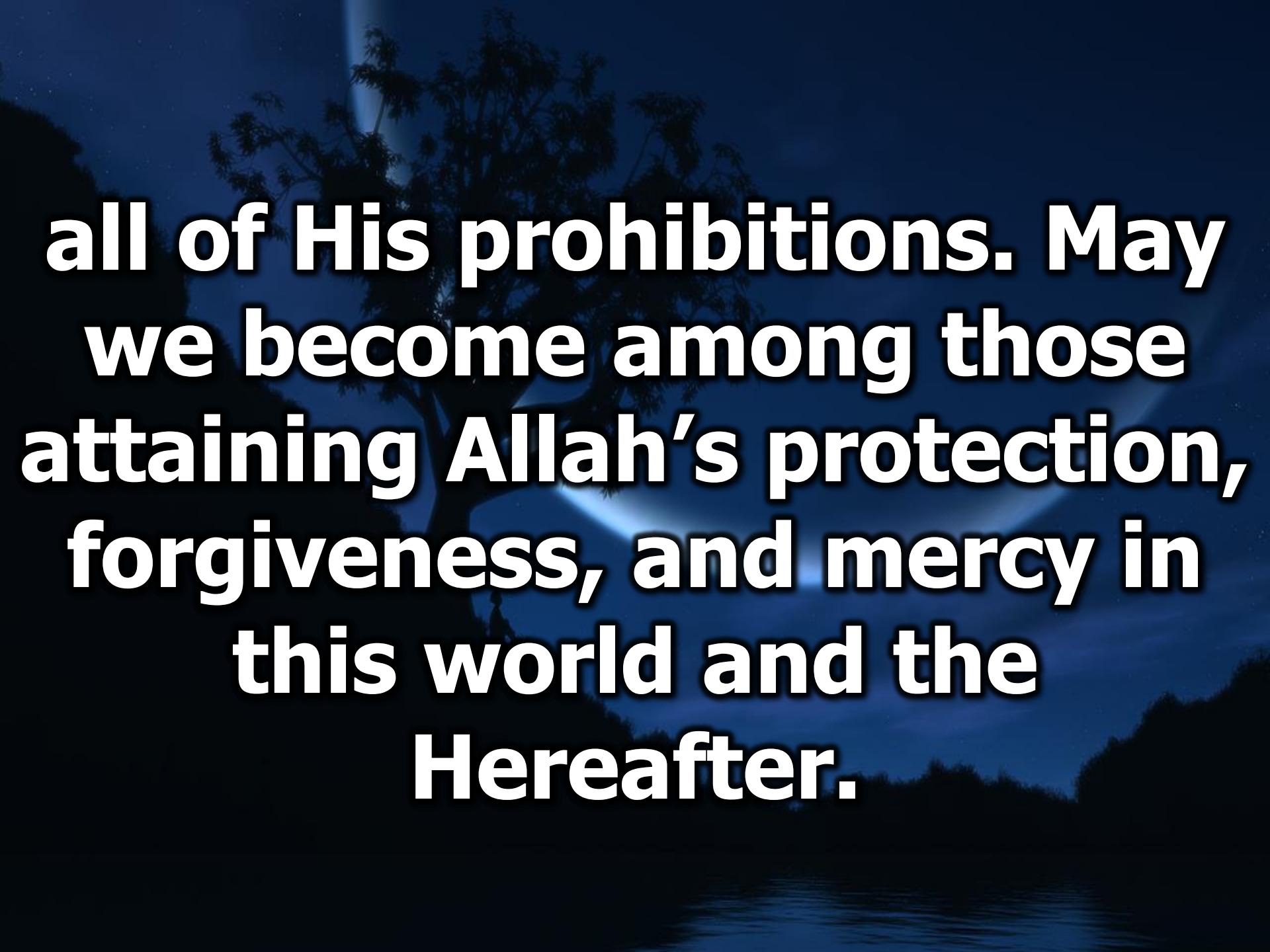




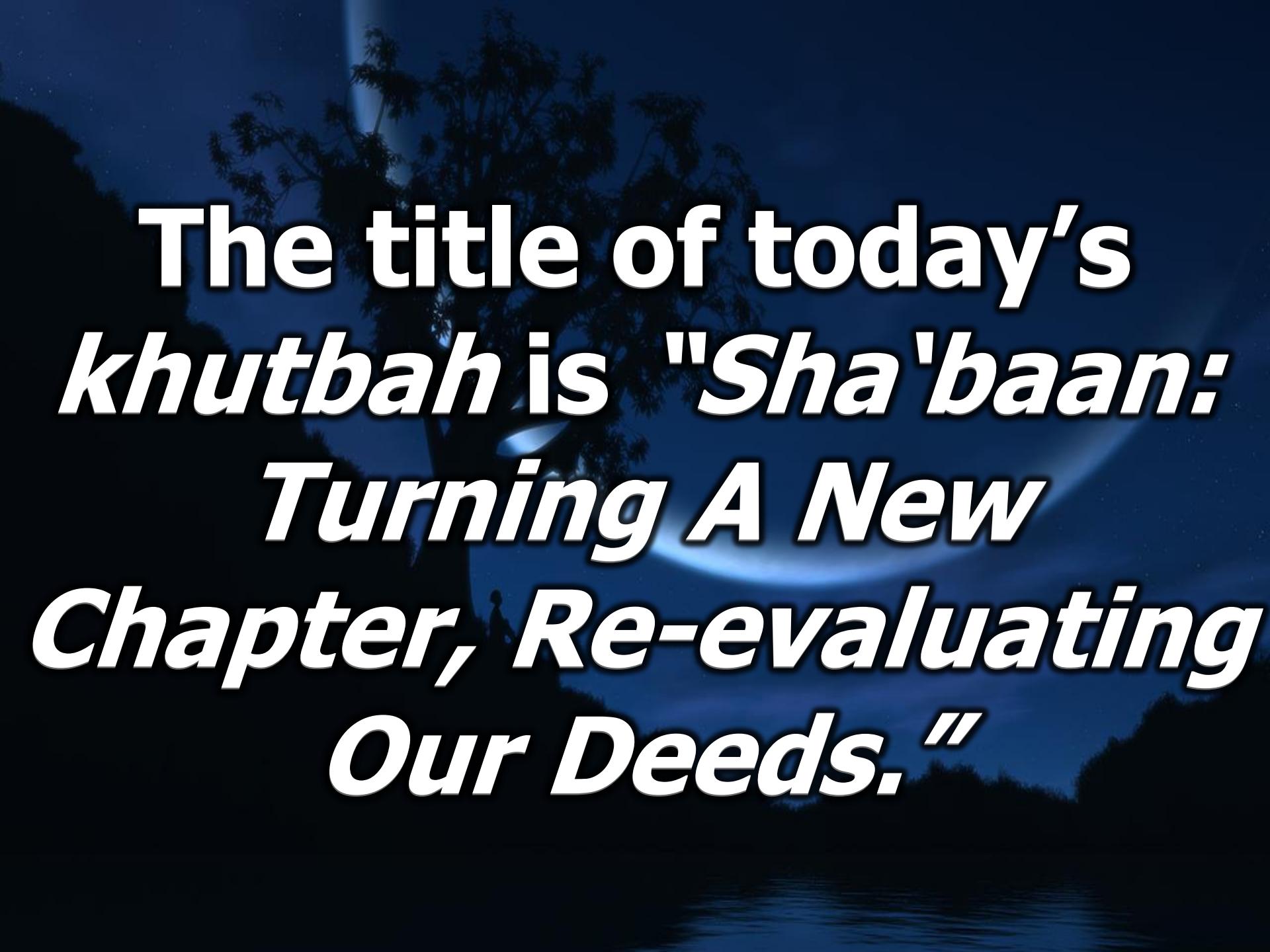
# SHA‘BAAN: TURNING A NEW CHAPTER, RE - EVALUATING OUR DEEDS



**Firstly, I would like to call upon all of us to strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding**



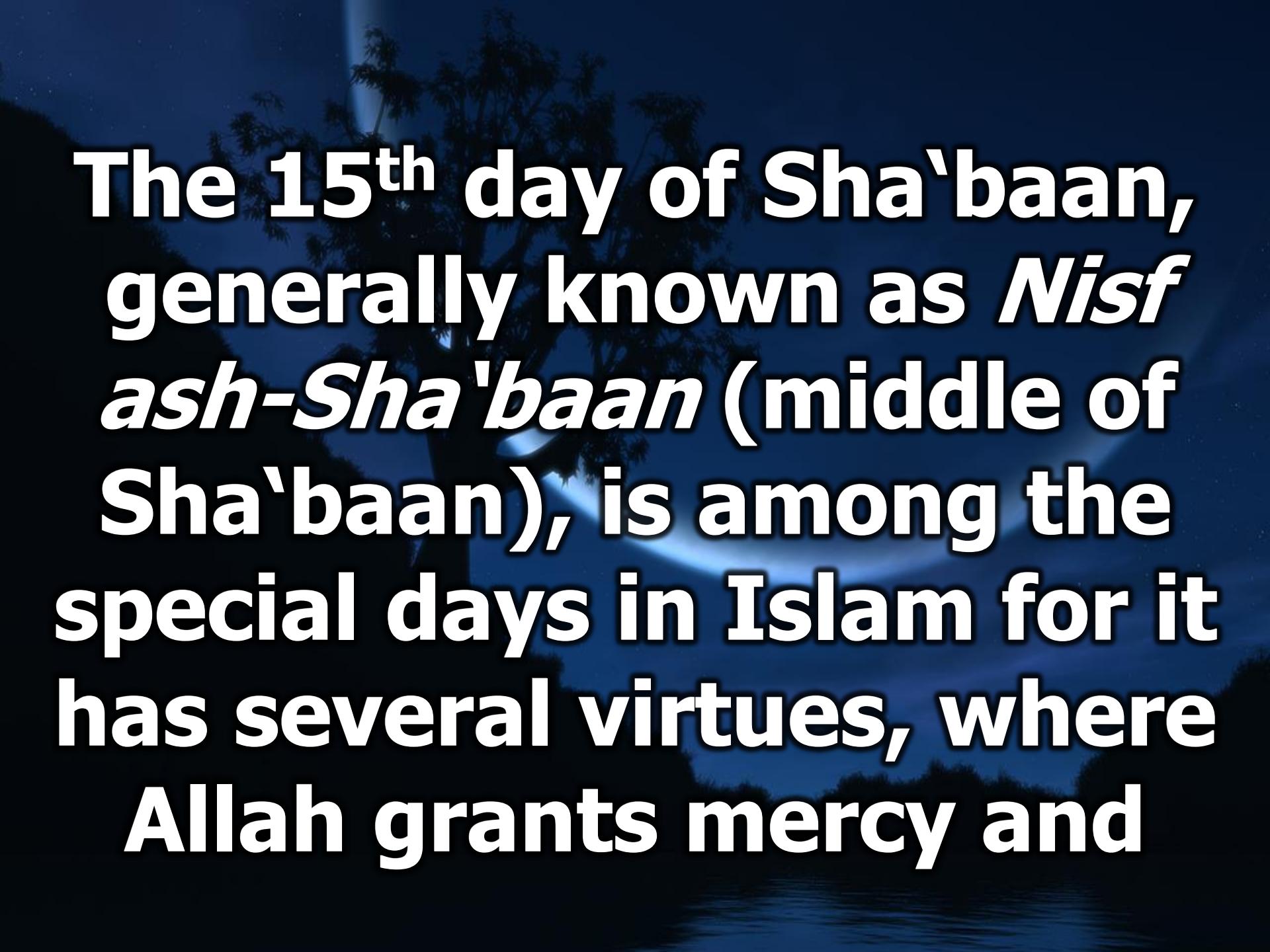
**all of His prohibitions. May  
we become among those  
attaining Allah's protection,  
forgiveness, and mercy in  
this world and the  
Hereafter.**



The title of today's  
***khutbah*** is "*Sha'baan:*  
*Turning A New*  
*Chapter, Re-evaluating*  
*Our Deeds.*"

Indeed, the coming of the month of Sha'baan shall be welcomed by the Muslims, for it is a noble month, a month of *'ibaadah*, and a month of self-reformation. Sha'baan is the month

between Rajab and Ramadaan. If Rajab is deemed to have *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj*, Ramadaan with *Laylat al-Qadr*, then Sha`baan has *Nisf ash-Sha'baan*.



