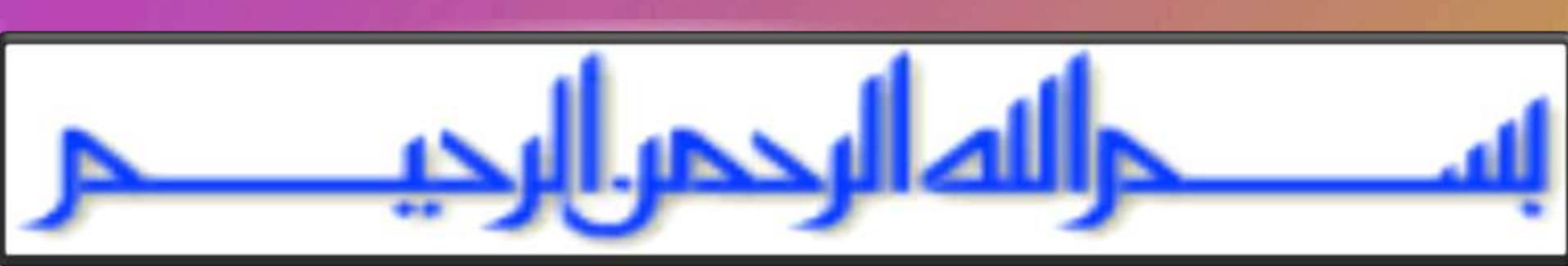


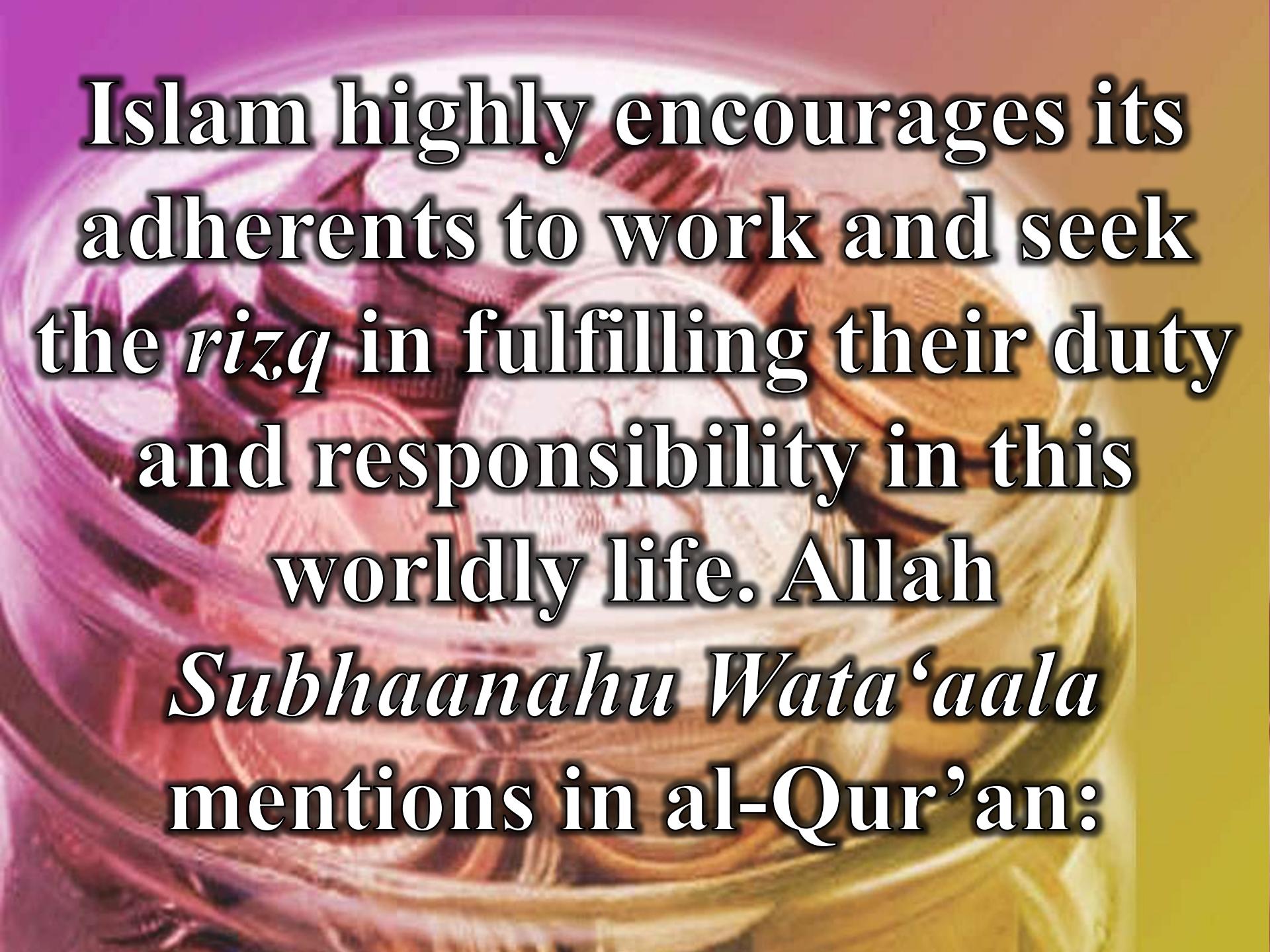


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THE OBLIGATION OF SEEKING HALAL INCOME



I implore all of us to increase
our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala by
fulfilling all of His
Commandments and avoiding
all of His prohibitions.



