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the
Prophet's
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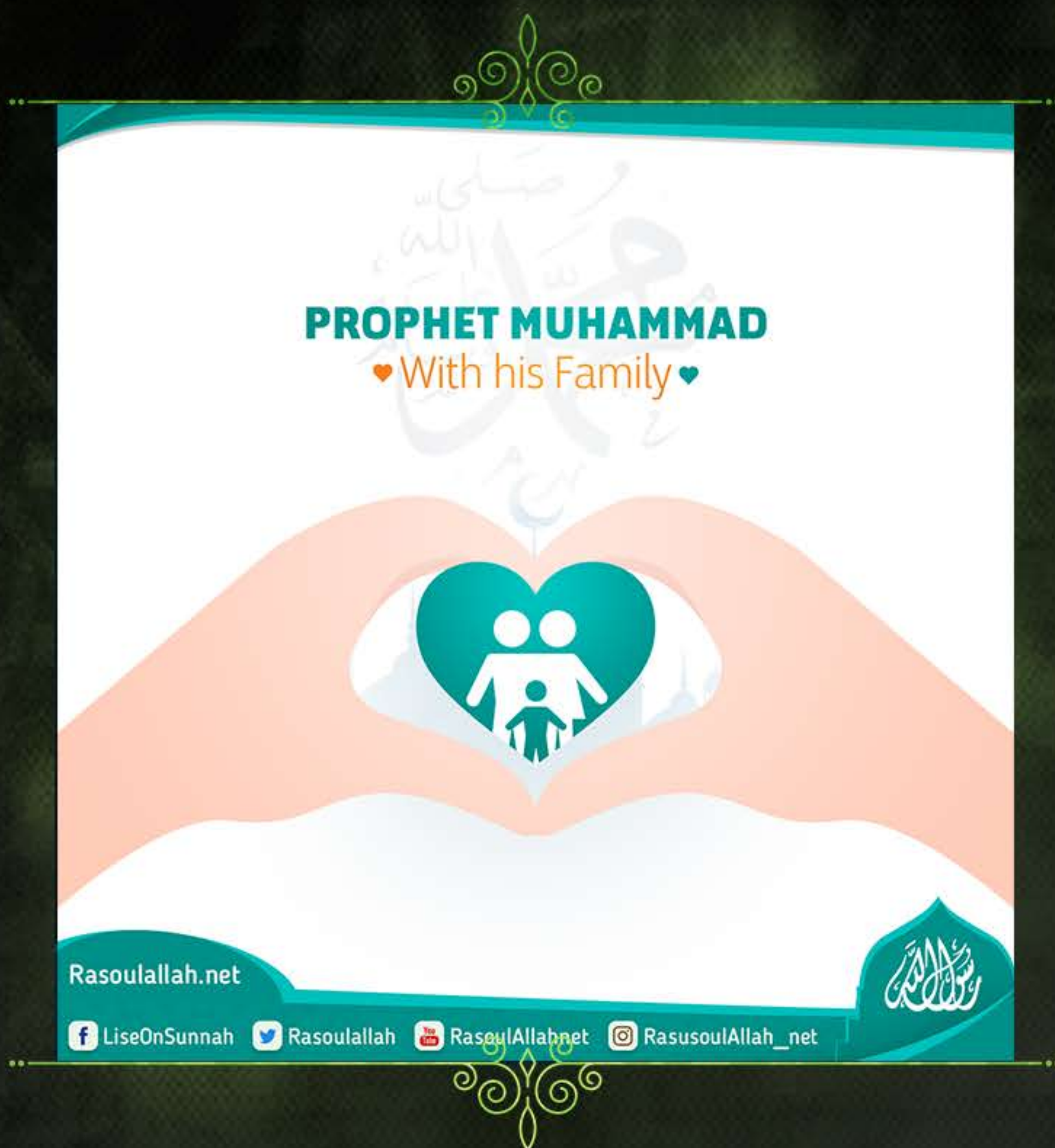


The seal of the Prophets

Allah described the seal of the Prophets Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, saying (what means): "And indeed, you are of a great moral character." He is a mercy sent to the mankind. His unique personality excelled all the reformers. His deeds aren't to be preceded. The best reformer appeared in the mankind, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, neither did he overcome people like the kings do in wars, nor did he enslave the human beings. Rather, he came with a message from his Lord, based on mercy and achieving The fairness among human beings. In all that he adopted a gradual approach that combines both firmness and tenderness, wisdom and compassion.

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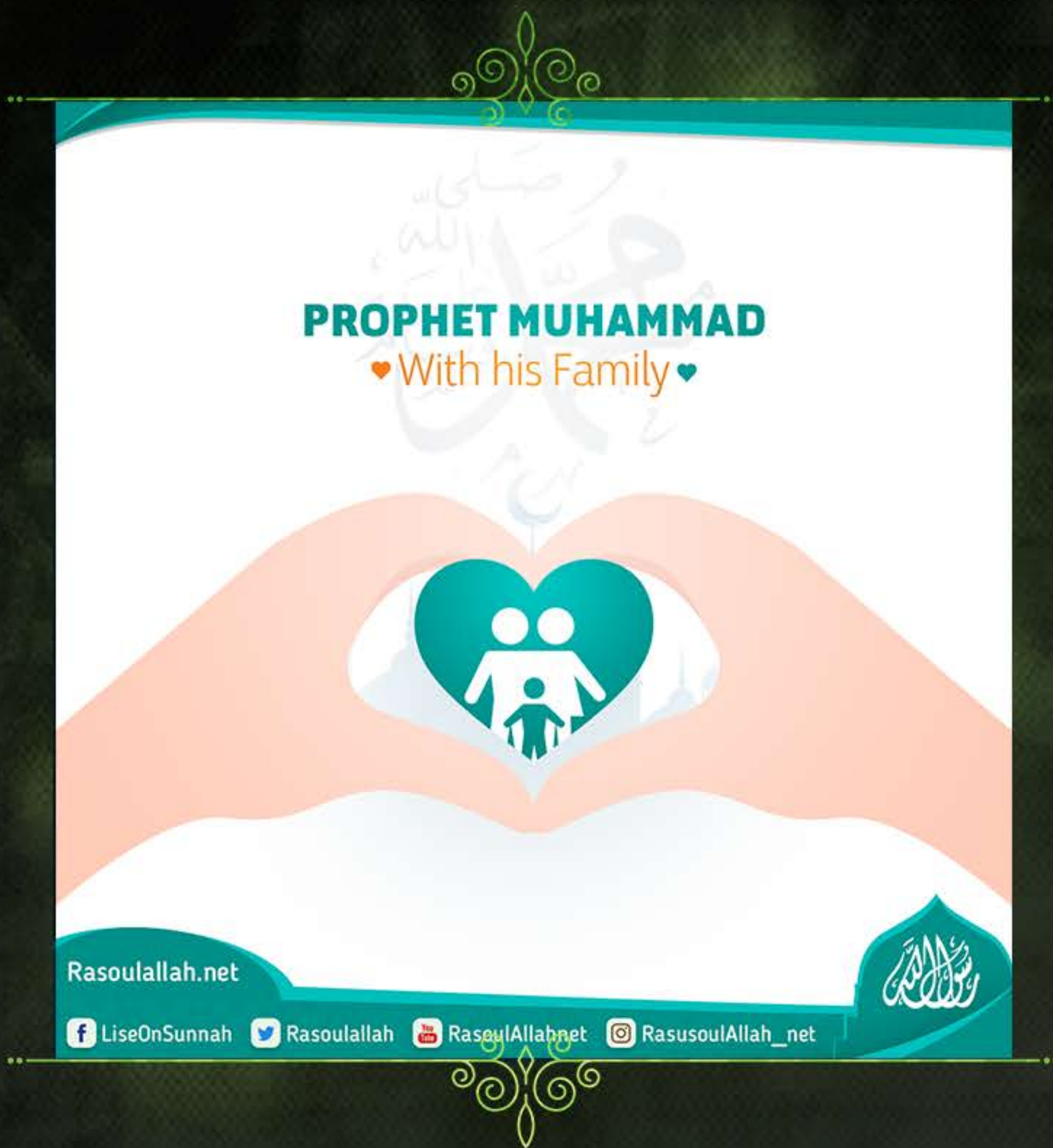
PROPHET MUHAMMAD With his Family

Any observer of the private life of Prophet Muhammad will admire the man who came from a harsh desert environment prevailed by ignorance and anarchism, and wonder: "How could he reach the highest levels of incomparable family success?"

