better for them. Rather, it is worse for them. Their necks will be encircled by what they withheld on the Day of Resurrection.”

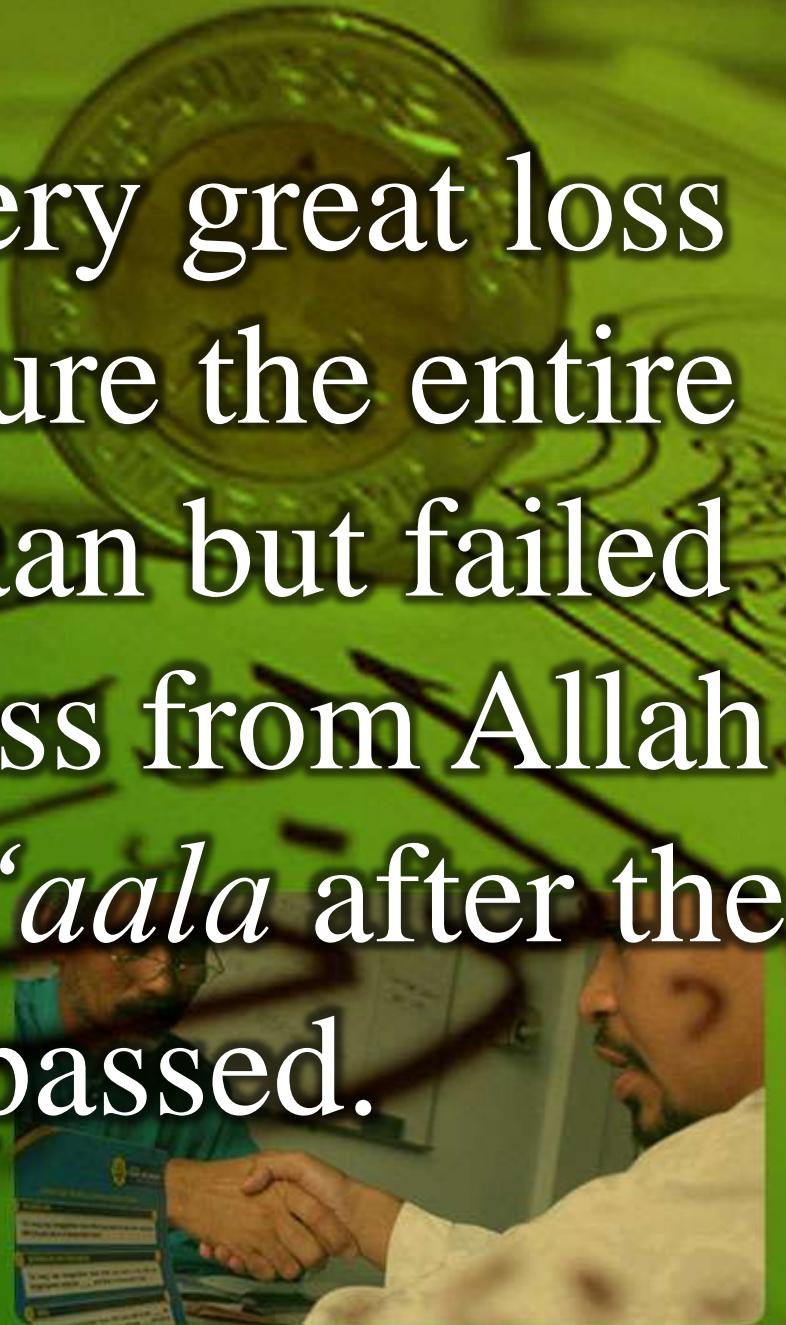
(Aali-‘Imraan 3:180)

With the presence of the noble month of Ramadaan, let us all work with diligence in attaining handsome rewards and forgiveness from Allah