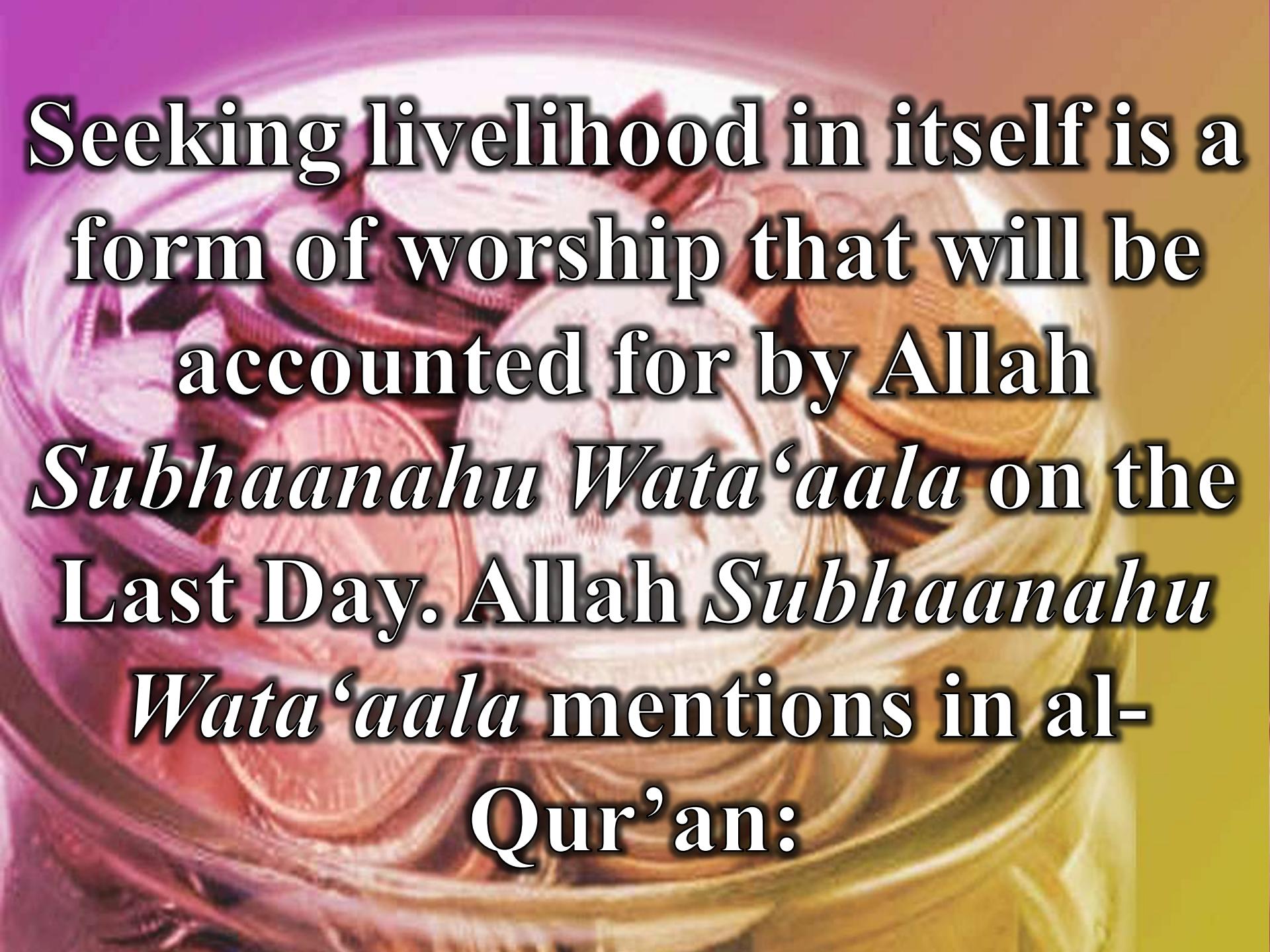
Islam highly encourages its adherents to work and seek the *rizq* in fulfilling their duty and responsibility in this worldly life. Allah

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

**“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)



Seeking livelihood in itself is a form of worship that will be accounted for by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* on the Last Day. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

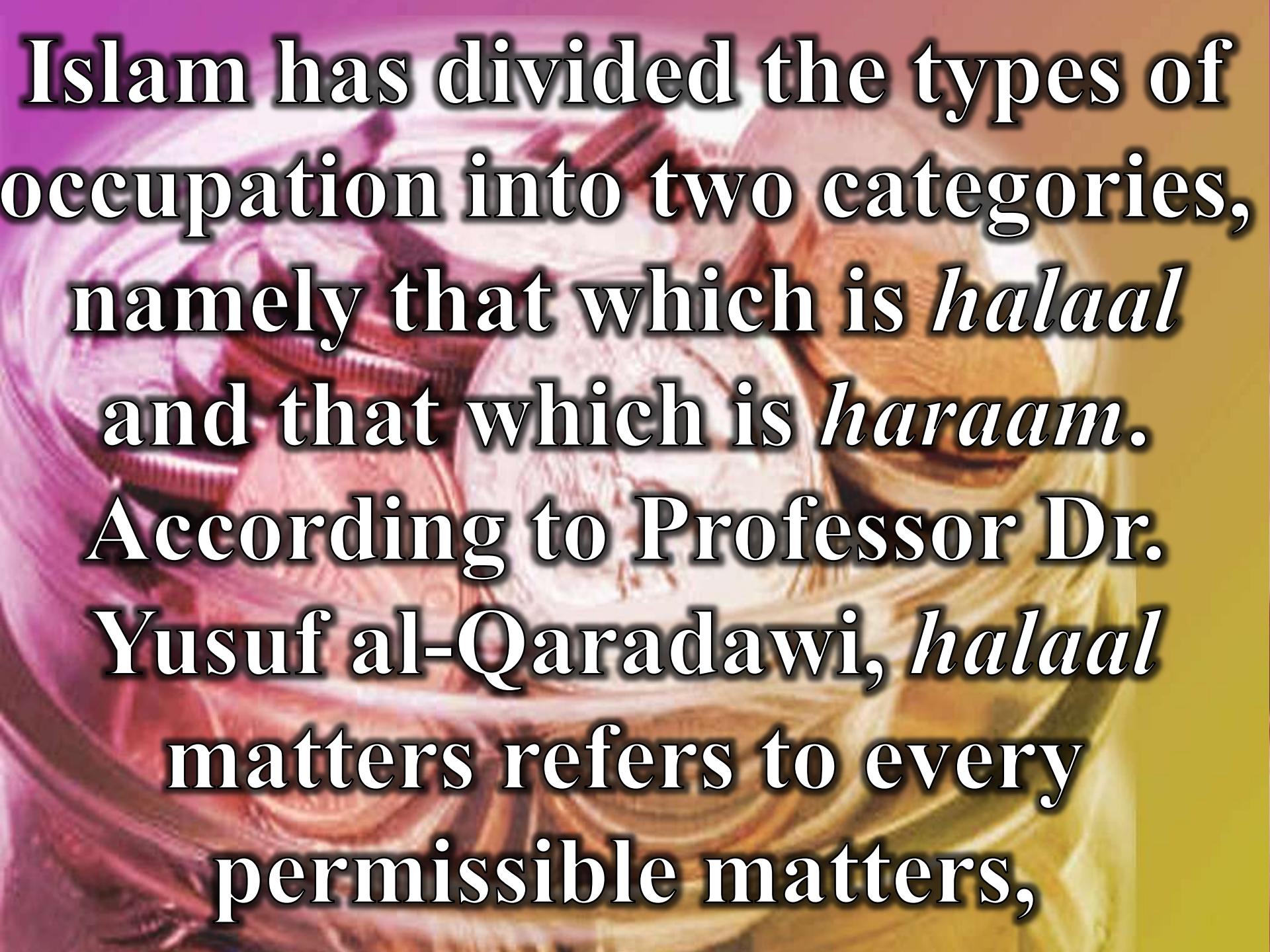
“So whoever does an atom’s weight of good will see it. And whoever does an atom’s weight of evil will see it.”

(al-Zalzalah 99: 7-8)

Every form of work done by mankind on this earth will not escape Allah's Judgment.

