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## The Quest for Piety Beneficial Counsels on Ramadan

### Lesson Six.

### Essential Matters First

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## Turning to Allah through Obligatory Deeds

“..My servant draws close to Me by nothing more beloved to Me **than what I have made obligatory upon him**. And my servant continues to draw close to Me through **supererogatory works** (nawafil) until I love him.”

[Bukhari]

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## Allah is the Guardian

اللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
أُولَئِكَ آفَئِدَتُهُمُ الظُّلُمَاتُ يُخْرِجُوهُمْ مِّنَ النُّورِ إِلَى الظُّلُمَاتِ أُولَئِكَ  
أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٢٥٧﴾

“Allah is the Guardian of the believers—He brings them out of darkness and into light. As for the disbelievers, their guardians are false gods who lead them out of light and into darkness. It is they who will be the residents of the Fire. They will be there forever.”

[Quran 2:257]