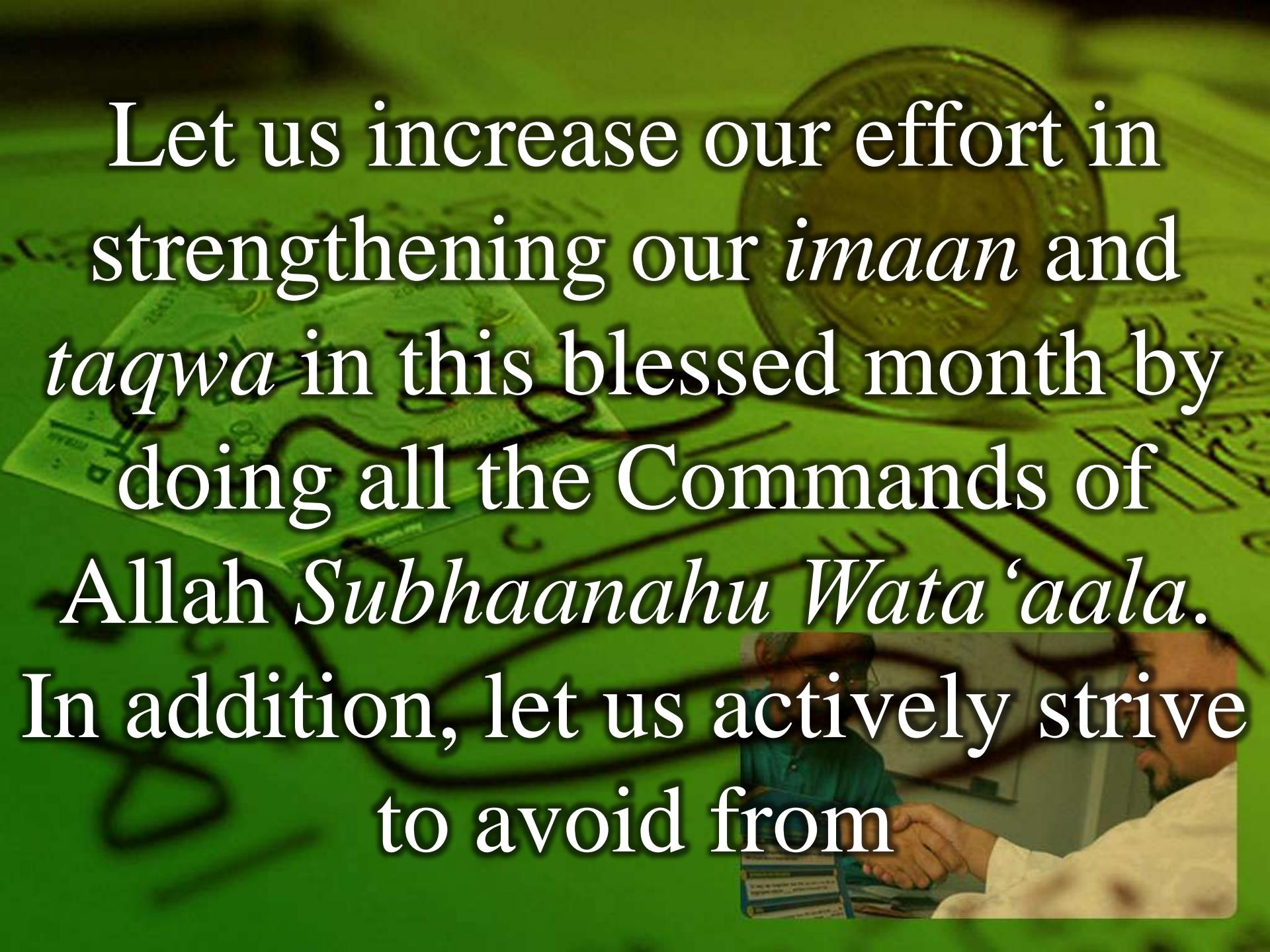
Subhaanahu Wata‘ala.