He was an inexhaustible stream of love, warmth, tenderness, sensitivity and emotions. He was the perfect lover to his family and wives, he used to play and joke with them. He was loving and tender with them; for example, he was expressing his love to his wife Aisha by drinking from the same cup she drank from, putting his lips on the same spot where she drank, sending a message of love to warm up her heart and feelings.

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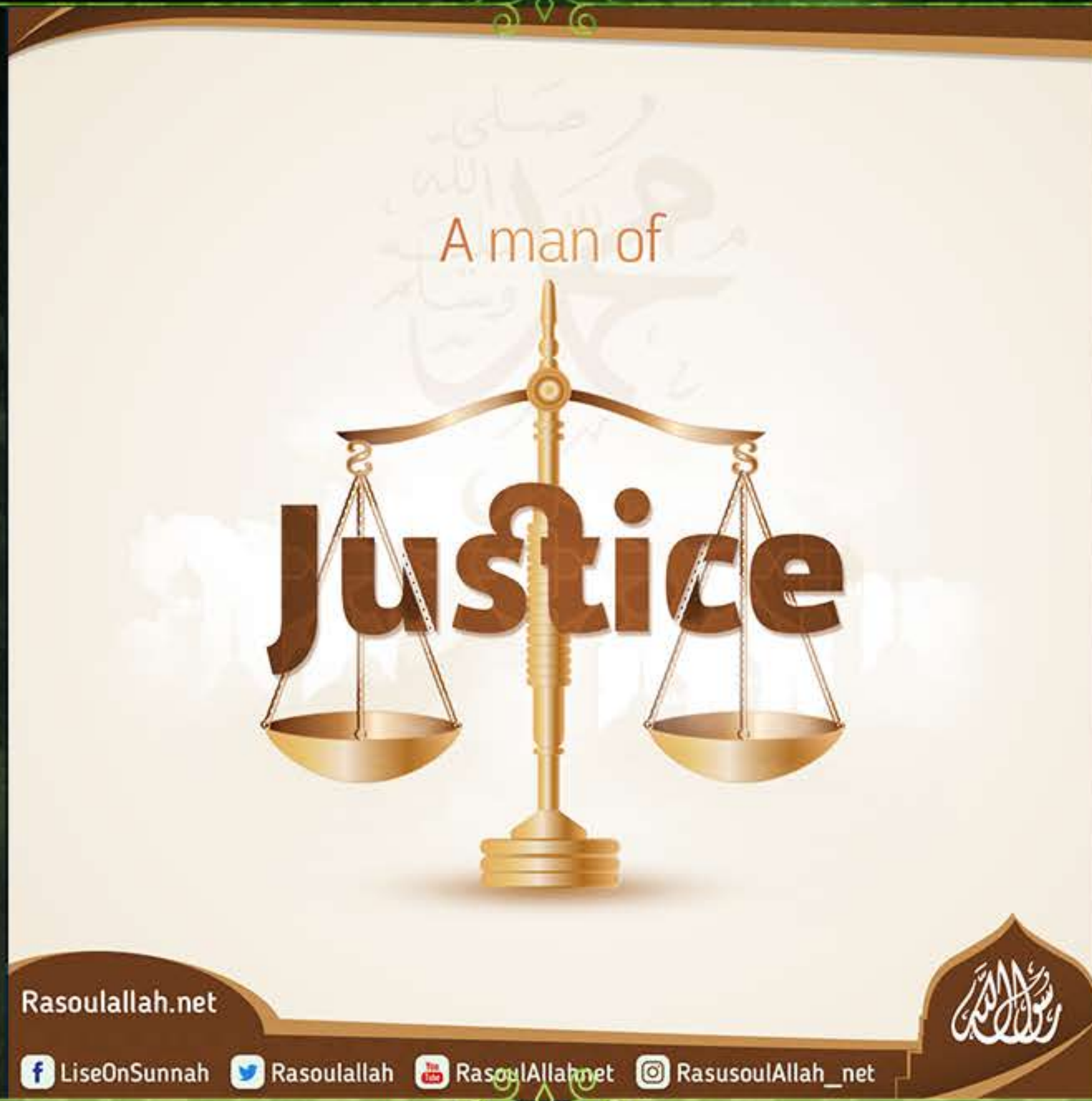


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In spite of Muhammad's heavy burdens as the chief of the Islamic state, the commander of the army... etc, he did not forget his duties towards his family by helping them in the housework, showing that women has a great value in Islam.

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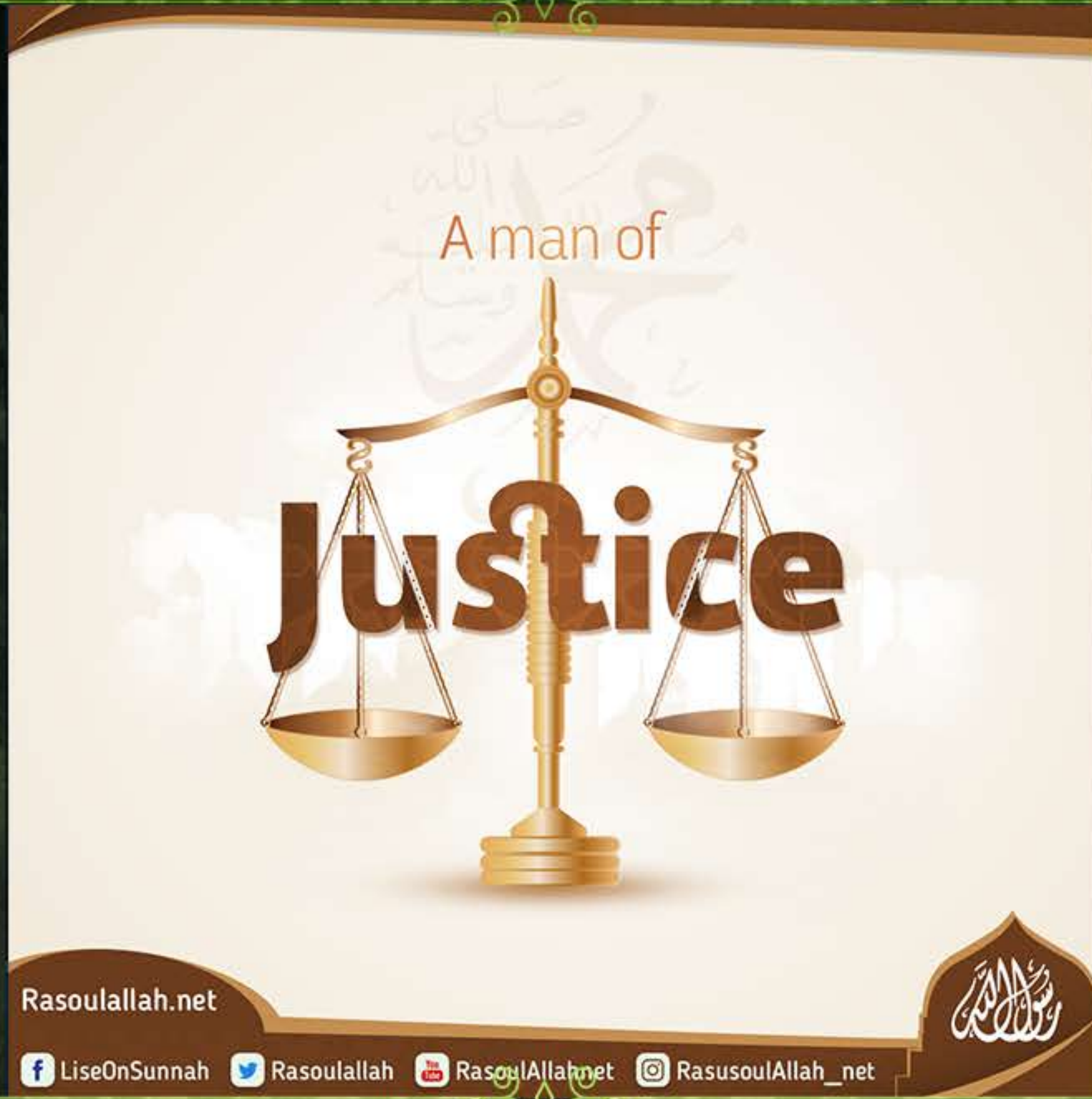
A man of Justice