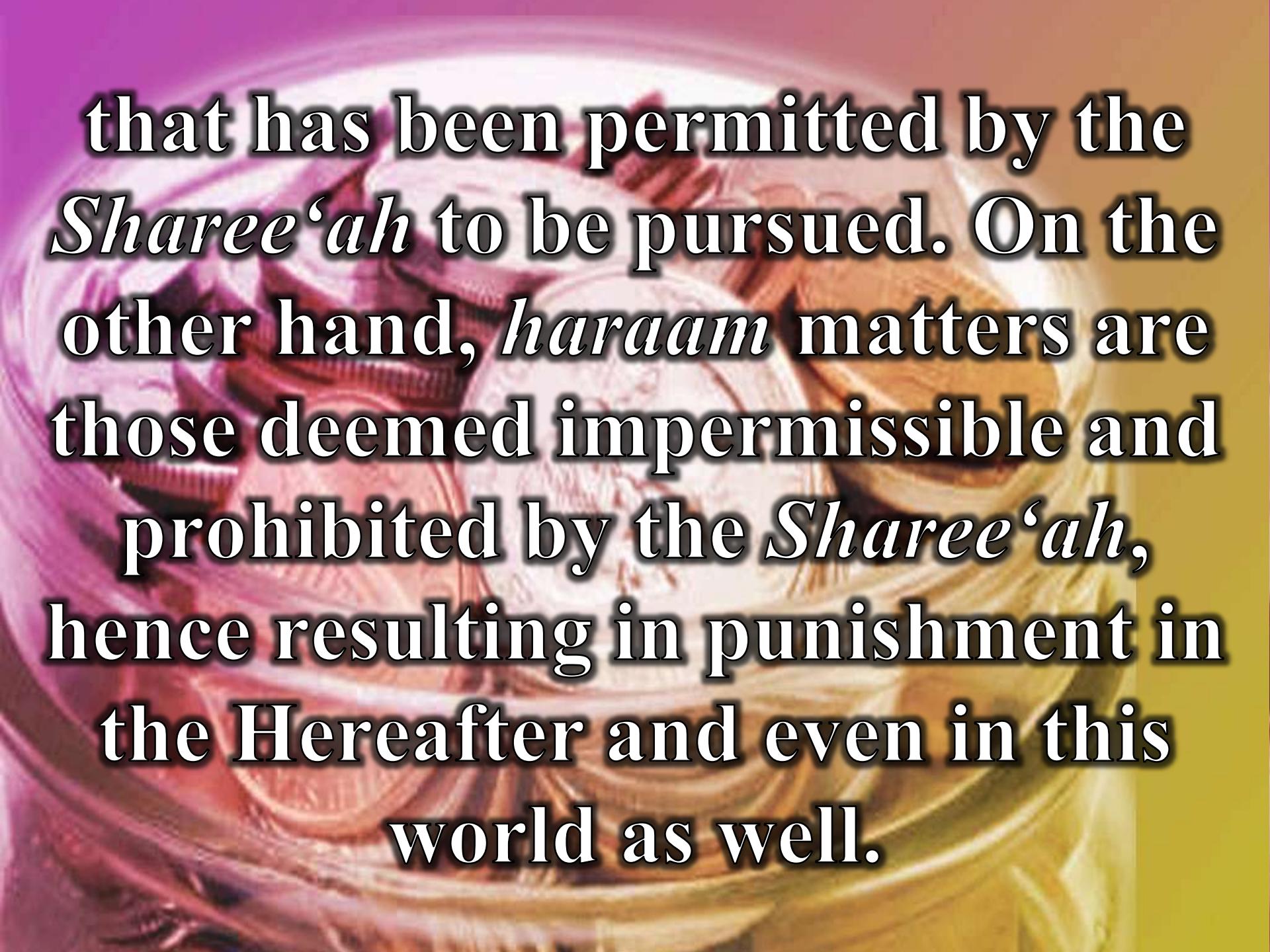
They will all be questioned, one by one, until all have been accounted for. If the work is good and *halaal*,

then glad tidings for them on
the Day of Recompense. On
the contrary, if the work is
evil and *haraam*, then
damnation and humiliation
will be upon them on that
Day.

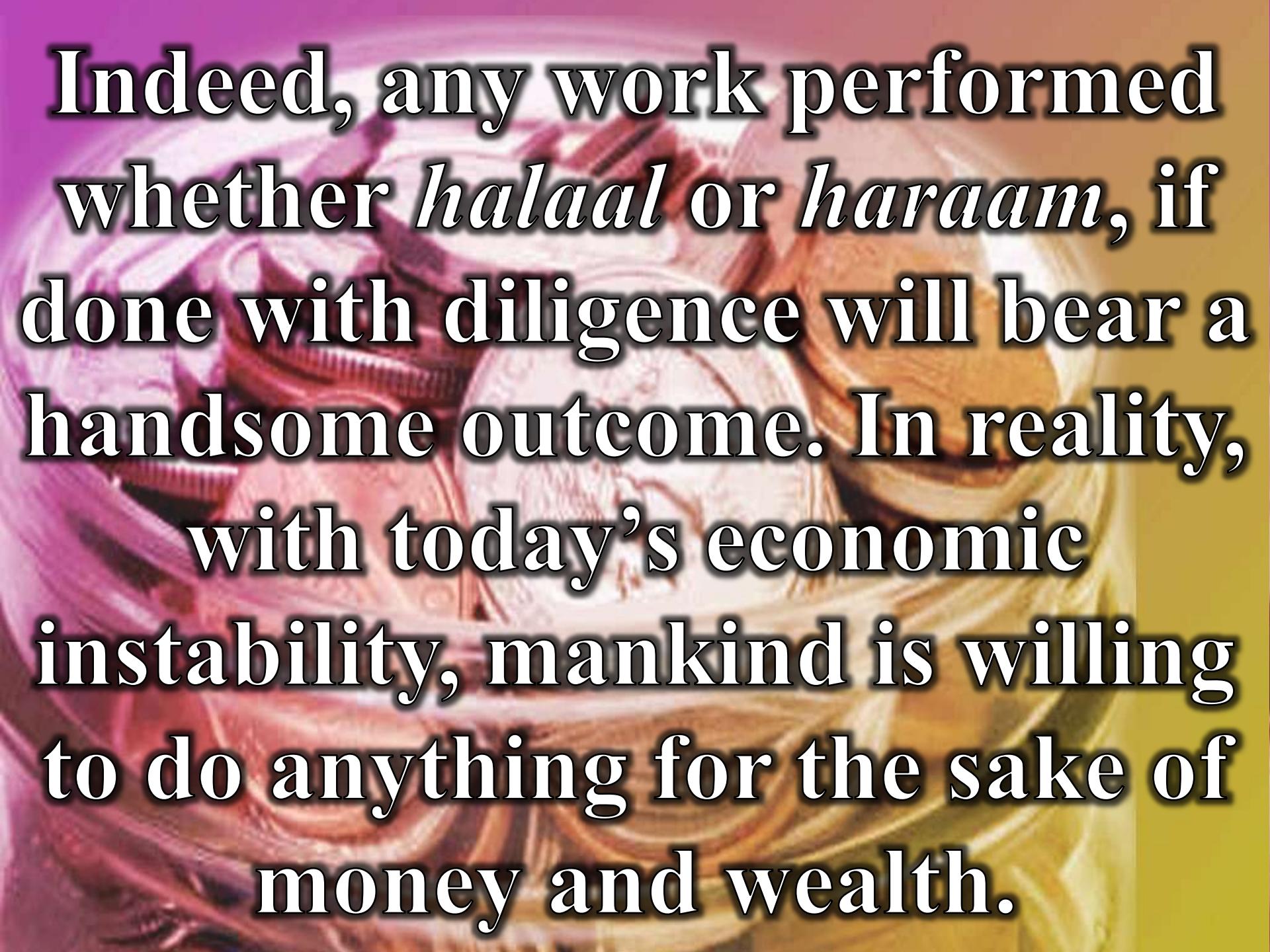


Islam has divided the types of occupation into two categories, namely that which is *halaal* and that which is *haraam*.