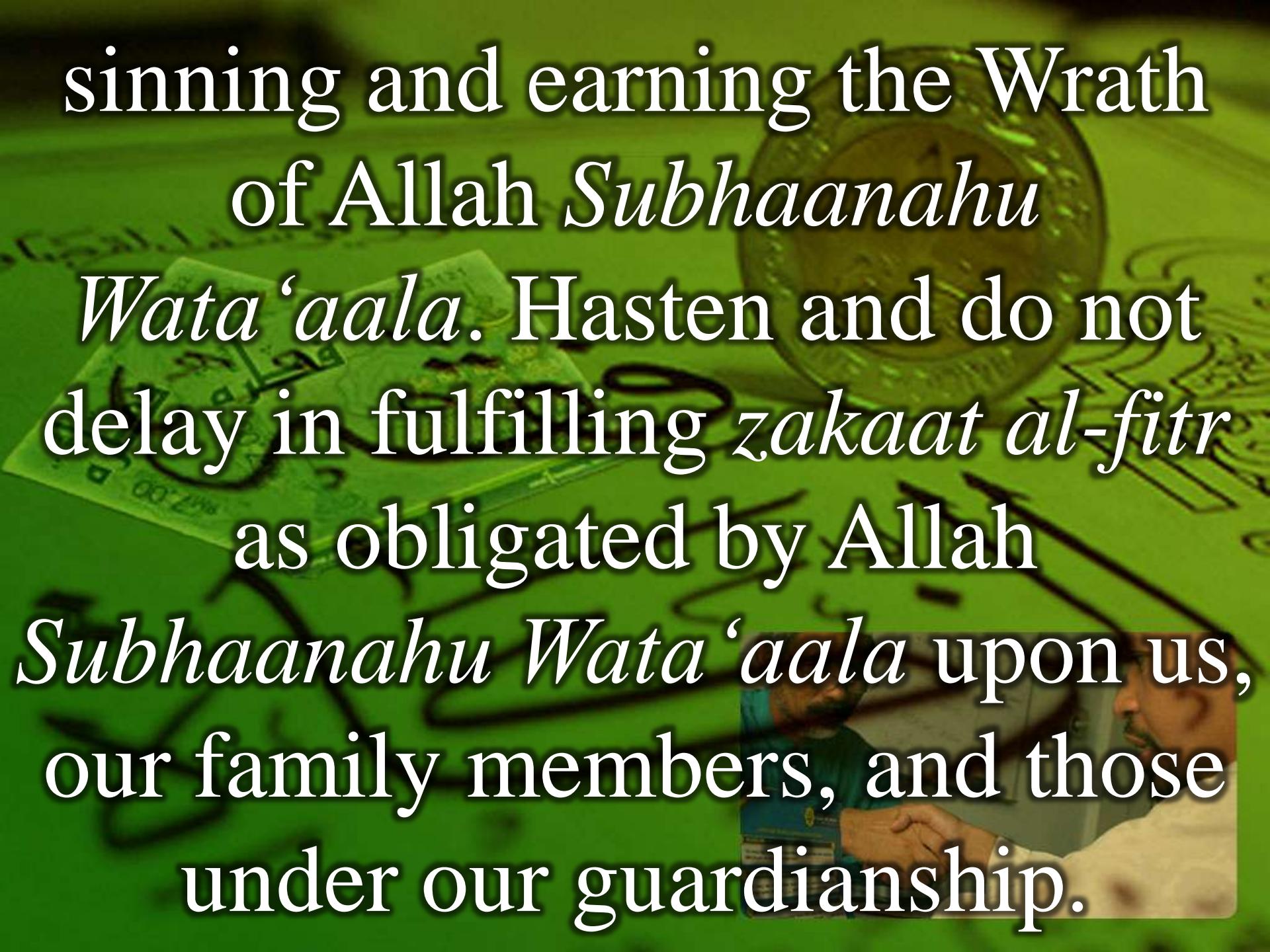


Truly indeed, a very great loss
for those that endure the entire
month of Ramadaan but failed
to attain forgiveness from Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala after the
month has passed.