The 15<sup>th</sup> day of Sha'baan, generally known as *Nisf ash-Sha'baan* (middle of Sha'baan), is among the special days in Islam for it has several virtues, where Allah grants mercy and

**forgiveness to His slaves.  
It was narrated that 'Alee  
bin Abi Taalib**

***radiyAllaahu'anh* said:**

**Rasulullah ﷺ said:**

**“When it is the night of the  
middle of Sha‘baan, spend  
its night in prayer**

**and observe a fast on that day. For Allah descends at sunset on that night to the lowest heaven and says: 'Is there no one who will ask Me for forgiveness, that I may forgive him?**

**Is there no one who will ask Me for provision, that I may provide for him? Is there no one who is afflicted by trouble, that I may relieve him?' And so on, until dawn comes."**

**(ibn Maajah: *mawdoo'*)**

**On the night of *Nisf ash-Sha'baan*, all of mankind's deeds will be raised up to Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. When the time for accountability comes, all of these records will become**

**witness to everything  
committed by mankind.**

**This accountability will be  
done in various ways such  
as through questioning,  
revealing the contents from  
the book of deeds,**

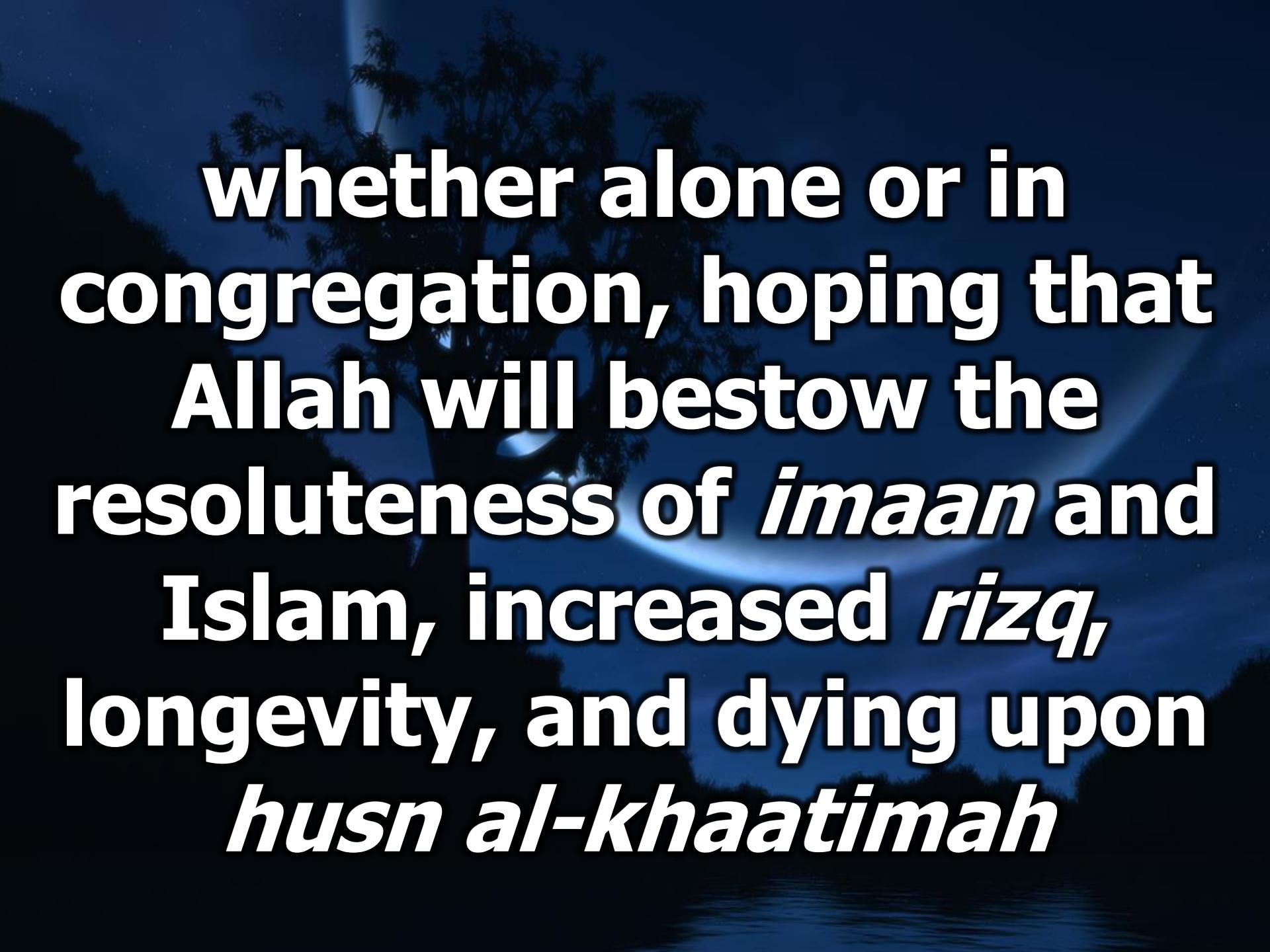
**playback of recordings of conversations, displaying all actions and behavior, and weighing on the scale.**

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

**“That Day, We will seal over their mouths, and their hands will speak to Us, and their feet will testify about what they used to earn.”**

**(Ya-Seen 36:65)**

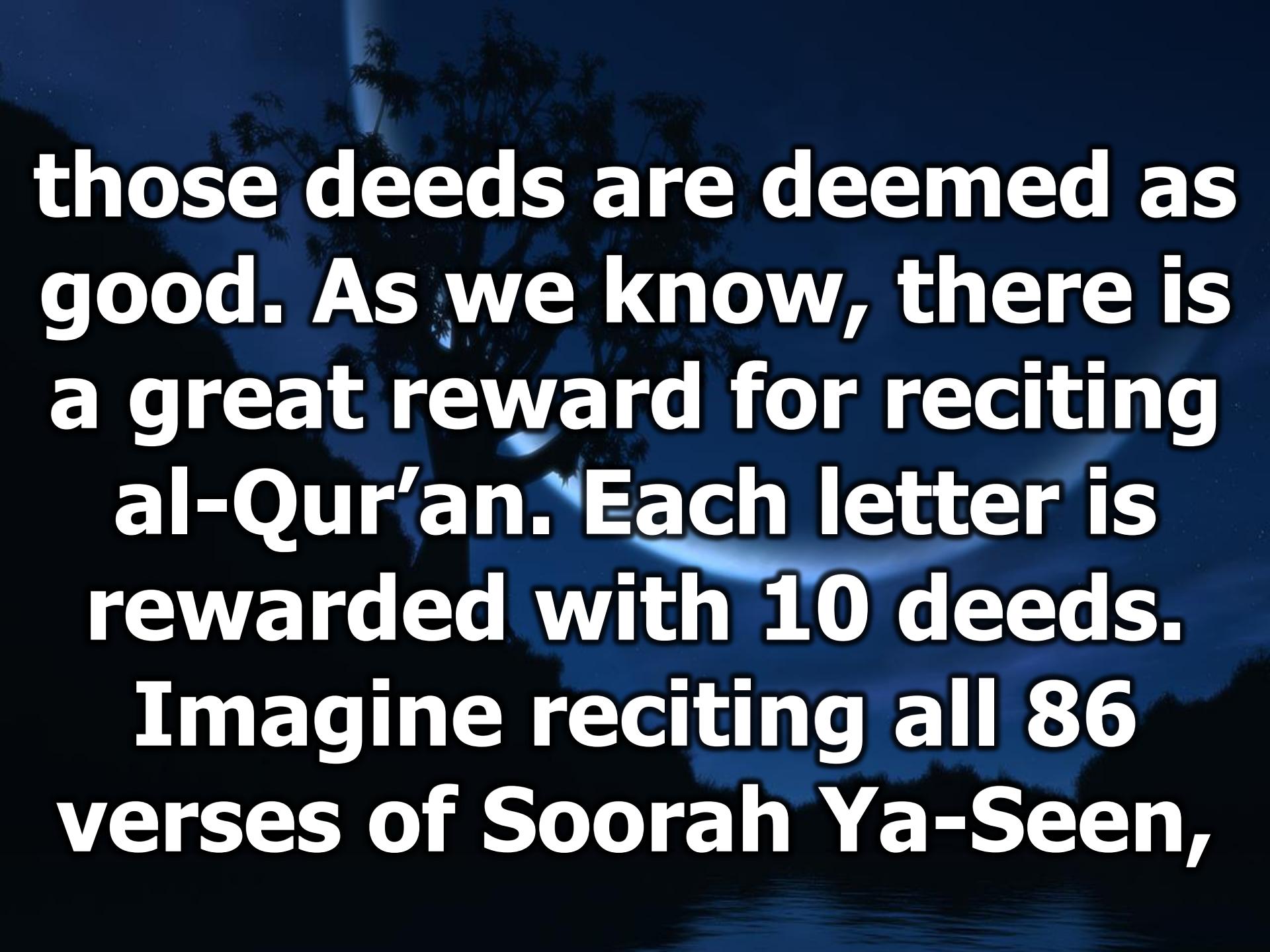
The scholars and the righteous would normally recite Soorah Ya-Seen three times after the Maghrib prayer on the night of *Nisf*(middle of) *ash-Sha'baan* and supplicate,