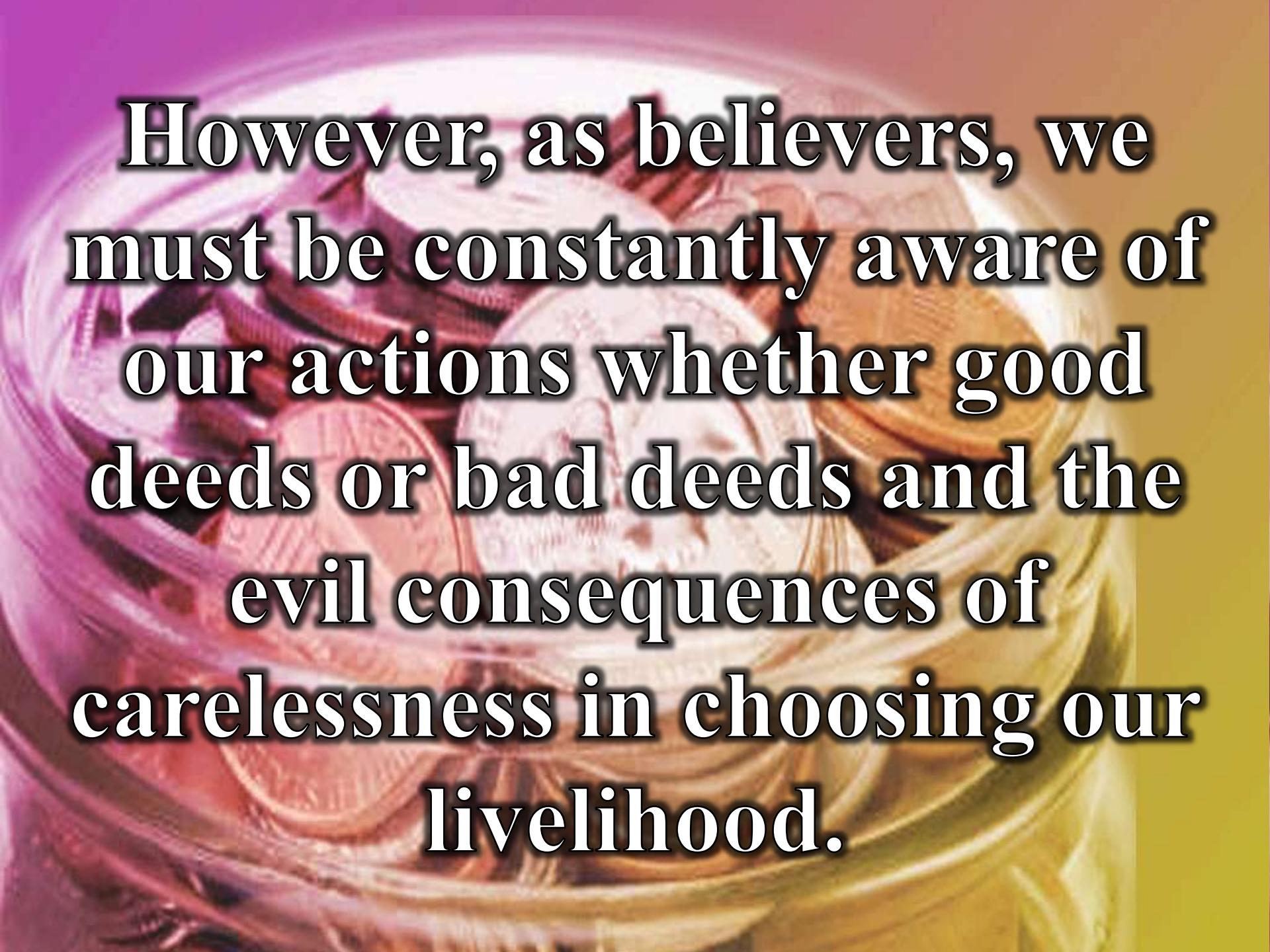
According to Professor Dr. Yusuf al-Qaradawi, *halaal* matters refers to every permissible matters,



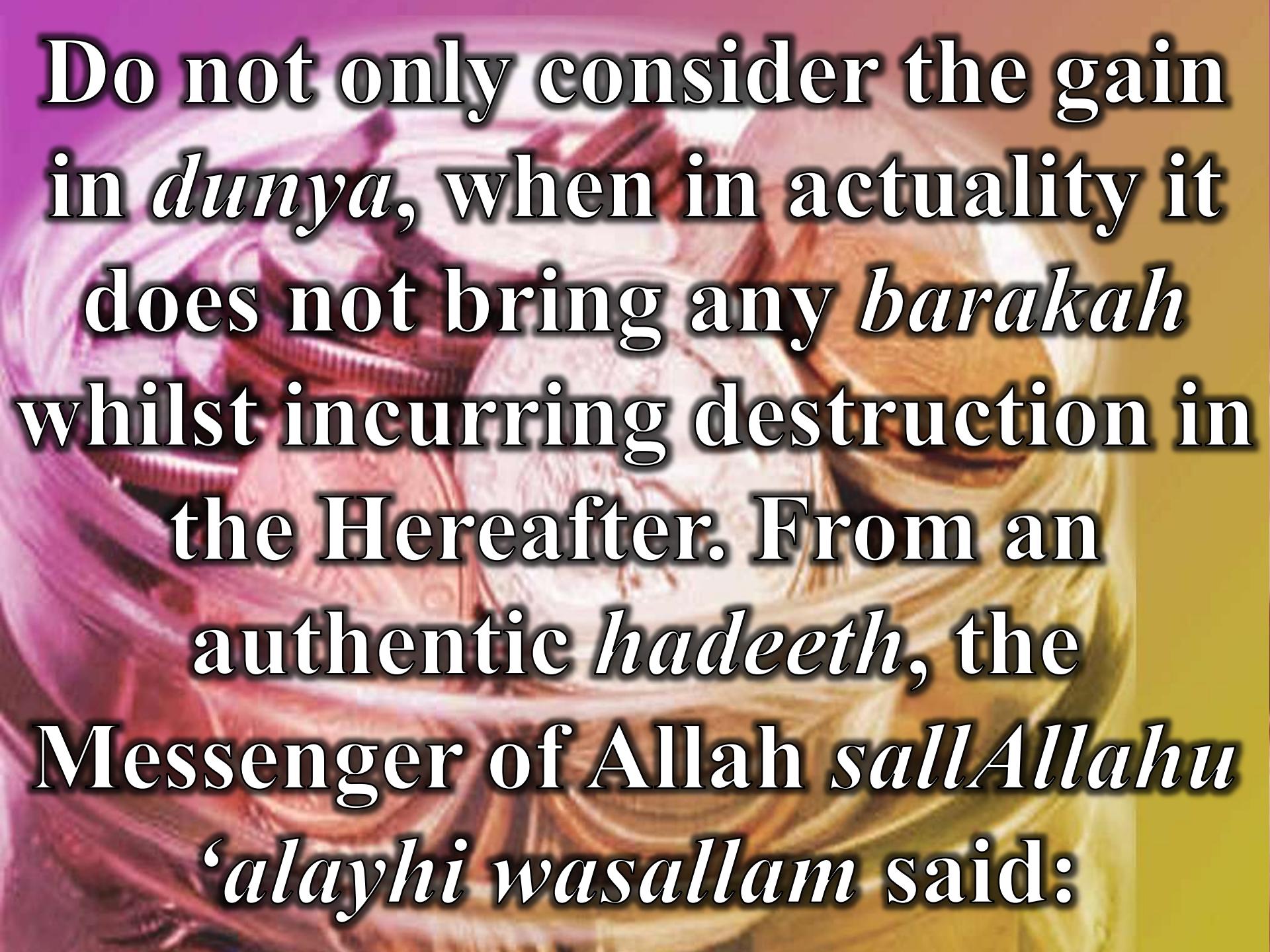
that has been permitted by the *Sharee'ah* to be pursued. On the other hand, *haraam* matters are those deemed impermissible and prohibited by the *Sharee'ah*, hence resulting in punishment in the Hereafter and even in this world as well.