Let us increase our effort in strengthening our *imaan* and *taqwa* in this blessed month by doing all the Commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*. In addition, let us actively strive to avoid from



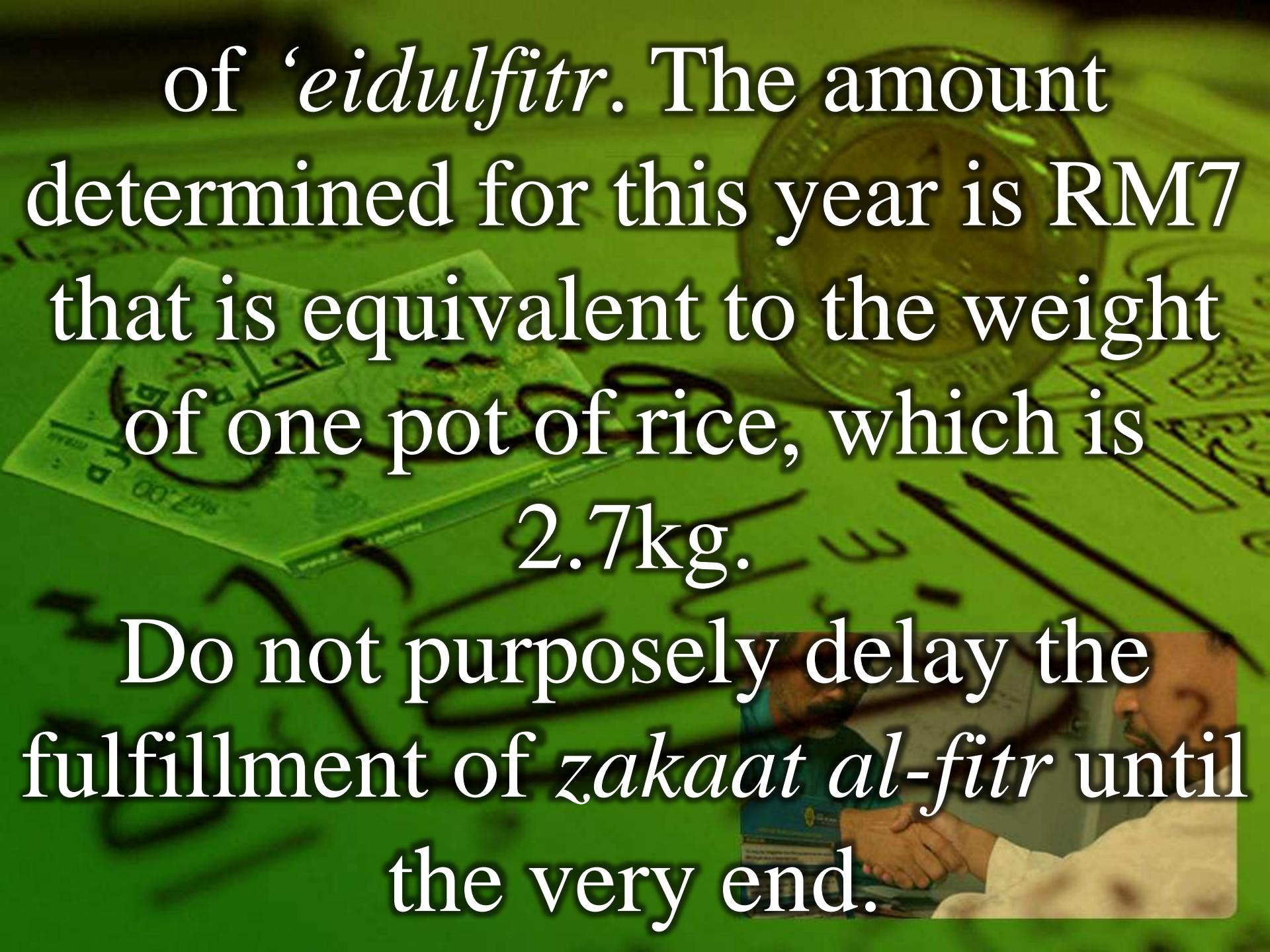


sinning and earning the Wrath
of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata 'aala*. Hasten and do not
delay in fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr*
as obligated by Allah
Subhaanahu Wata 'aala upon us,
our family members, and those
under our guardianship.



