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The Quest for Piety Beneficial Counsels on Ramadan

Lesson Two. Welcoming Ramadan

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Virtues of Fasting

سَلَّمَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ، خَلَّتْ بَيْنَهُ الْوَحْشُومُ، عَنْ سَهْلِ بْنِ سَعْدٍ، قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: «إِنَّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ بَابًا يُقَالُ لَهُ الرَّيَّانُ، يَدْخُلُ مِنْهُ الصَّائِمُونَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، لَا يَدْخُلُ مِنْهُمْ أَحَدٌ غَيْرُهُمْ. يُقَالُ: إِنَّ الصَّائِمِينَ؟ فَيَدْخُلُونَ مِنْهُ، فَإِذَا دَخَلَ الْغَيْرُهُمْ، أُغْلِقَ فَلَمْ يَدْخُلْ مِنْهُ أَحَدٌ»

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Fasting has a Unique Reward

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"Every deed of the son of Adam will be multiplied for him, between ten and seven hundred times for each merit. Allah said: 'Except for fasting, for it is for Me and I shall reward for it.'"

[Ibn Maja]

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