Indeed, any work performed whether *halaal* or *haraam*, if done with diligence will bear a handsome outcome. In reality, with today's economic instability, mankind is willing to do anything for the sake of money and wealth.



However, as believers, we must be constantly aware of our actions whether good deeds or bad deeds and the evil consequences of carelessness in choosing our livelihood.



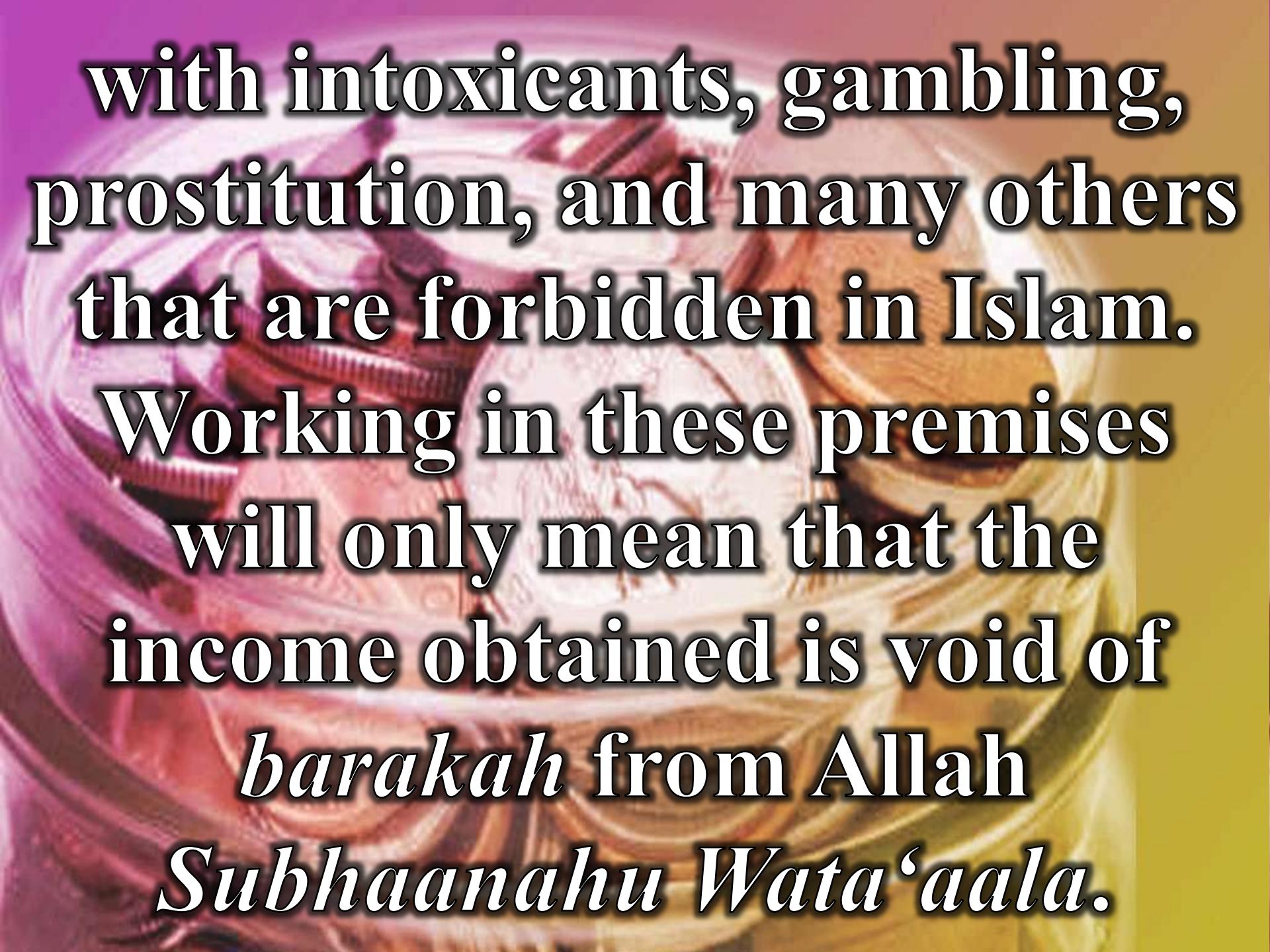
Do not only consider the gain
in *dunya*, when in actuality it
does not bring any *barakah*
whilst incurring destruction in
the Hereafter. From an
authentic *hadeeth*, the
Messenger of Allah *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam said:

“There will come a time upon my *ummah* whereby people will be heedless in their acquiring of wealth whether from *halaal* or *haraam* sources.”

(al-Bukhaari)

None will escape the torment
of Allah *Subhaanahu*

Wata‘ala in the Last Day if
the wealth accumulated in this
world came from *haraam*
sources. Thus, as believers, we
must not be involved or
employed in premises dealing



with intoxicants, gambling,
prostitution, and many others
that are forbidden in Islam.