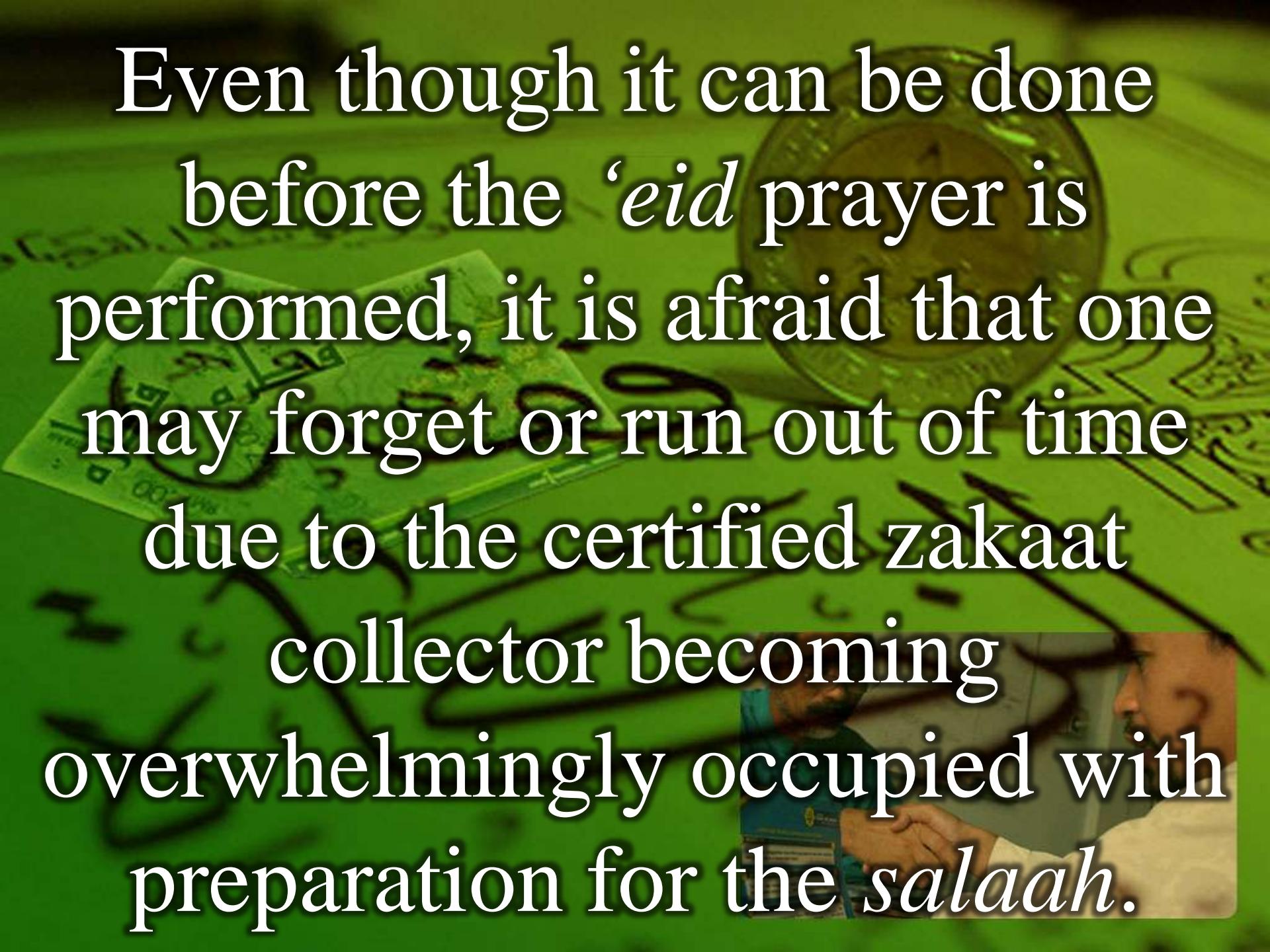
For this, the Zakaat Board of Selangor has opened up *Zakaat al-Fitr* Payment Counter at all of its outlets throughout the state. Furthermore, zakaat counters are now available in shopping malls, supermarkets, and other locations.