He was just and ruled according to this principle. Yet, he was not afraid of being blamed because of applying justice. He did not flatter any one for his rank, money or his lineage. on the contrary, the Prophet considered the weak strong till he restores for them their rights and he considered the powerful weak till he took from them the due rights.

He was just and supporter of rightness, to the extent that he did not even favor the dearest people to him. It happened that an eminent woman from the family of Makhzoum - a great family in Makkah at that time - stole, so she deserved a punishment for her crime.

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Her family went to one of the Prophet's close companions to ask the Prophet for forgiveness. When Muhammad heard the request of his dearest companion to forgive this woman, he became angry because of breaking the holiness of justice.

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A Man of Noble Manners

He was very hospitable and used to receive people well, his words were kind, he was well-mannered and polite even towards those who were rude to him. He taught his companions that the best of people is the best mannered.

He also taught his companions that the closest one to him in paradise is the one who has the best manners. The good manners of Prophet Muhammad were not towards his followers only but also towards his enemies; when the Prophet was asked to curse his enemies he refused, saying: "I am not sent by Allah to curse but I am a mercy sent to the whole world". (compiled by Muslim)

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His tolerance and forgiveness

Muhammad is the symbol of tolerance in all aspects of life which is proven in his behavior and decisions. For example, some Jews pretended that they were greeting him, while in fact they were twisting the words and praying that he would die. They were telling him (Asaamu Alaikom) which means "death be upon you" instead of (Asaalamu Alaikom) which means "Peace be upon you"...Only the letter "l" marks the difference!!!! Although the Prophet knew their bad intention, his forgiveness is quite surprising to anyone who is fair. Imagine yourself in this situation, what will be your reaction? And compare it to the reaction of the Prophet, Peace Be upon Him.

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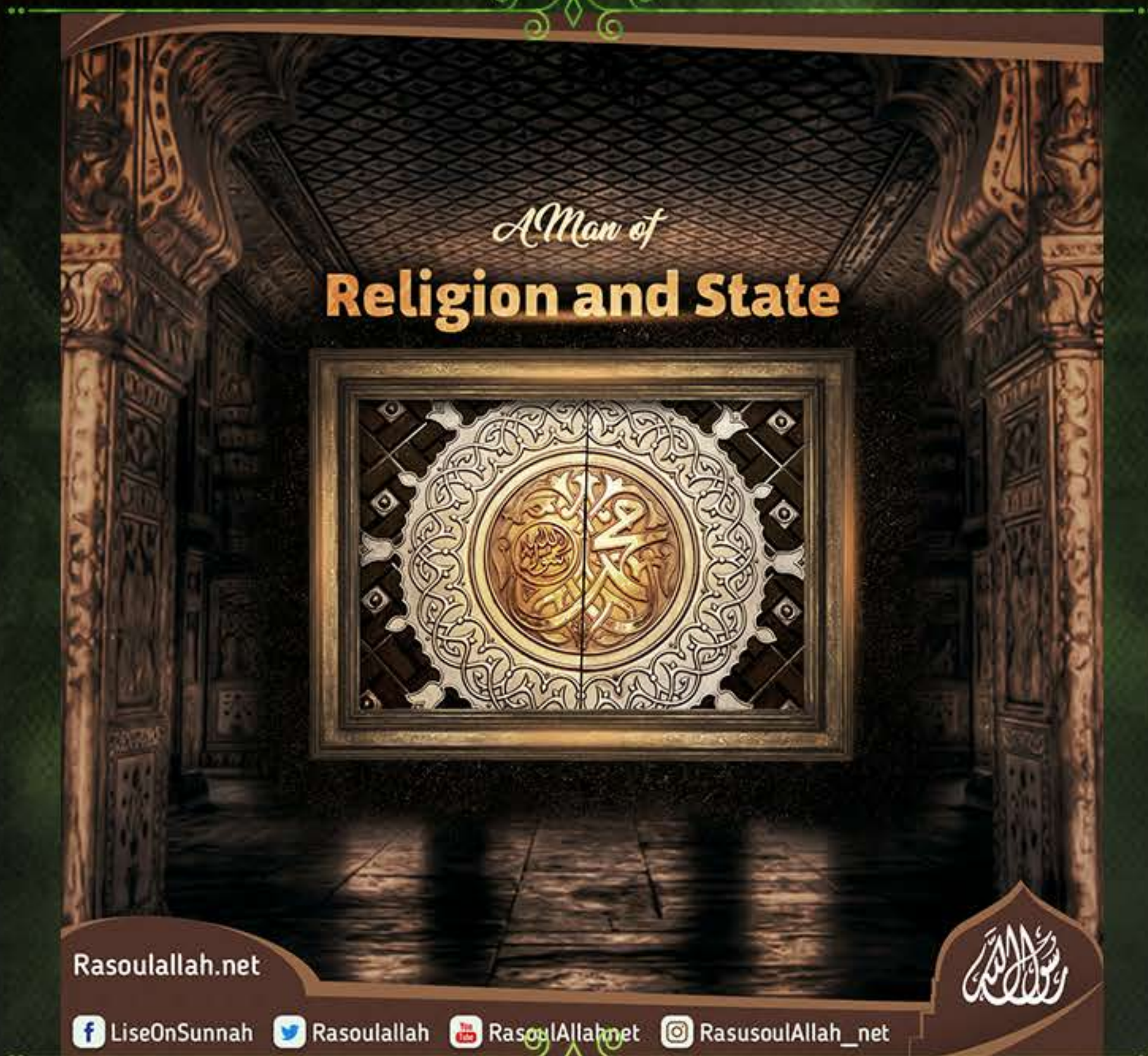


His tolerance and forgiveness

Imagine yourself a leader or a ruler being obeyed hearing a man asking Allah for your death with words that may deceptively sound good. You might forgive him about praying that you would die, but you would not forgive his deceit and underestimating your intellect.

