



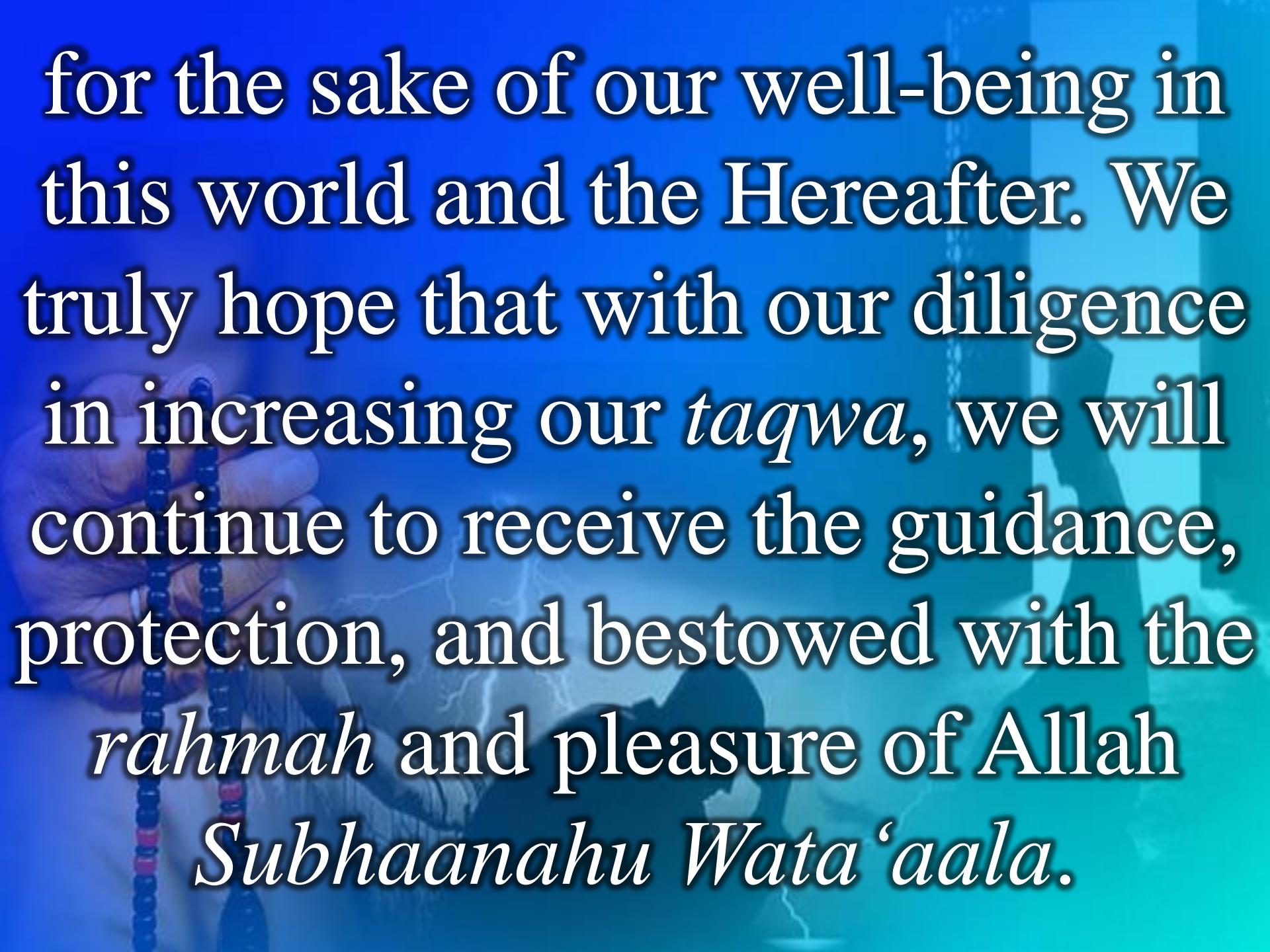
# SABR: THE PATH

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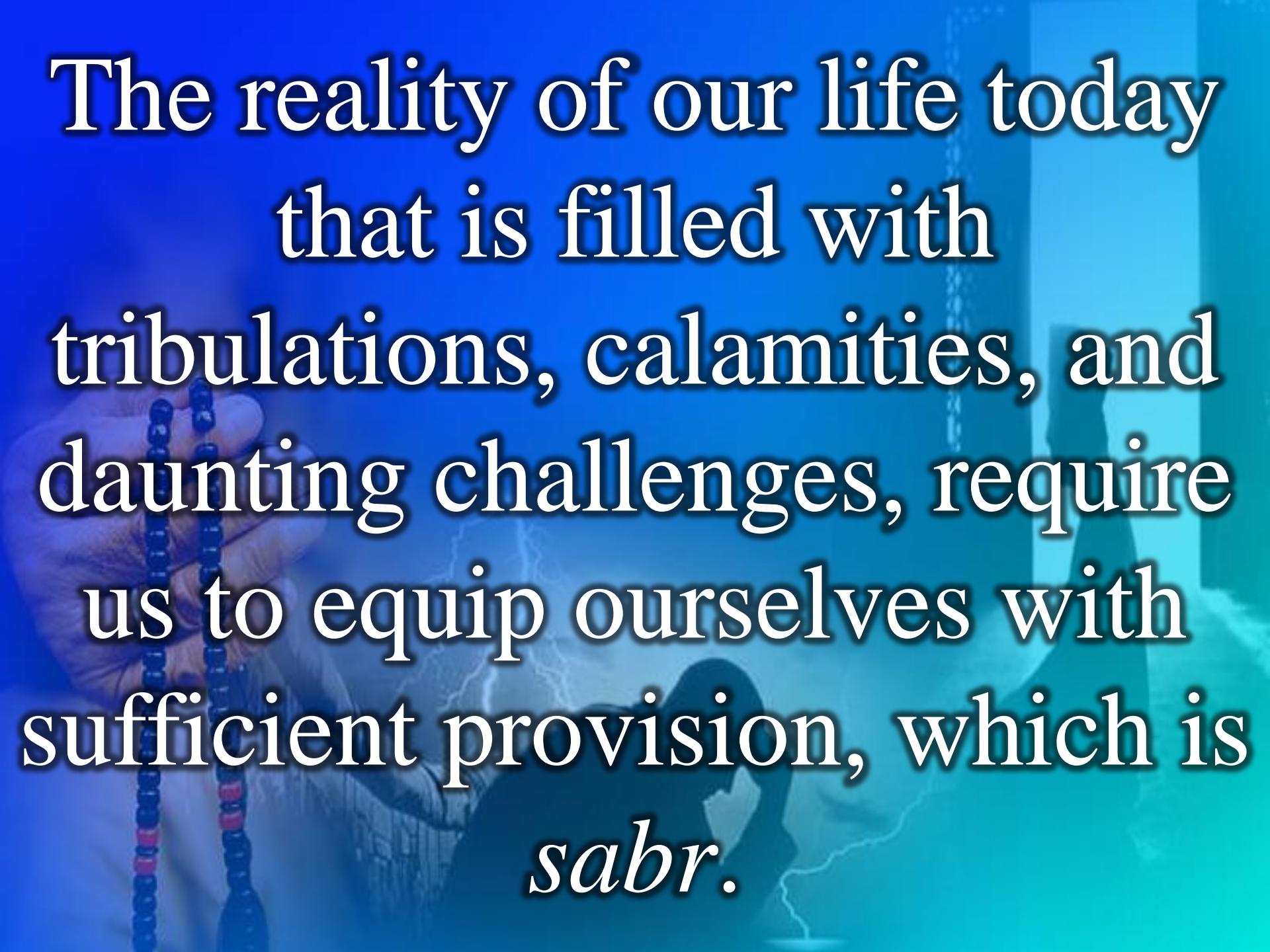
# REWARDS



Let us have the *taqwa* of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* in its  
absolute sense, practicing the  
*Sharee'ah* in all aspects of our  
lives, fulfilling the duties  
required by Allah and avoiding  
all that is prohibited,