Also, certified zakaat collectors will be present in every masjid and surau in the state of Selangor to facilitate for the Muslims in fulfilling their *zakaat al-fitr*. *Zakaat al-fitr* can be made from the the first day of Ramadaan until the morning



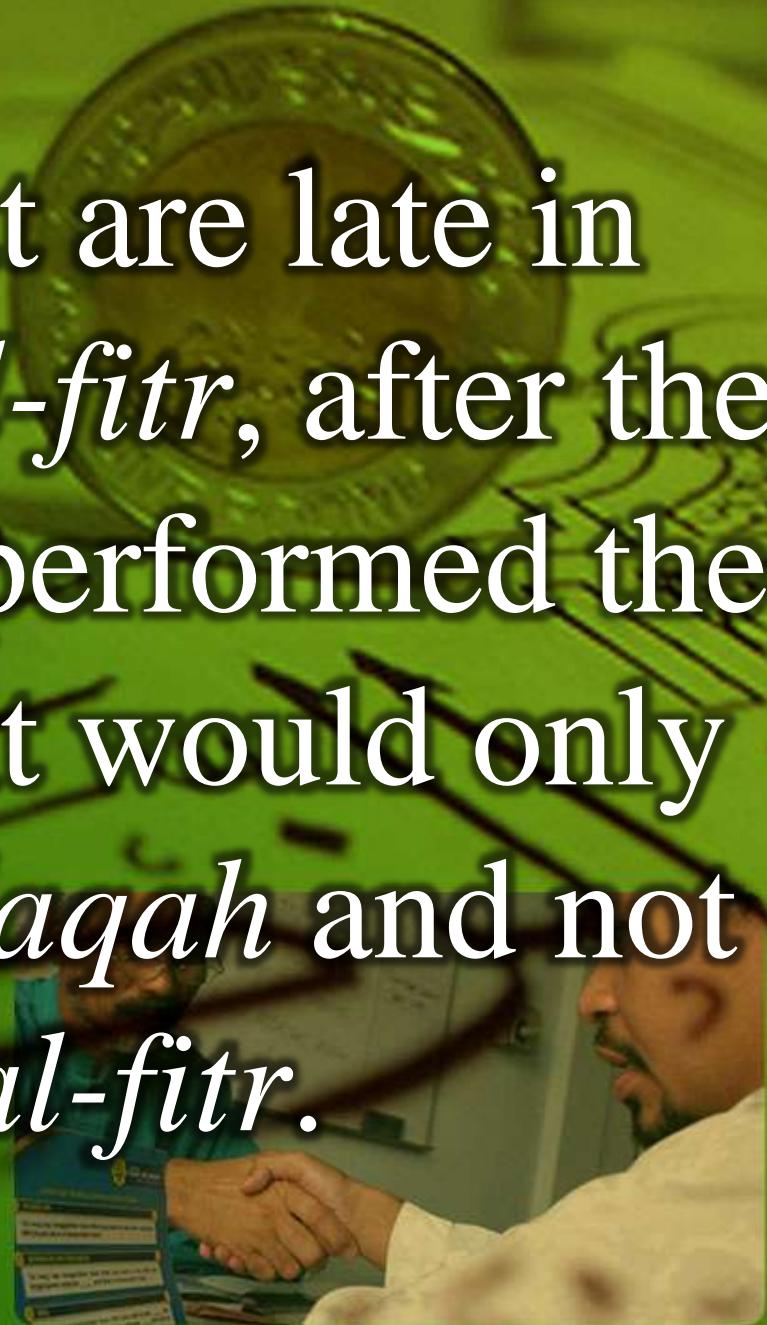
of ‘*eidulfitr*. The amount determined for this year is RM7 that is equivalent to the weight of one pot of rice, which is 2.7kg.

Do not purposely delay the fulfillment of *zakaat al-fitri* until the very end.



Even though it can be done before the ‘*eid* prayer is performed, it is afraid that one may forget or run out of time due to the certified zakaat collector becoming overwhelmingly occupied with preparation for the *salaah*.

Verily, those that are late in fulfilling *zakaat al-fitr*, after the congregation has performed the ‘eid prayer, then it would only be deemed as *sadaqah* and not as *zakaat al-fitr*.