**whether alone or in  
congregation, hoping that  
Allah will bestow the  
resoluteness of *imaan* and  
Islam, increased *rizq*,  
longevity, and dying upon  
*husn al-khaatimah***

(the good ending). Even though it is known that there is no specific evidence that recommends such actions, but in terms of '*ibaadah*' and attaining nearness to Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata'aala,*



**those deeds are deemed as good. As we know, there is a great reward for reciting al-Qur'an. Each letter is rewarded with 10 deeds. Imagine reciting all 86 verses of Soorah Ya-Seen,**

which comprised of several thousands of letters, definitely it will be tremendously rewarded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. After the *tilaaawah*, it is followed up

**with supplication.**

**Making *du'aa***

**(supplicating) is highly  
prescribed in Islam, as**

**Allah mentioned in al-**

**Qur'an:**

**“And your Lord says,  
“Call upon Me; I will  
respond to you.” ...”**

**(Ghaafir 40:60)**

**Anas bin Maalik**

*radiyAllaahu'an*

**narrated:**

Rasulullah ﷺ said:  
“Supplication is the  
essence of worship.”  
(at-Tirmidhi: *da'eef*)

Indeed, every Muslim must have belief that Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* has appointed angels (*Raqeeb* and *'Ateeed*) to record all of the actions of mankind while on earth, whether good or

**bad, whether conscious or not, whether joking or intended, external (apparent) or internal (hidden), that even every breath and lament are also recorded.**

***Allah Subhaanahu***

*Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

"And the record [of deeds] will be placed [open], and you will see the criminals fearful of that within it, and they will say, "Oh, woe

**to us! What is this book  
that leaves nothing small or  
great except that it has  
enumerated it?" And they  
will find what they did  
present [before them]. And  
your Lord does injustice to**

no one.”  
(al-Kahf 18:49)

Rasulullah ﷺ had performed various deeds during the month of Sha’baan. According to the *hadeeth* of

**Sayyidatina 'Aa'ishah  
*radiyAllaahu'anha*, the  
month in which the Prophet  
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ fast the most outside  
of Ramadaan is Sha'baan.  
“The Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) did not  
observe voluntary *sawm***

(fasting) so frequently during any other month as he did during Sha'baan. He observed *sawm* throughout the month of Sha'baan.”  
(Agreed Upon)

The question is, why did Rasulullah ﷺ fast a lot in Sha'baan? The answer is based on a *hadeeth* (reported by Usaamah bin Zayd *radiyAllaahu'anhu*) where Rasulullah ﷺ stated:

**"That is a month to which people do not pay much attention, between Rajab and Ramadaan. It is a month in which the deeds are taken up to the Lord of the worlds, and I like that**

my deeds be taken up  
when I am fasting.”  
(Ahmad, an-Nasaa’i,  
al-Bayhaqi: *hasan*)

**Even then, the scholars of *fiqh* had stated few conditions for those intending to fast in Sha'baan. It is not recommended for one to fast the second half of Sha'baan without a valid**

reason unless if it is linked with days prior to it, even if it is the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sha'baan. In another *hadeeth*, 'Aa'ishah *radiyAllaahu'anha* has mentioned that on the night of Nisf ash-Sha'baan,

Rasulullah ﷺ would pray supererogatory prayers until dawn: He ﷺ said to me: “Tonight is the night of the middle of Sha‘baan, where our *'ibaadah* are raised and presented to Allah.”

**It has been the practice of  
the Companions  
*radiyAllaahu'anhum  
ajma'een* that upon  
witnessing the crescent of  
Sha'baan they would  
become diligent in reciting**

al-Qur'an.  
Therefore, it behooves  
everyone to busy  
themselves with various  
*'ibaadah* in the month of  
Sha'baan. Allah has  
promised nobility, high  
rank, and huge rewards

including *maghfirah*  
(forgiveness) for those  
engaging in '*ibaadah* in  
this month.