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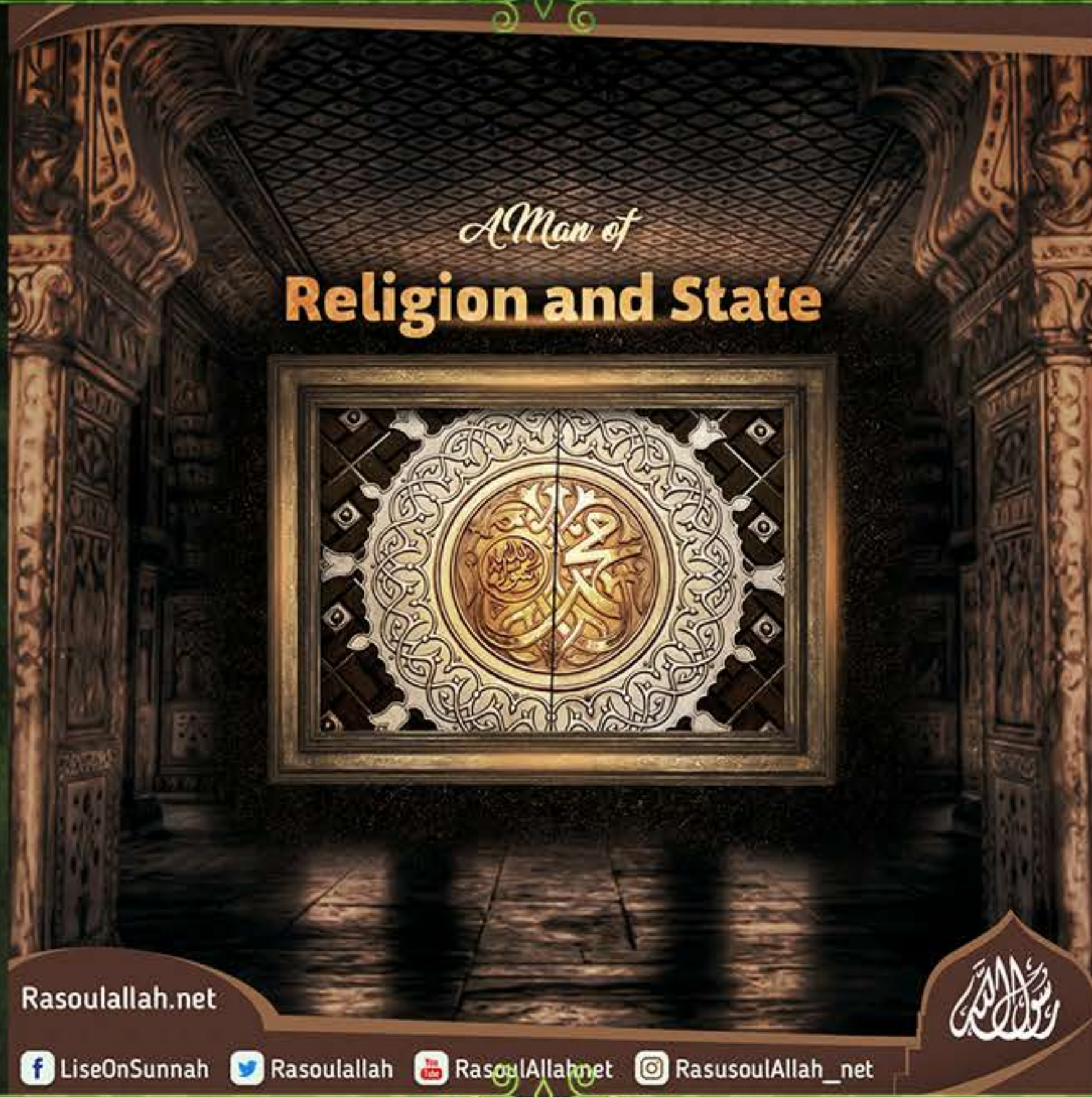


A Man of Religion and State

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) came with something new to the whole world mixing both the spiritual and materialistic aspects in such a harmonious way which has never been achieved before. He built up a state unable to survive without religion and a religion never accepts but such kind of state. Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be upon Him) healed the soul's injuries caused by materialism and filled the materialistic needs caused by focusing on the soul, in other words, he achieved balance between the spiritual and physical human needs. Indeed, he was the truthful spiritual teacher, the honest politician and the fair judge, that unified wild tribes into civilized people and unified

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those people into a nation that built glory and made life under the belief of The testimony; "THERE IS NO GOD BUT ALLAH AND MUHAMMAD IS HIS MESSENGER".

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He was keen on cleanliness

The prophet taught his companions and Muslims in general to wash their different body parts that are exposed to pollution such as the face, mouth, nose, hands and feet five times per day or more for prayers, and washing the whole body frequently as much as possible. He warned people not to contaminate the areas near residential places or houses. He taught his followers "medical isolation"; he commanded them not to enter the places affected by epidemic diseases and not to leave it in order to prevent the spread of diseases. He liked good smells very much, and he used to wear perfumes and he never smelled bad.

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The Prophet's Motto



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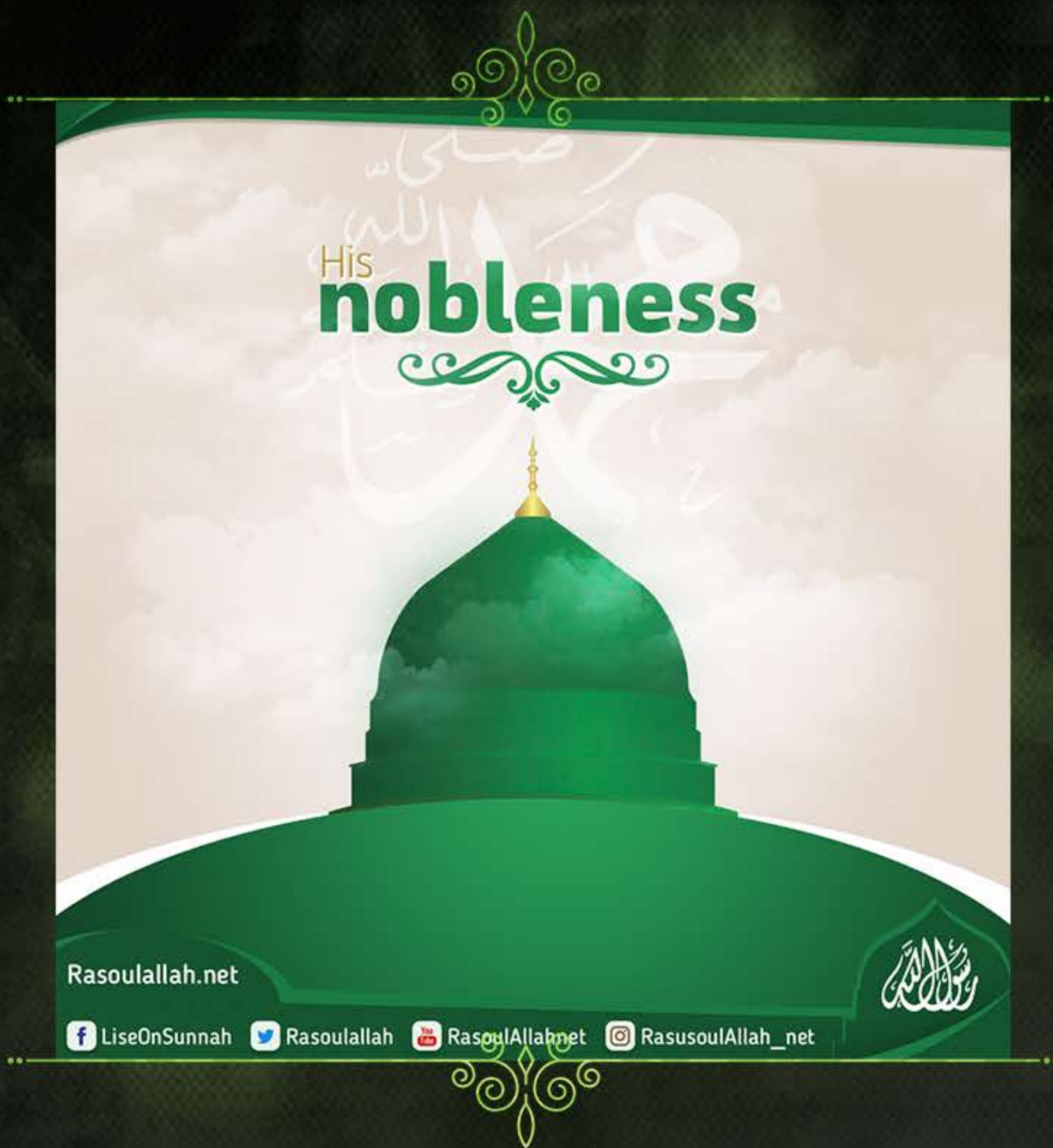
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The Prophet's Motto

The Prophet taught Muslims who follow his teachings how to overcome life burdens and social pressure, his teachings safeguard them against psychological diseases which get in the way of human happiness. Muhammad taught them how to attain happiness and inner peace. The smile was the Prophet's slogan whether at home or traveling, he was never seen but smiling. His sweet smile cured the sadness of all people around him and healed the pains of his companions. Abdullah bin al-Hareth reported: "I never saw a man smiling more than Allah's Messenger (Peace Be upon Him)." (compiled by at-Tirmidhi) But he never went over the limits; he did not exaggerate in the way he smiled or laughed, he used to laugh without widely opening his mouth, or cracking, i.e. he was always full of respect.

