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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا  
اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ  
وَابْتَغُوا إِلَيْهِ الْوَسِيلَةَ  
وَجَاهِدُوا فِي سَبِيلِهِ  
لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

**"O' you who have Faith!  
Be in awe of Allah,  
and seek the means (of  
nearness) to Him;  
and strive hard in His way,  
that you may be  
prosperous."**

*Imam Amir-ul-mu'mineen Ali (as) has said that the best means by which seekers of nearness to Allah, seek nearness, is the faith in Allah and His Messenger, striving in His way, (to believe) in the expression of Divine purification, the establishment of performance of Hajj (pilgrimage) of the House (i.e. Ka'bah) and 'Umrah' (lesser pilgrimage), regard for kinsfolk, almsgiving secretly and openly, and extending benefits (to people).*

*In Islamic literature, narrated from the Immaculate ones (as), the term /wasilah/ (means), mentioned in this verse, has been rendered into Imam (as) (At-Tafsir-u-Safi). In this regard, it is also cited in some traditions: "They are the firm cord and the means to Allah (s.w.t)." (At-Tafsir-u-Safi)*