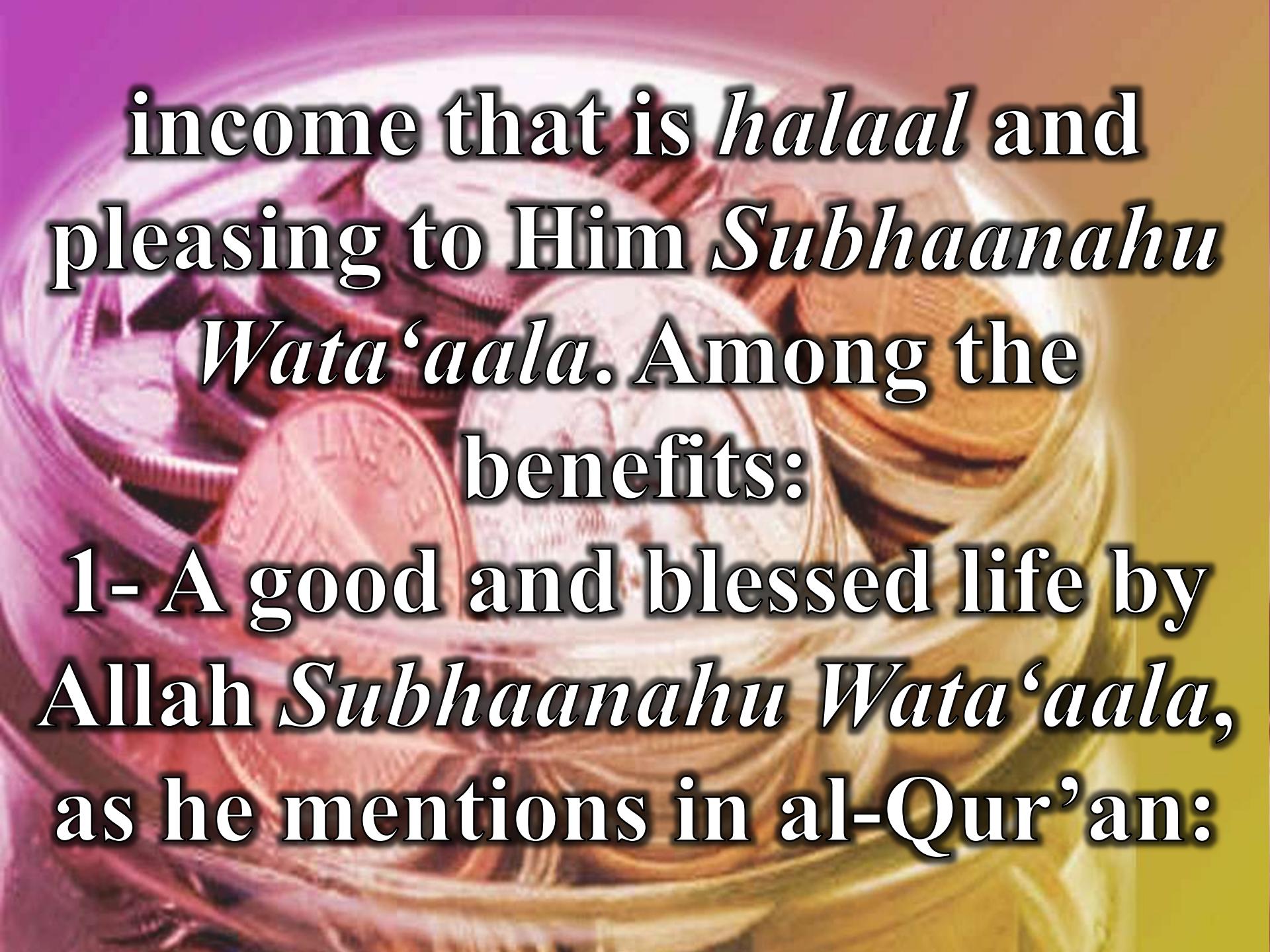
Working in these premises
will only mean that the
income obtained is void of
barakah from Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.

The end results of efforts without *barakah* will ultimately lead to evil consequences in the lives whether in this world or the Hereafter. In another *hadeeth*, the Messenger of Allah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* had said:

“There is no benefit for flesh
that grew from *haraam*
sources, except that Hell is a
better place for that flesh.”

(at-Tirmidhi: *hasan ghareeb*)

Since seeking *halaal* source of income is a form of ‘ibaadah, Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* has prepared various rewards for His obedient servants. This serves as incentives and motivation for the Muslim *ummah* to opt for a source of



income that is *halaal* and pleasing to Him *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*. Among the benefits:

1- A good and blessed life by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*, as he mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“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)

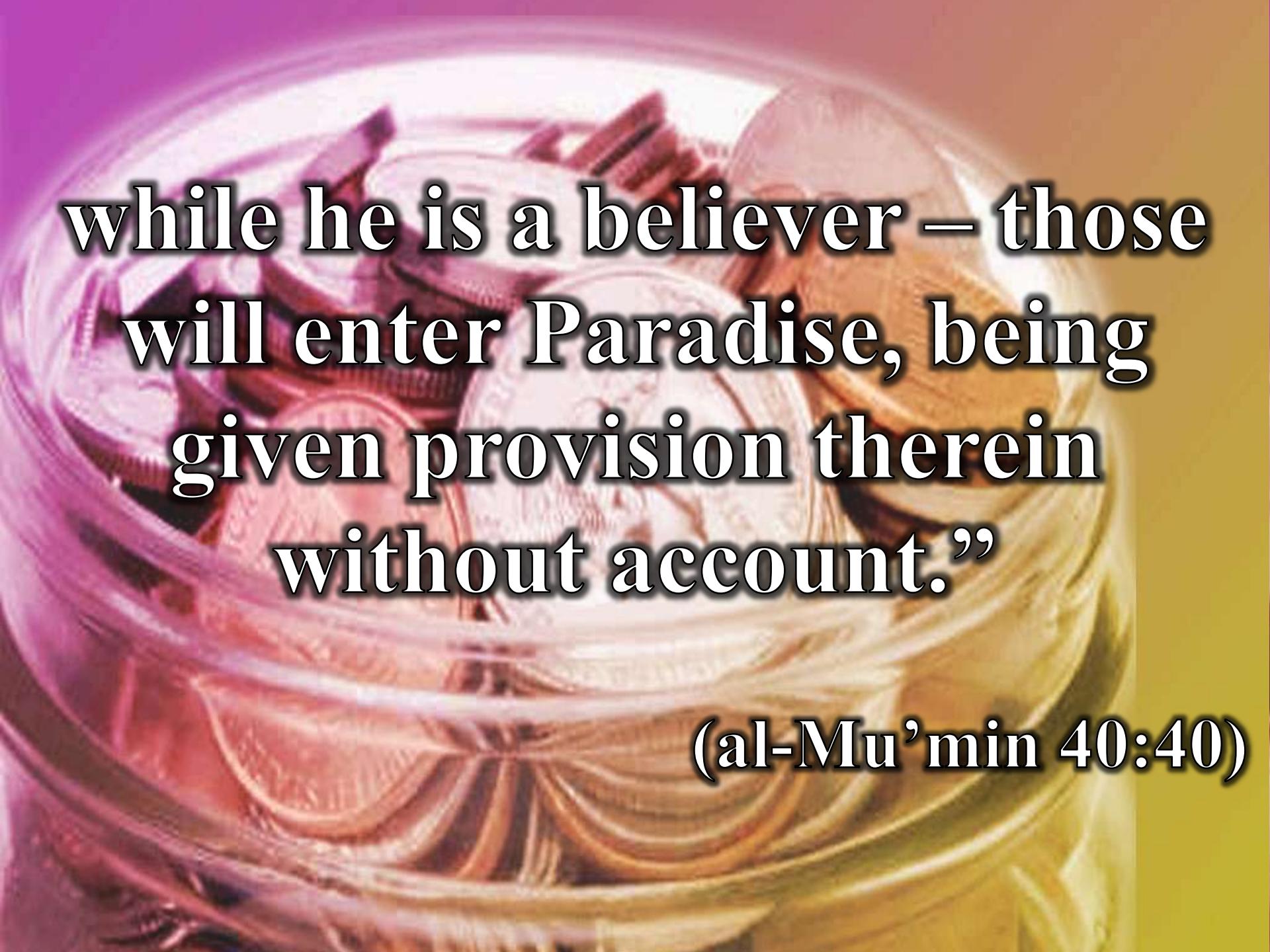
**2- Noble rank and stature in
the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata'aala* when meeting Him
in the Last Day. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions this in al-Qur'an:**