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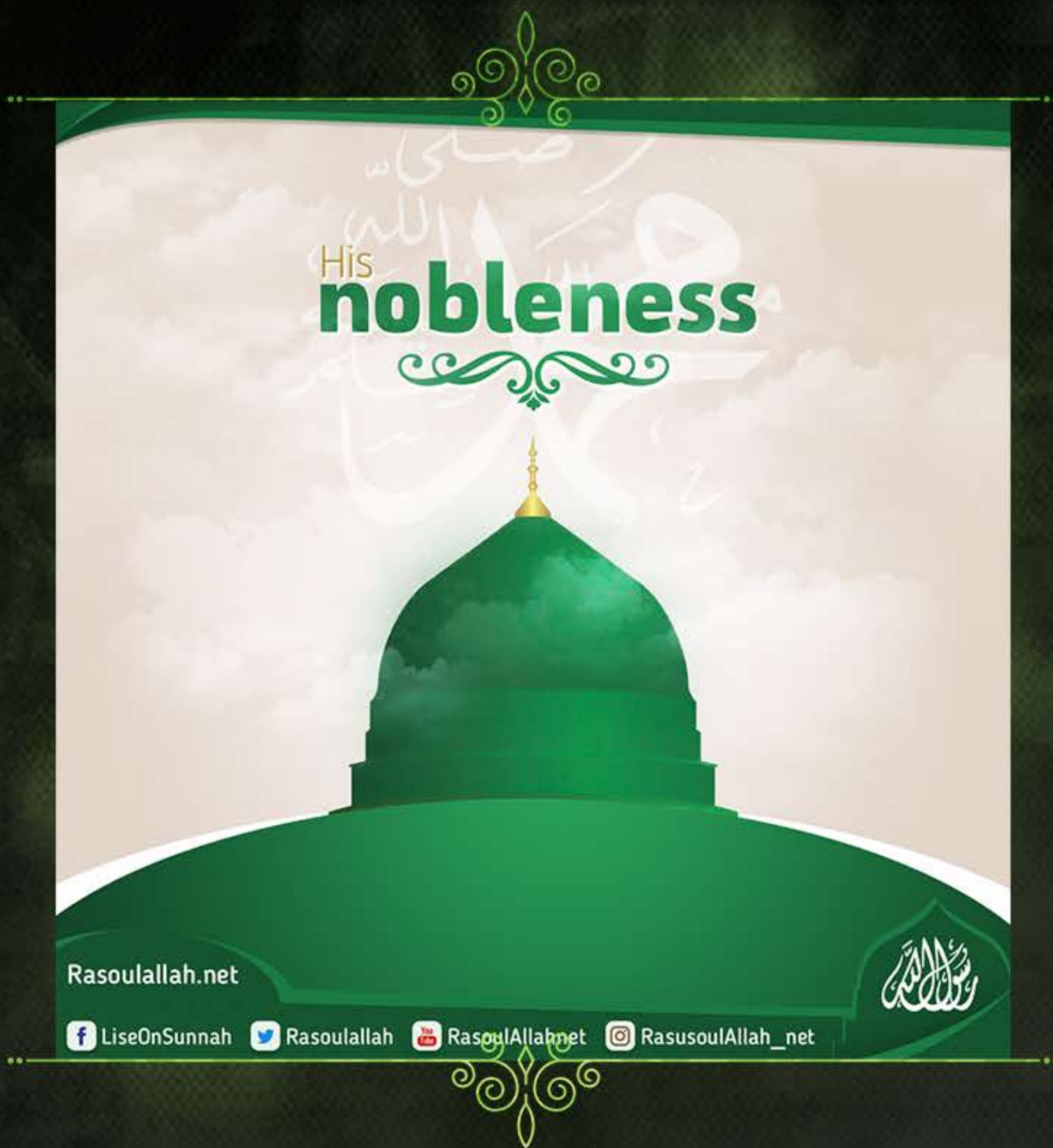


His nobleness

Whoever looks into the history of great men and leaders, during a victory after a lost battle, will find one common trait among them all, except for prophets, which is revenge. Messenger Muhammad had given a superb example for the nobleness of the victorious. Despite being exiled from Makkah, his possessions being confiscated and being hurt badly by its people at the beginning of his prophecy, upon entering Makkah overwhelmingly victorious, his great personality and generosity would not give room for revenge. He had forgiven all those who have oppressed him despite being fully able to fulfill severe vengeance on them. He told them:

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His nobleness

"You can go for you are free" In such a way Islam had raised Muhammad and his companions on such refined manners, free from the shackles of selfness and selfishness. For the quran says: "Take what is given freely, enjoin what is good, and turn away from the ignorant"

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He was wise

What will be your reaction towards someone rejecting and belittling something you really love? What if you were a religious man and someone came and intentionally defiled the place of your worship in such a rude way? No doubt that you will be very angry and rush to punish him. Muhammad did not do so, he had complete control over his reactions by judging wisely before doing any action. The following story proves that he dealt with every situation with such farsightedness and breadth of vision:

A Bedouin came from the desert who had no contact with the new city (Madinah) that Muhammad (PBUH) had built along his companions in the new capital. This Bedouin acted in a very shocking manner.

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He was wise

That is what this man had done; he urinated in the mosque in front of Prophet Muhammad and his companions in the most sacred place to them. It was a horrible scene, the companions could not control themselves and they yelled at him to stop what he was doing. Even though such incident took only seconds, Prophet Muhammad's reaction did not precede his brain. During this split second he had analyzed the Bedouin's personality, which did such wrong act in the place of his worship and where he runs the state's affairs. The Prophet realized that this Bedouin is uneducated and his action holds no hostile intention.

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He was wise

It was a backward act for the culture of cleanliness and decency that Muhammad had built in his capital. He ordered his companions to leave the Bedouin without scolding him. After the Bedouin had finished, Muhammad (PBUH) came up to him and informed him that he can not do such thing in this place. The Bedouin was so touched by the kindness of the Prophet, how he taught him with leniency and was impressed by his manners and said "O Allah have mercy on me and Muhammad and no one else".