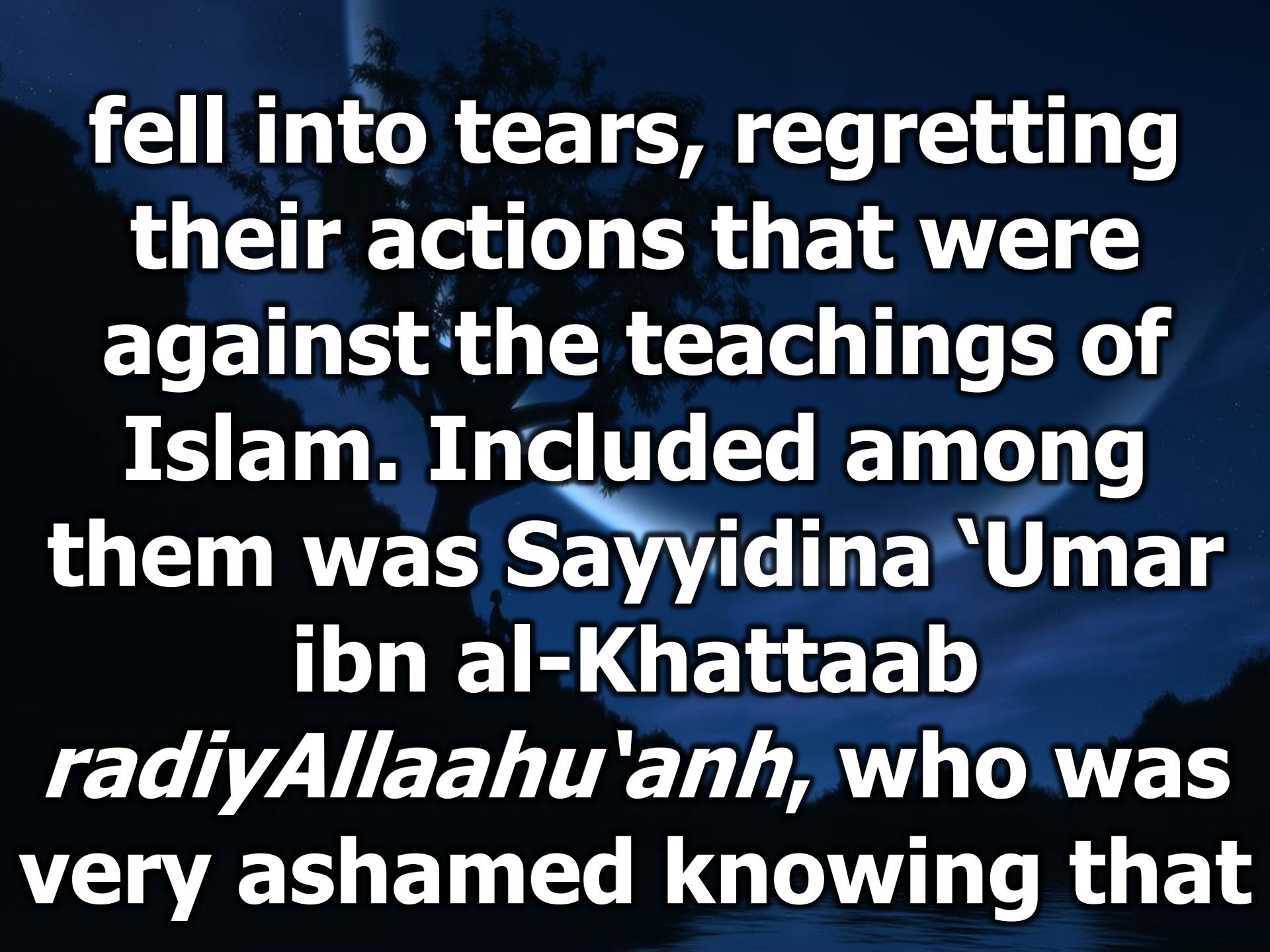
Allah *Subhaanahu*  
*Wata'aala* mentions in  
al-Qur'an:

**“That Day, the people will depart separated [into categories] to be shown [the result of] their deeds. So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it, And whoever does an**

atom's weight of evil will  
see it."

(al-Zalzalah 99:6-8)

When Rasulullah ﷺ  
recited those verses to his  
Companions, many of  
them



**fell into tears, regretting  
their actions that were  
against the teachings of  
Islam. Included among  
them was Sayyidina 'Umar  
ibn al-Khattaab  
*radiyAllaahu'anhu*, who was  
very ashamed knowing that**

**his heinous actions would  
be shown by Allah to all  
creations in the Hereafter.**

**Hence, Rasulullah ﷺ explained to them that all  
evil deeds that were  
committed prior to**

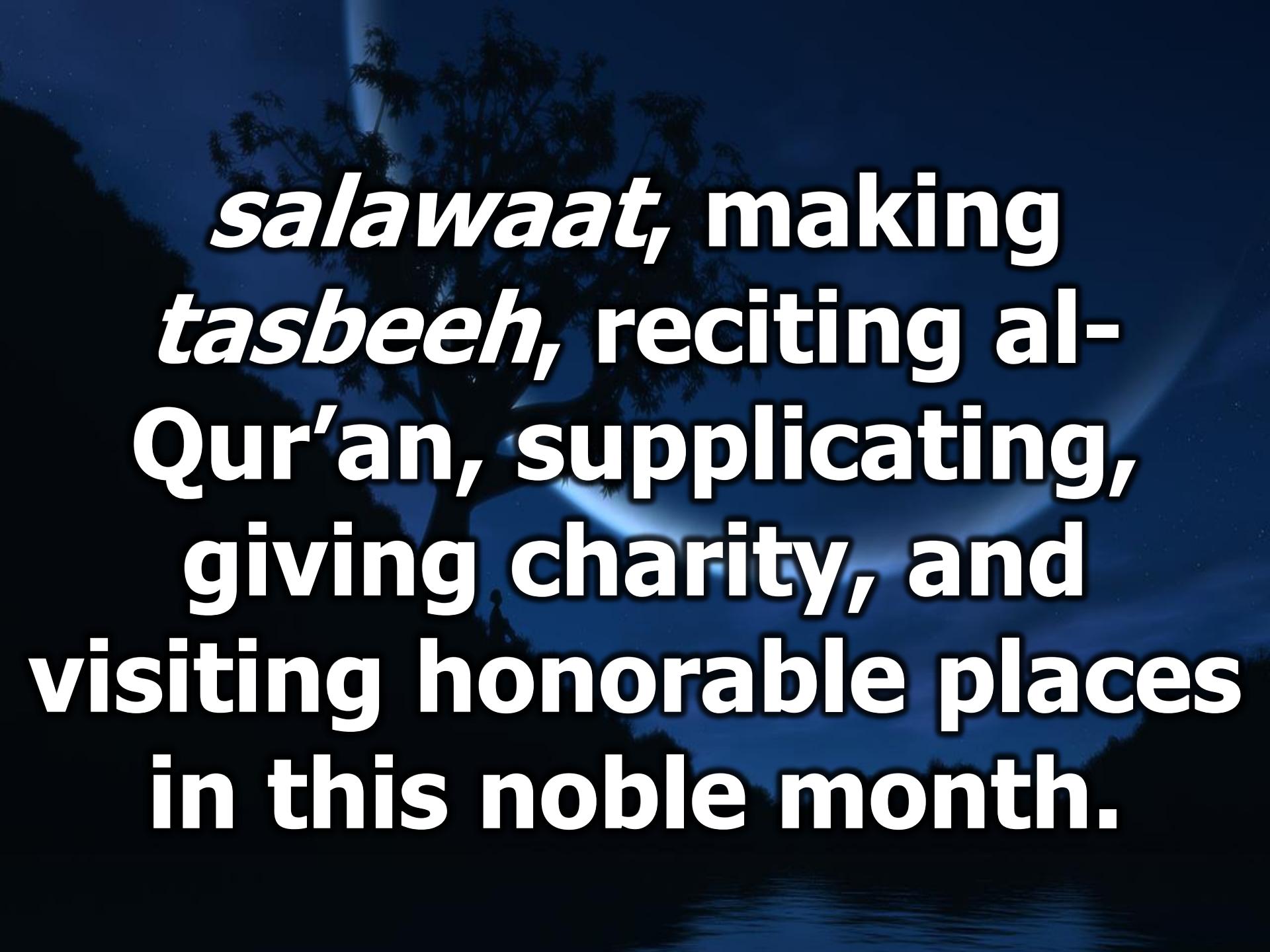
embracing Islam will be concealed by Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata'aala.*