**“But whoever comes to Him
as a believer having done
righteous deeds – for those
will be the highest degrees [in
position]”**

(Ta-Ha 20:75)

3- Magnanimous reward from Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* in exchange for the good deeds performed, which is eternal life in Paradise and ample provision. This, as it was mentioned in al-Qur‘an:

**“Whoever does an evil deed
will not be recompensed
except by the like thereof; but
whoever does righteousness,
whether male or female,**



**while he is a believer – those
will enter Paradise, being
given provision therein
without account.”**

(al-Mu'min 40:40)

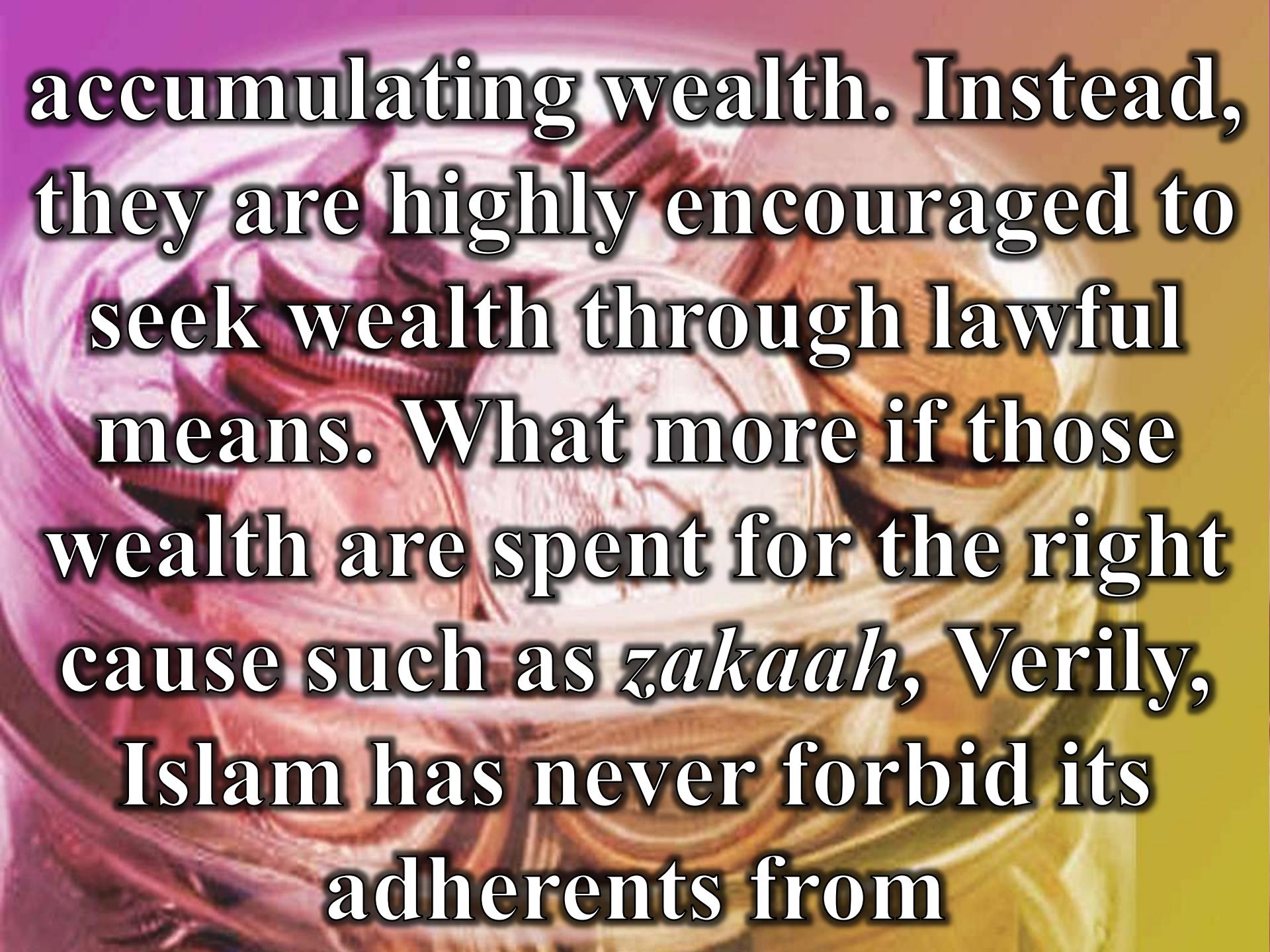
Such are the few among the rewards promised by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* for the Muslim *ummah* if they perform good deeds and avoid the deeds forbidden by the *Sharee‘ah* in this world.

Even though the *haraam* source of income yields high revenue and humongous worldly benefit, we as Muslims must realize that the rewards promised by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* are eternal.