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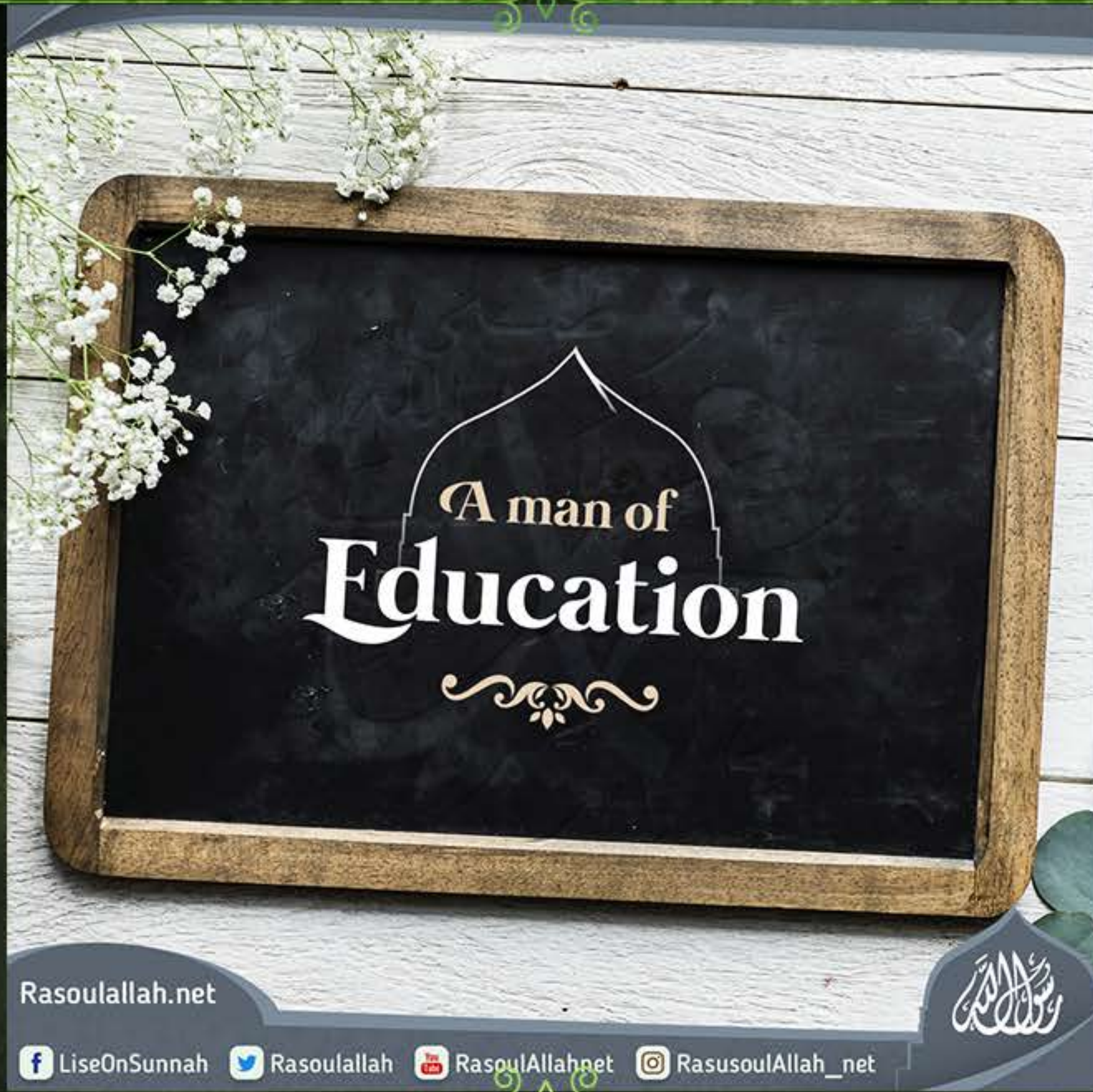


The Builder of the Distinguished Structure

He built a unique cultural system that was never known before. It was distinguished with the accuracy of planning and observing the interest of the city all in a beautiful and attractive view. The mosque was in the center of the capital and it was the headquarters for running the city and the conference center for people during important events and emergencies. Such center (the mosque) was the refuge for the poor and needy, where the state and the charitable bodies provide for them food and shelter. Also it was the shelter for the strangers and passersby who come from outside the state where they find food and shelter

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A man of education

He transformed an illiterate nation that neither reads nor writes into a nation which takes pride in knowledge and science, a nation where scientists were highly regarded and respected by the state and society. If we look for the secret behind this success, we will find out that Almighty Allah gave Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be upon Him) great teaching abilities, being an eloquent speaker, a convincing lecturer and a successful educator. What helped him to achieve such success is his conversational skills and speech proficiency, such as getting the audience attention and stimulating their minds to listen to the information. These are the essential elements in Muhammad's educational teachings.

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A man of education

Some of his instructions and teachings in this regard: "Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon each Muslim"; in Muhammad's speeches and in the Revealed Book- the Holy Quran- the word (Muslim) includes both males and females.

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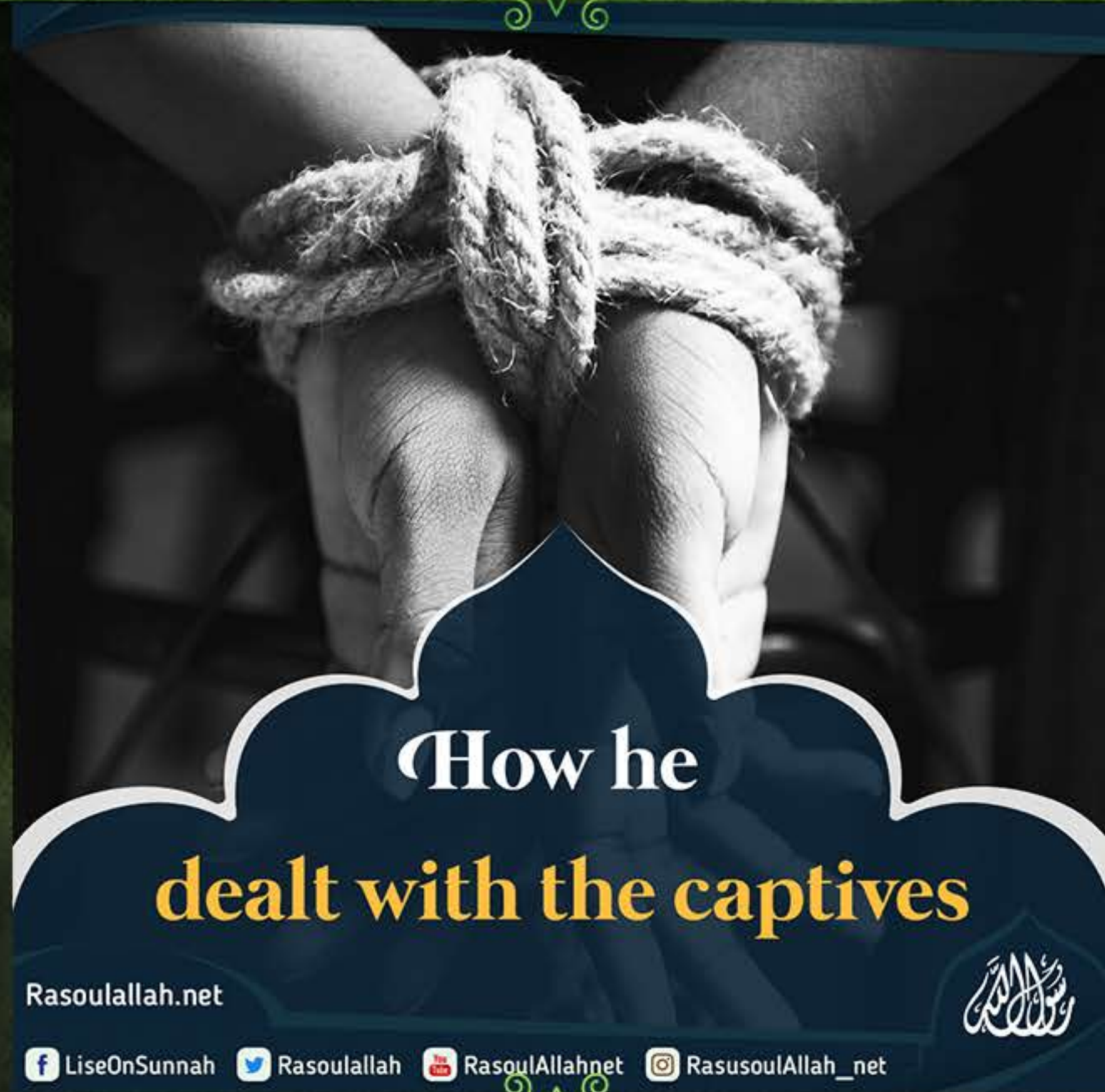


He is noble even with the enemies

He never betrayed anyone even if it was his enemy. He never broke an agreement with any one until the other party is the one to break it. In his battles, whether he was the victorious or his enemy, he never torture the wounded and the captives of war, and he did not mutilate the dead bodies, and he banned his soldiers and army commanders from doing that regardless of any circumstances or need. He and his companions set marvelous examples for humanity of noble morals during wars.