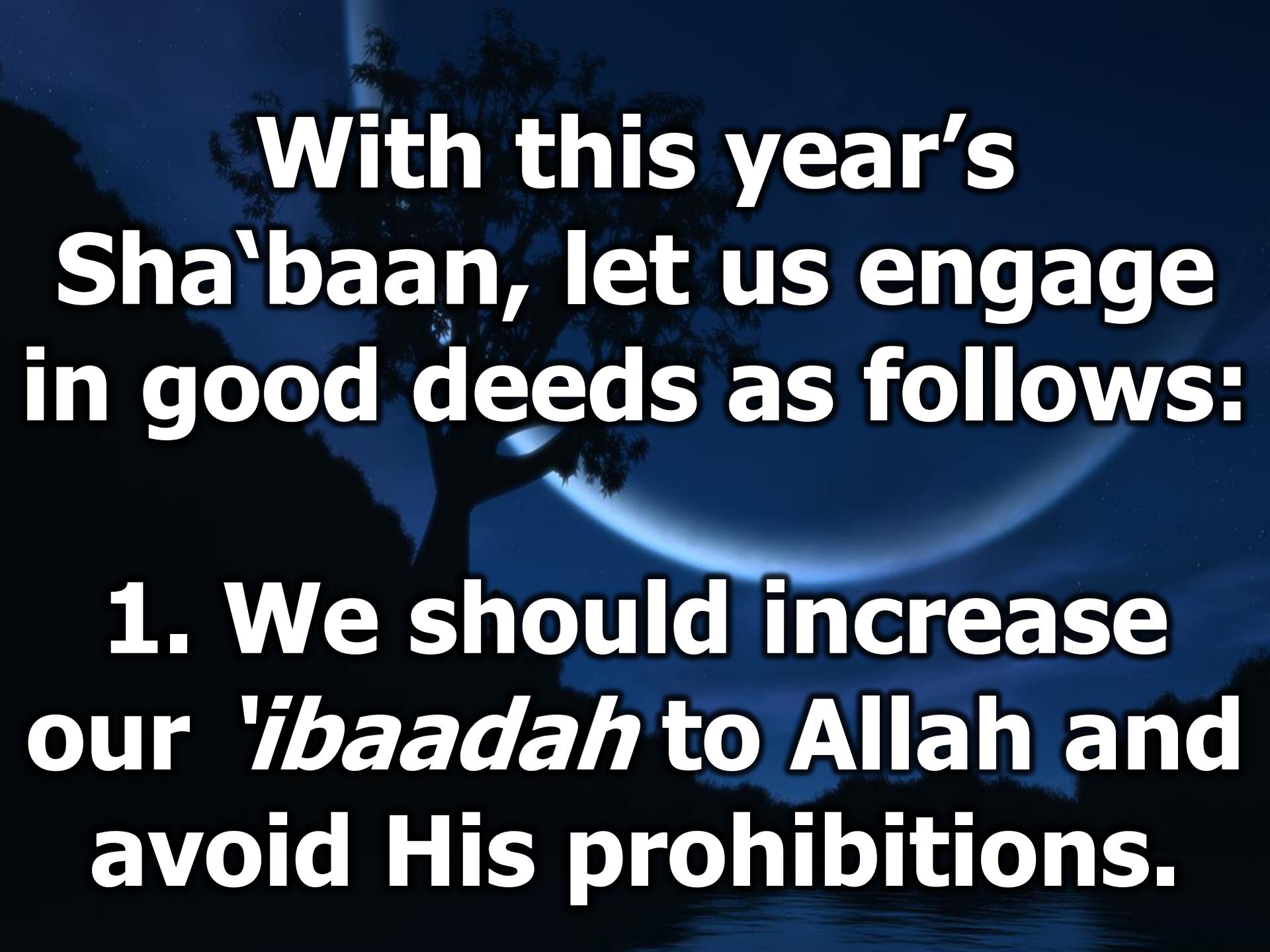
Nowadays, many of us would welcome Sha'baan by focusing on *kenduri arwah* (gathering to commemorate

the deceased), visiting the graves, reciting Soorah Ya-Seen and supplicating on the night of *Nisf ash-Sha'baan*. Even though these acts are considered as '*iбаадah*', they are still lacking in attaining

nearness to Allah  
***Subhaanahu Wata'aala.***  
Therefore, let us increase  
our deeds with the *sunnah*  
fasting of Sha'baan,  
increasing *sunnah* prayers,  
making *istighfaar*, making