“The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed [of grain] which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains.



And Allah multiplies [His reward] for whom He wills.

And Allah is all-

Encompassing and Knowing.”

(al-Baqarah 2:261)

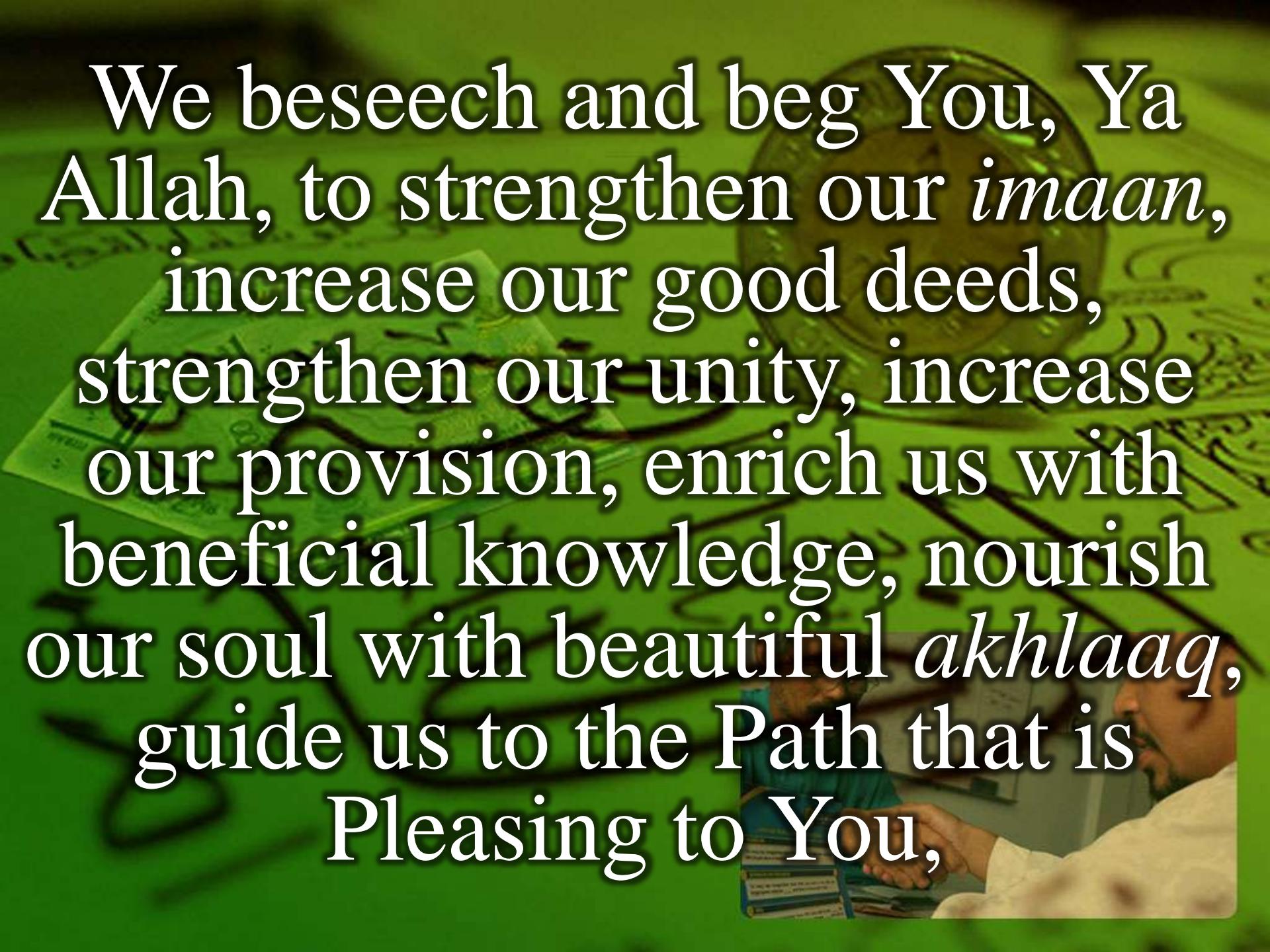


بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَفَّقَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَفُؤُلُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
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الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ 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,