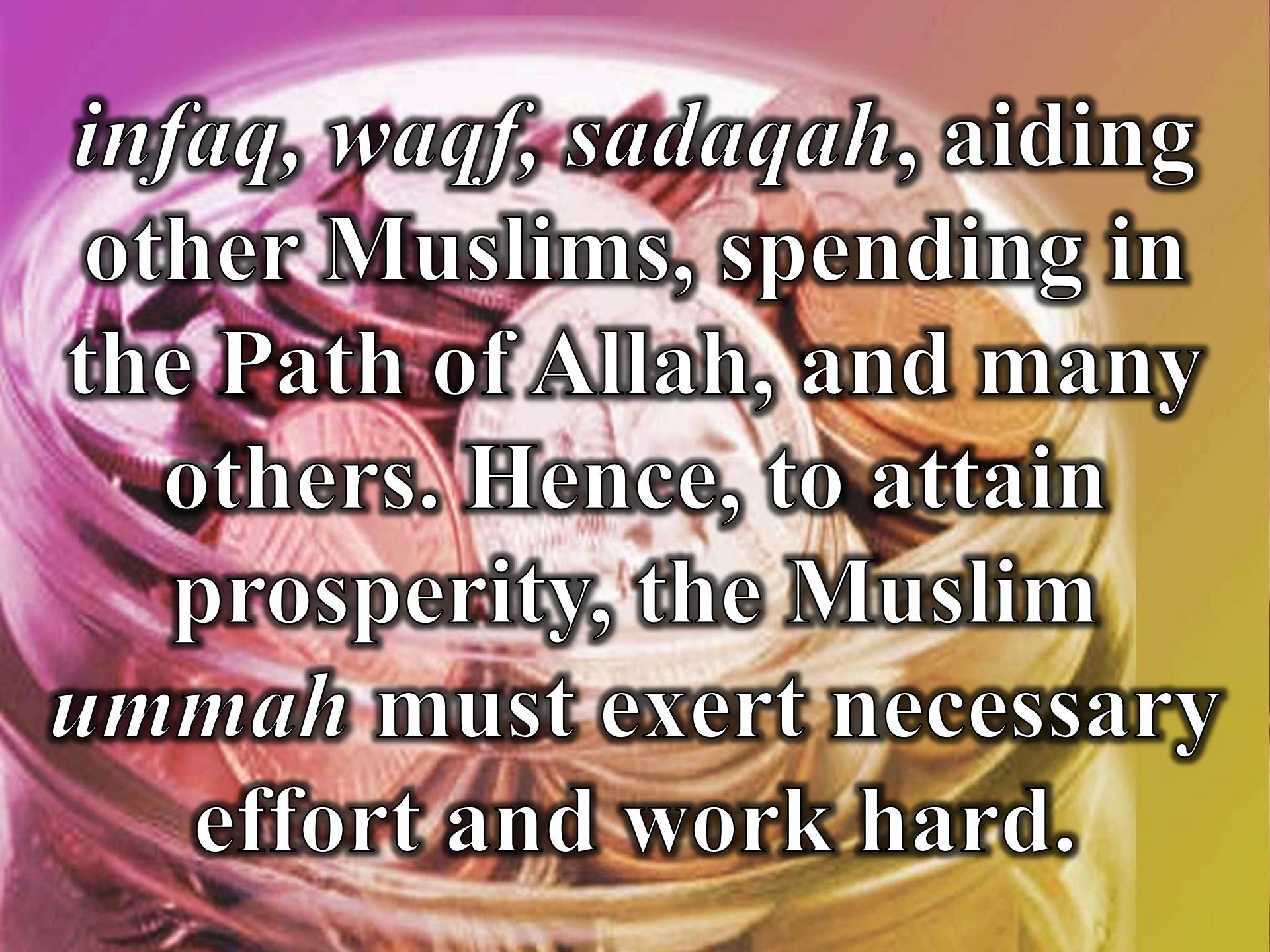
Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala
mentions in al-Qur‘an:

“And We have certainly
established you upon the earth
and made for you therein
ways of livelihood. Little are
you grateful.”

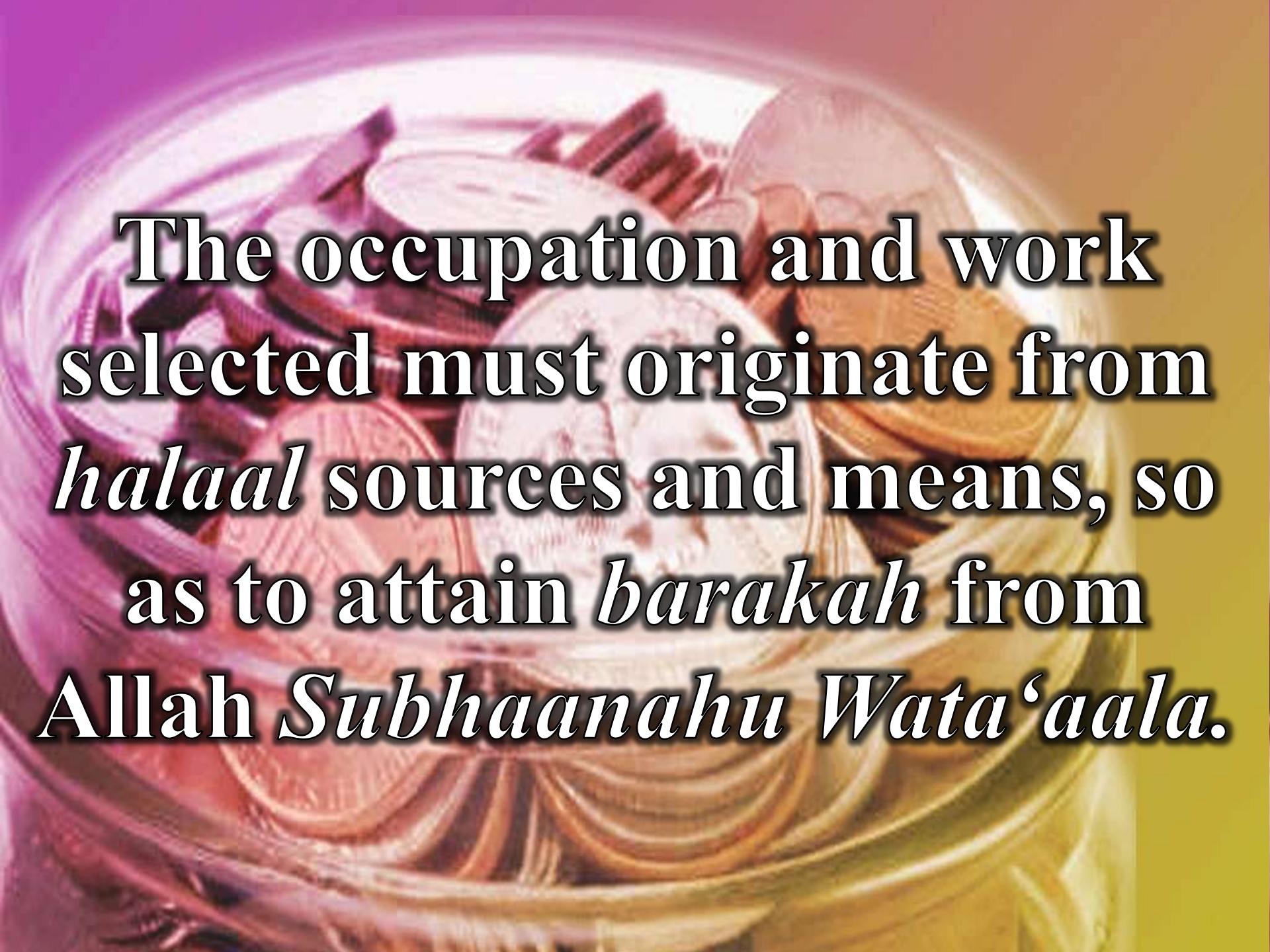
(al-A‘raaf 7:10)



accumulating wealth. Instead, they are highly encouraged to seek wealth through lawful means. What more if those wealth are spent for the right cause such as *zakaah*, Verily, Islam has never forbid its adherents from



infaq, waqf, sadaqah, aiding other Muslims, spending in the Path of Allah, and many others. Hence, to attain prosperity, the Muslim *ummah* must exert necessary effort and work hard.



The occupation and work selected must originate from *halaal* sources and means, so as to attain *barakah* from Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.

“And there is no creature on earth but that upon Allah is its provision, and He knows its place of dwelling and place of storage. All is in a clear register.”

(Hood 11:6)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ
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إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

O Allah, The most merciful god, we thank you for all the mercy and pleasure that you gave so that we can enhance and strengthen our Islamic country especially Selangor as a developed and peaceful country.

O Allah, We beg you to increase our practice, brace up our unity, give us prosperous life, make us rich with good knowledge, flourish our soul with noble character, bring back our youngsters to the right path, save us from your biggest test such

as huge flood, drought,
epidemic, disputing between
ourselves, poorness and
anything else so that this
country will be more
prosperous and blessed.



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