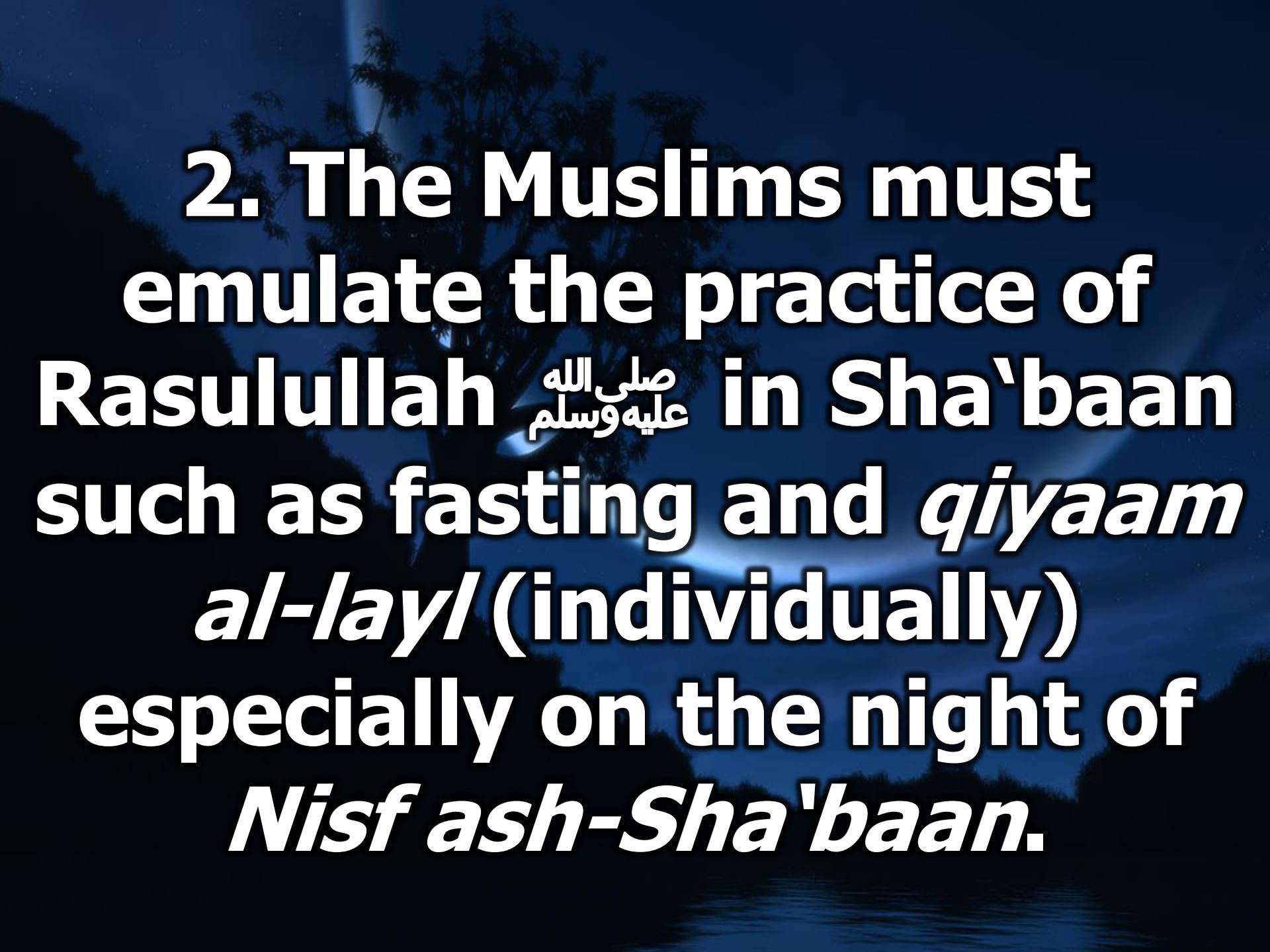


*salawaat*, making *tasbeeh*, reciting al-Qur'an, supplicating, giving charity, and visiting honorable places in this noble month.



**With this year's  
Sha'baan, let us engage  
in good deeds as follows:**

- 1. We should increase  
our *'ibaadah* to Allah and  
avoid His prohibitions.**



**2. The Muslims must emulate the practice of Rasulullah ﷺ in Sha'baan such as fasting and *qiyaam al-layl* (individually) especially on the night of *Nisf ash-Sha'bān*.**

**3. The Muslims must have full certainty that every deeds performed in this world will be shown in the Hereafter, and they will be recompensed with full justice by Allah**

***Subhaanahu Wata'aala.***

**"So whoever does righteous deeds while he is a believer - no denial will there be for his effort, and indeed We, of it, are recorders."**

**(al-Anbiyaa' 26:94)**

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ  
وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ  
الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقْبِيلِهِ مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ  
السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ  
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مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teach its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its**

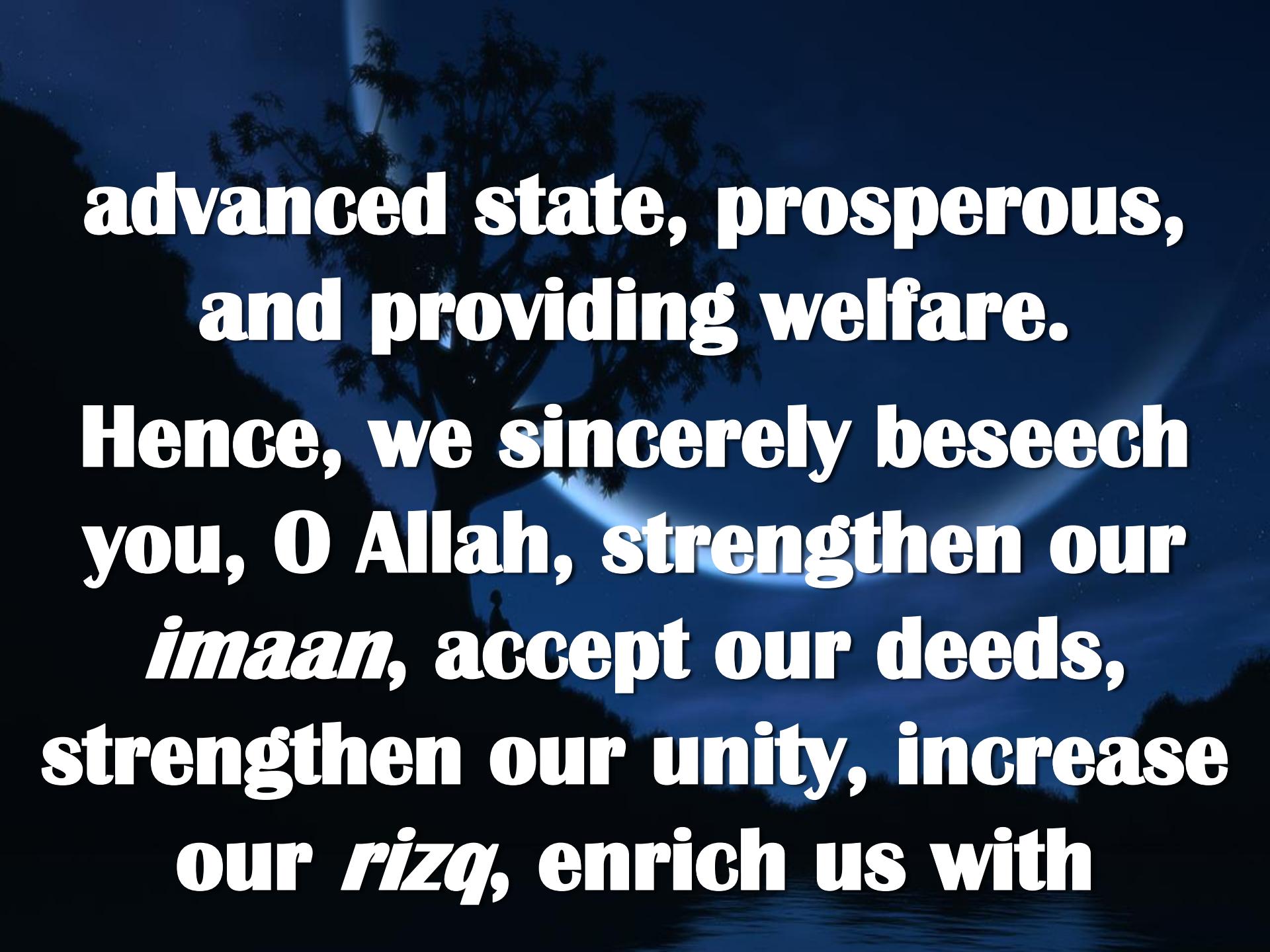
**consequences will only disrupt  
the harmony, unity, and  
security of the Muslim ummah  
and our nation. Extremism will  
only give negative impression  
upon the nobility and holiness  
of al-Islam. On the contrary,  
the Muslim**