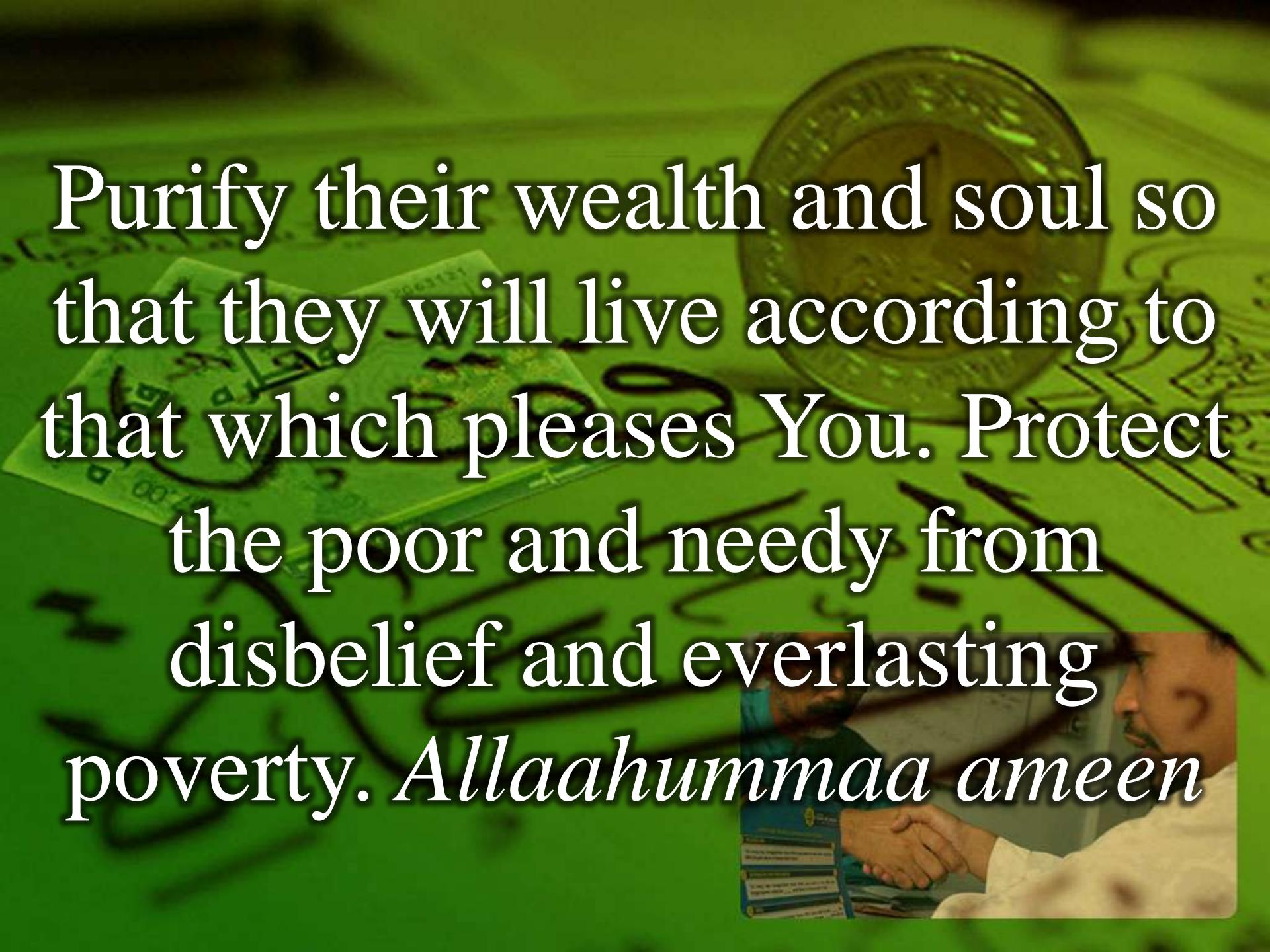


protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.



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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