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How he dealt with the captives

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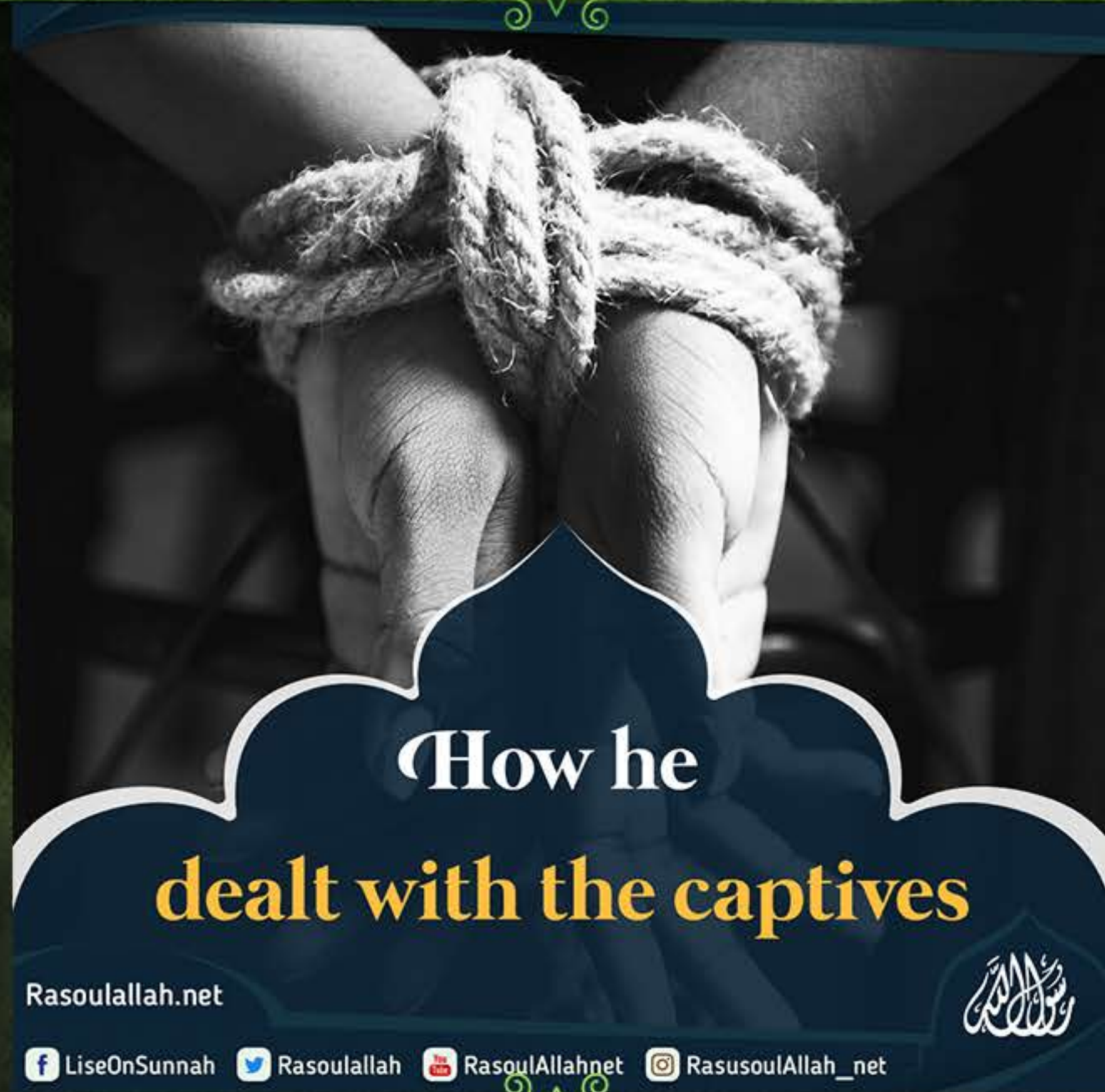


How he dealt with the captives

He legislated a great method and way for all the world of how to treat a war captive, which, if humanity had applied, will find a way out of the captives' crisis in this brutal world. This crisis shocks anybody with feelings, a conscience or morality. That is because Muhammad had prevented the violation of human rights absolutely no matter what the justification might be. So it's not acceptable neither to torture the captive physically or psychologically, it also not acceptable to curse, swear or even prevent him from food and drinks. On the contrary, Muhammad and his companions went to the point where they gave priority to the captives in their food and drinks.

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How he dealt with the captives

This scene was described and praised by a quranic verse: "They give food to the poor, the orphan, and the captive, though they love it themselves" (Al-Insan: 8) That means: Muhammad and his followers used to favor the orphans, the needy and the war captives with their food even though it was scarce and they really need it!

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He changed

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He changed the world

He was entrusted, for more than 23 years, with propagating Allah's words and message to humanity. It was this role that brought him to a collision with his people. He was inflicted with all forms of adversity, from the pain of hunger to the struggle of battles. Yet, throughout the 23 years of his mission, the Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) always remained just and steadfast in his actions. His conduct was measured by a fear of displeasing Allah. During this mission, he changed the history of Arabia and laid the foundations of a permanent change in the world's history. Within 100 years, this religious revolution caused the decline and then defeat of the Persian, Sassanid,

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He changed the world

and Byzantine empires. Islam swept through:

- 1- I Iraq and Iran to Bukhara, Uzbekistan, in the east.
- 2- Syria and Palestine to Egypt and then North Africa, in the west.

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A balanced **personality**

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A balanced personality

Prophet Muhammad had a perfectly balanced personality. He was patient, truthful, and magnanimous. He presented the highest example of human nobility. He disciplined himself by staying aloof from quarrels and quibbles. He never engaged in foul utterances or abuse. Even before Prophethood, he was called As-sadiq Al-amin (the Truthful and Trustworthy). He had every opportunity to live a comfortable life and even become the King of Arabia. But, he refused all this for the sake of establishing the new world order of Islam in pursuit of truth. Time occupies an important place in the teachings of the Prophet (Peace and Blessings Be upon Him).

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A balanced personality

The companions (May Allah be pleased with them) were taught in the school of the Prophet. They used to divide their time in the following way:

- 1- A portion for Worshipping Almighty Allah.
- 2- A portion for self-examination.
- 3- A portion for reflection over the mysteries of creation.
- 4- A portion for eating, drinking, and enjoying social life.

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He was fair

He lived among others as an ordinary man. No bitter criticism or provocation would make him lose his composure, and no praise could make him vain. He lived in such taqwa (piety and fear of Allah) that he was always an example of modesty and leniency. He spoke little. He walked in a way that suggested his reverence of and humbleness before Almighty Allah. Criticism never angered him. He would assert that he is Allah's servant and would act as befits a servant of Allah. He was so keen to assert the difference between him as a human Prophet and Almighty Allah as The Omnipotent Creator. Once, a companion said, "If it is the will of Allah and the will of the Prophet."