**ummah must inculcate noble akhlaaq, having utmost personality and attitude as true Muslims so that the world will know that Rasulullah (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) was sent down as a messenger, and Islam that was revealed is mercy**

**for the entire nation and  
universe.**



**O Allah, You are the Lord that  
is All Mighty, we are grateful to  
You for having bestowed upon  
us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we  
are able to continue the effort  
in empowering the Muslim  
*ummah* especially in Selangor,  
as an**



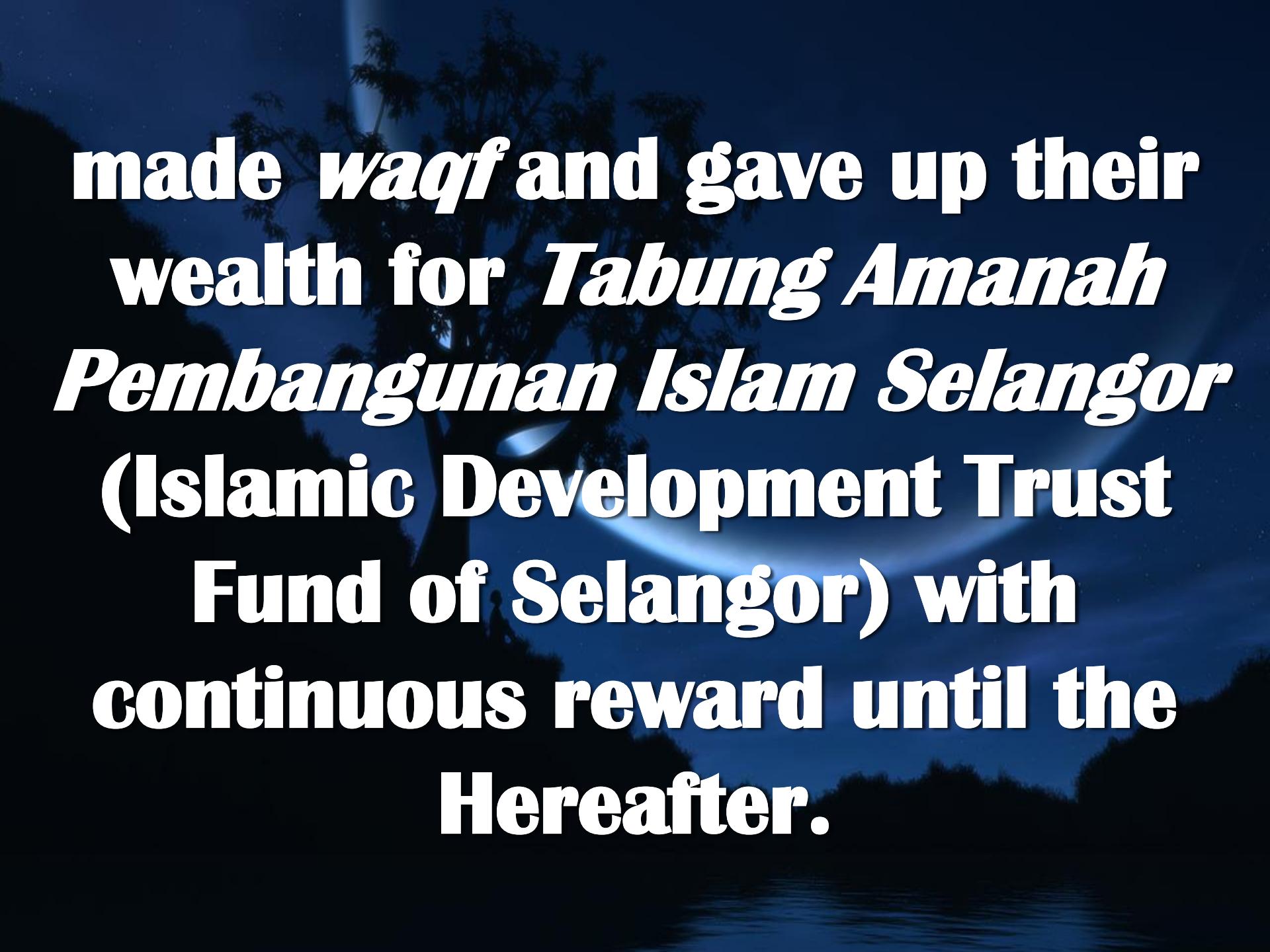
**advanced state, prosperous,  
and providing welfare.**

**Hence, we sincerely beseech  
you, O Allah, strengthen our  
*imaan*, accept our deeds,  
strengthen our unity, increase  
our *rizq*, enrich us with**

**beneficial knowledge, cultivate  
our soul with good mannerisms,  
return us to the path that you  
are pleased with, protect us  
from disasters and your severe  
trials, so that our nation will  
become more peaceful and filled  
with blessings.**

**O Allah, we sincerely beseech  
you, strengthen our beliefs  
according to the creed of *Ahlus  
Sunnah wal-Jamaa‘ah*, and  
protect us from deeds and  
*‘aqeedah* that are astray such  
as the extreme *Shee‘is*,  
*Qadiyani*, and other ideologies.**

**O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their *zakaat* and loving the *fuqaraa'* and *masaakin*, and those that have**



**made *waqf* and gave up their  
wealth for *Tabung Amanah  
Pembangunan Islam Selangor*  
(Islamic Development Trust  
Fund of Selangor) with  
continuous reward until the  
Hereafter.**

**O Allah, increase and widen the  
*rizq* of those that made *waqf*  
from their wealth with  
perpetual rewards until the  
Last Day.**



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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