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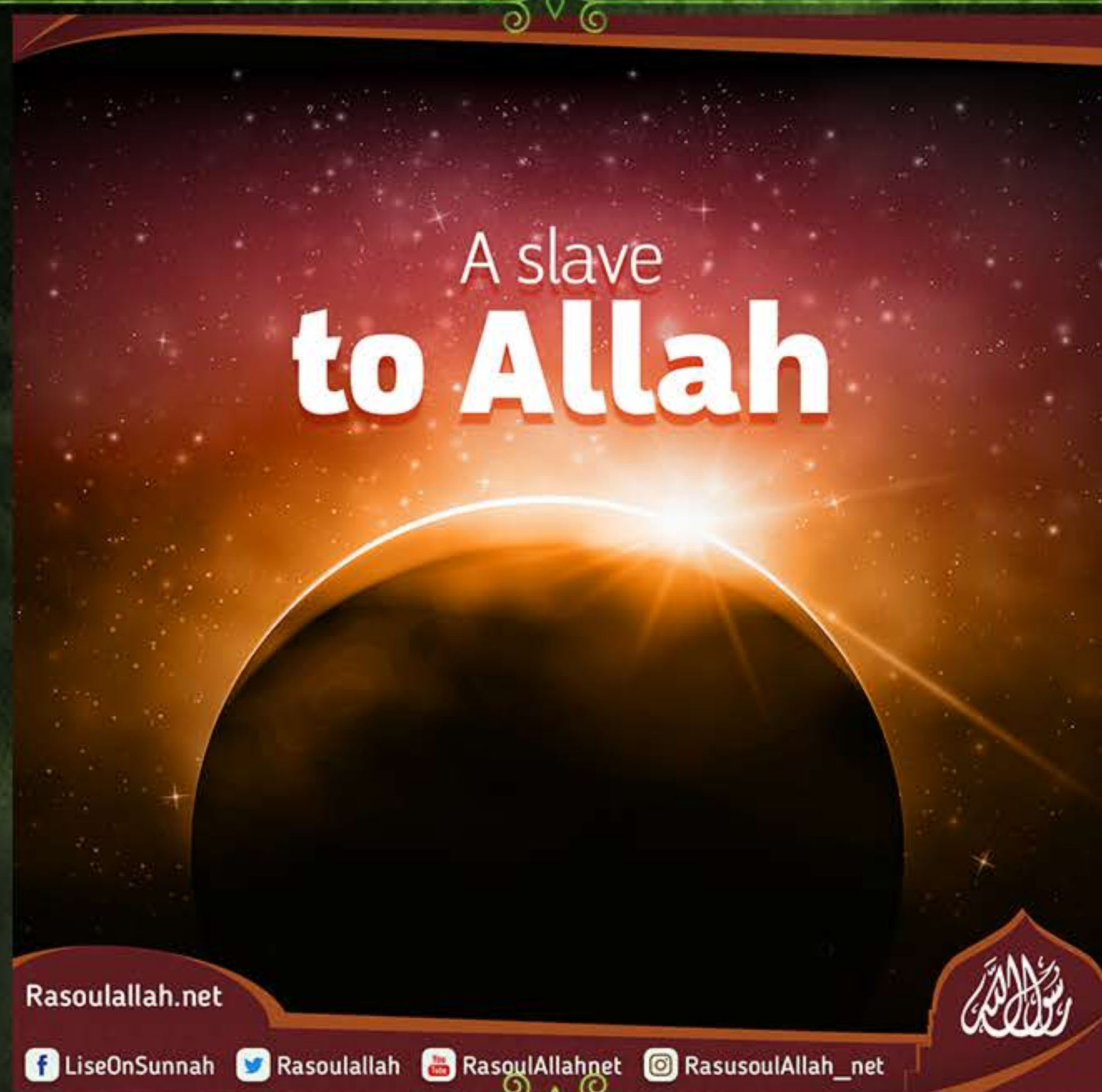


He was fair

The Prophet (Peace Be upon Him) showed his disapproval of this and said: "Are you trying to equate me with Allah? rather, one should say, 'if Allah alone wills.'"(Narrated by Imam Ahmad)

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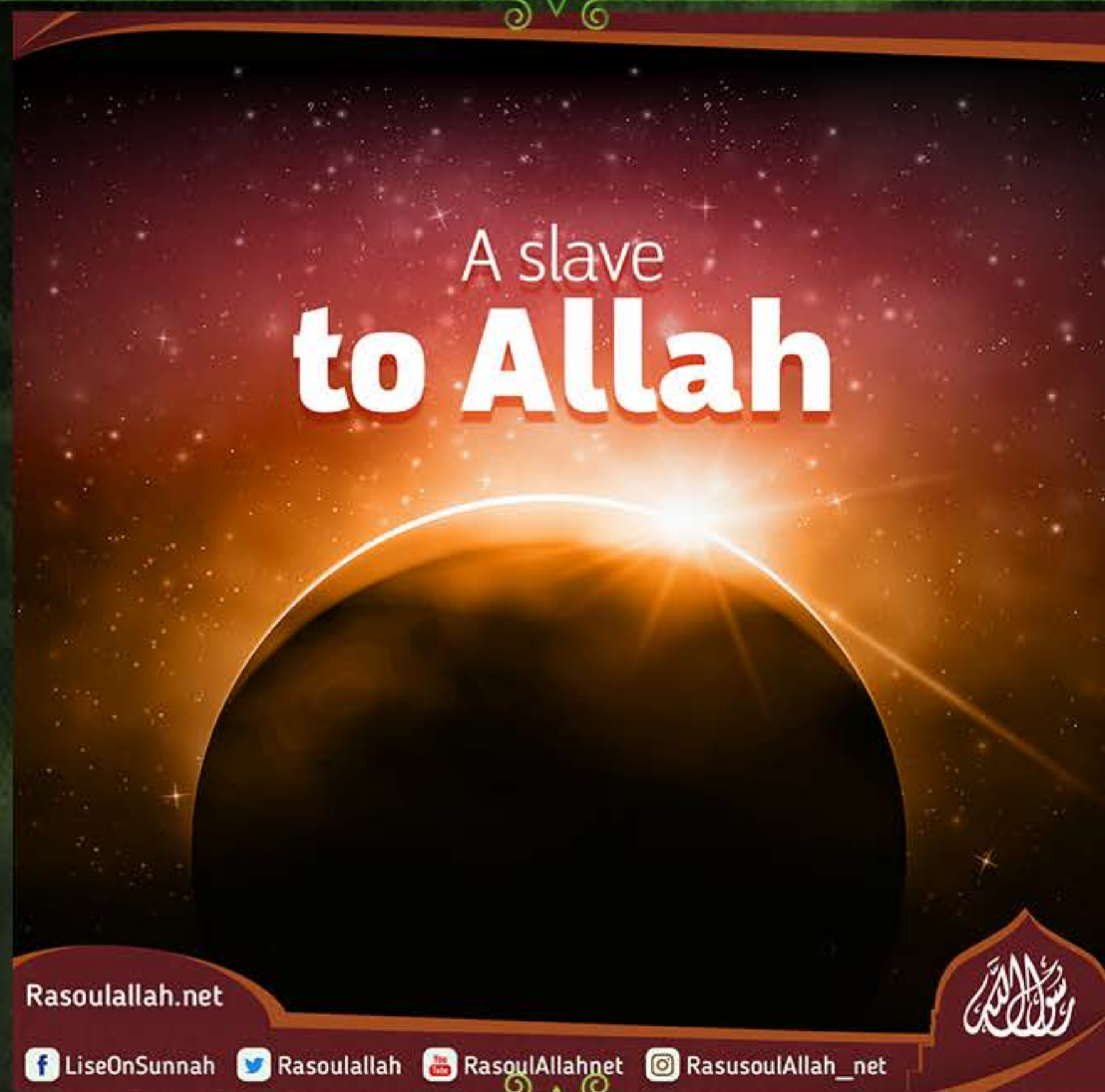


A slave to Allah

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the prophet (Peace and Blessings Be upon Him) gathered the people and addressed them, saying: "Eclipses of the sun and the moon are not caused by the death of any human being; they are two of Allah's signs. When you see the eclipse, you should show gratefulness to Almighty Allah and offer prayer to Him." (Narrated al-Bukhari)

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He was humble

On one of the Journeys of the Prophet, the group of travelers embarked on roasting a goat. One volunteered to slaughter the animal, another to skin it, and another to cook it. The prophet (Peace and Blessings Be upon Him) said that he would collect the firewood. Although his companions were quite ready to do all the work, the Prophet wanted to help and participate in the teamwork. He never assumed superiority over his companions.

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