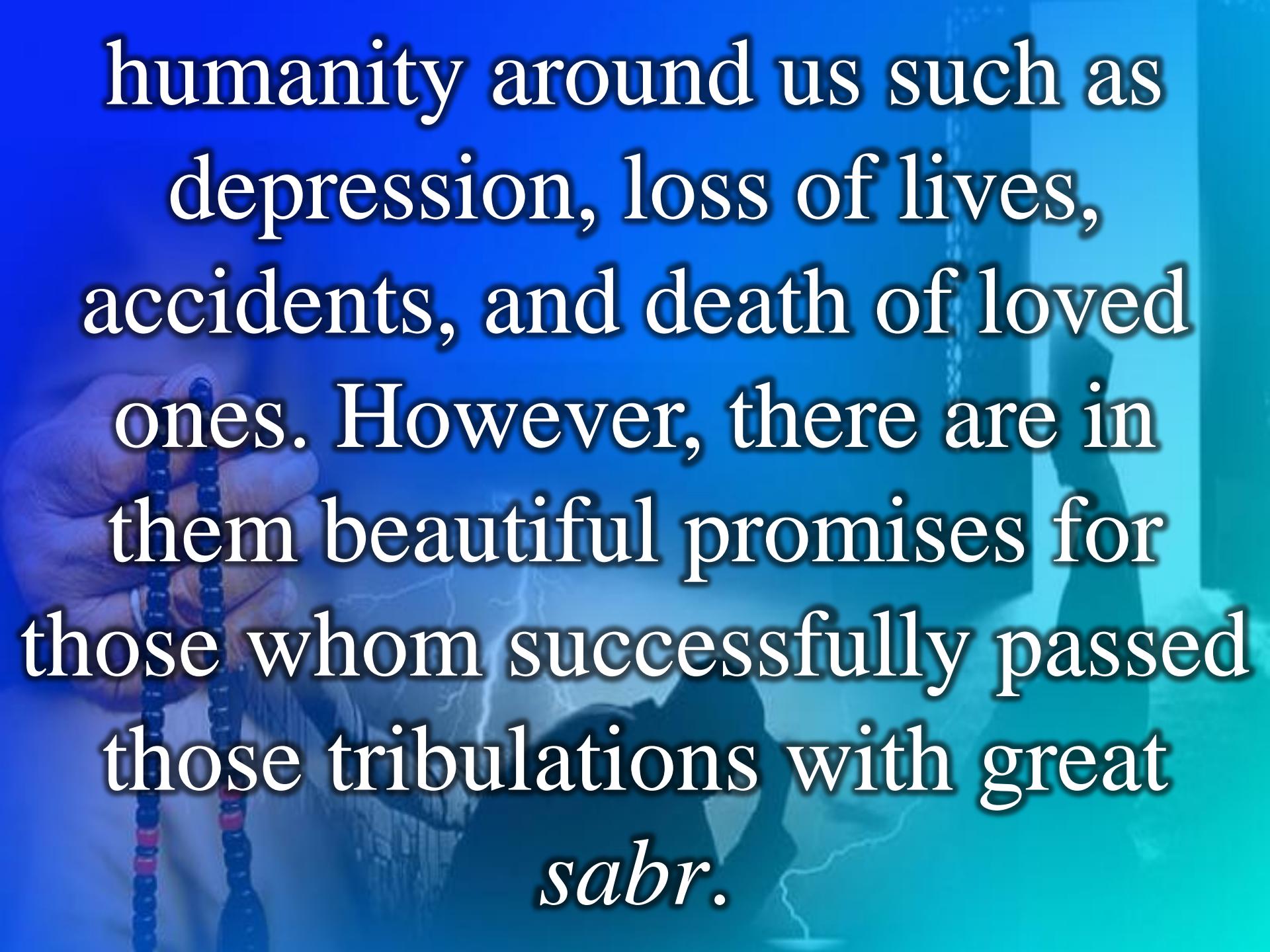
A blue-toned photograph of a mosque interior. In the foreground, several people are seen from behind, performing salah (prayer) in a row. The architecture features intricate tilework and patterns on the walls and ceiling. The lighting is soft, creating a peaceful atmosphere.

for the sake of our well-being in  
this world and the Hereafter. We  
truly hope that with our diligence  
in increasing our *taqwa*, we will  
continue to receive the guidance,  
protection, and bestowed with the  
*rahmah* and pleasure of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.*

The image shows a person from the side, wearing a light-colored headscarf and a dark jacket. They are holding a string of prayer beads (a misbaha) in their right hand, which has a gold ring on the middle finger. The background is a gradient from blue at the top to teal at the bottom.

The reality of our life today  
that is filled with  
tribulations, calamities, and  
daunting challenges, require  
us to equip ourselves with  
sufficient provision, which is  
*sabr.*

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
has reminded us of the reality of  
the life of this world, which is  
never void of calamities and  
tribulations. Days upon days we  
are informed of the news of  
various types of calamities and  
hardships that are endured by

A photograph of a person's hands and face partially visible, wearing a light-colored headscarf and a dark garment. They are holding a string of prayer beads (misbaha) with their right hand. The background is a solid blue.

humanity around us such as depression, loss of lives, accidents, and death of loved ones. However, there are in them beautiful promises for those whom successfully passed those tribulations with great *sabr*.

*Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*  
mentions in al-Qur’ān:

“And We will surely test you  
with something of fear and  
hunger and a loss of wealth  
and lives and fruits, but give  
good tidings to the patient.”

(al-Baqarah 2:155)

It is clear that Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* has  
decreed that every individual  
will be tested and no one can  
escape from this stark reality.

However, despite all the  
tribulations there are glad

tidings for the chosen slaves  
of Allah, those whom are  
capable of exercising *sabr*  
while enduring the  
excruciating pain of  
difficulties and tribulations.

Therefore, let us contemplate upon verses of al-Qur'an and *ahadeeth* of Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* so that we will realize the great *hikmah* of *sabr* while enduring tribulations and calamities that were sent down as a test for us.

Among them:

*1- Sabr* enables one to be rewarded with prosperity, *rahmah*, and *hidaayah*.

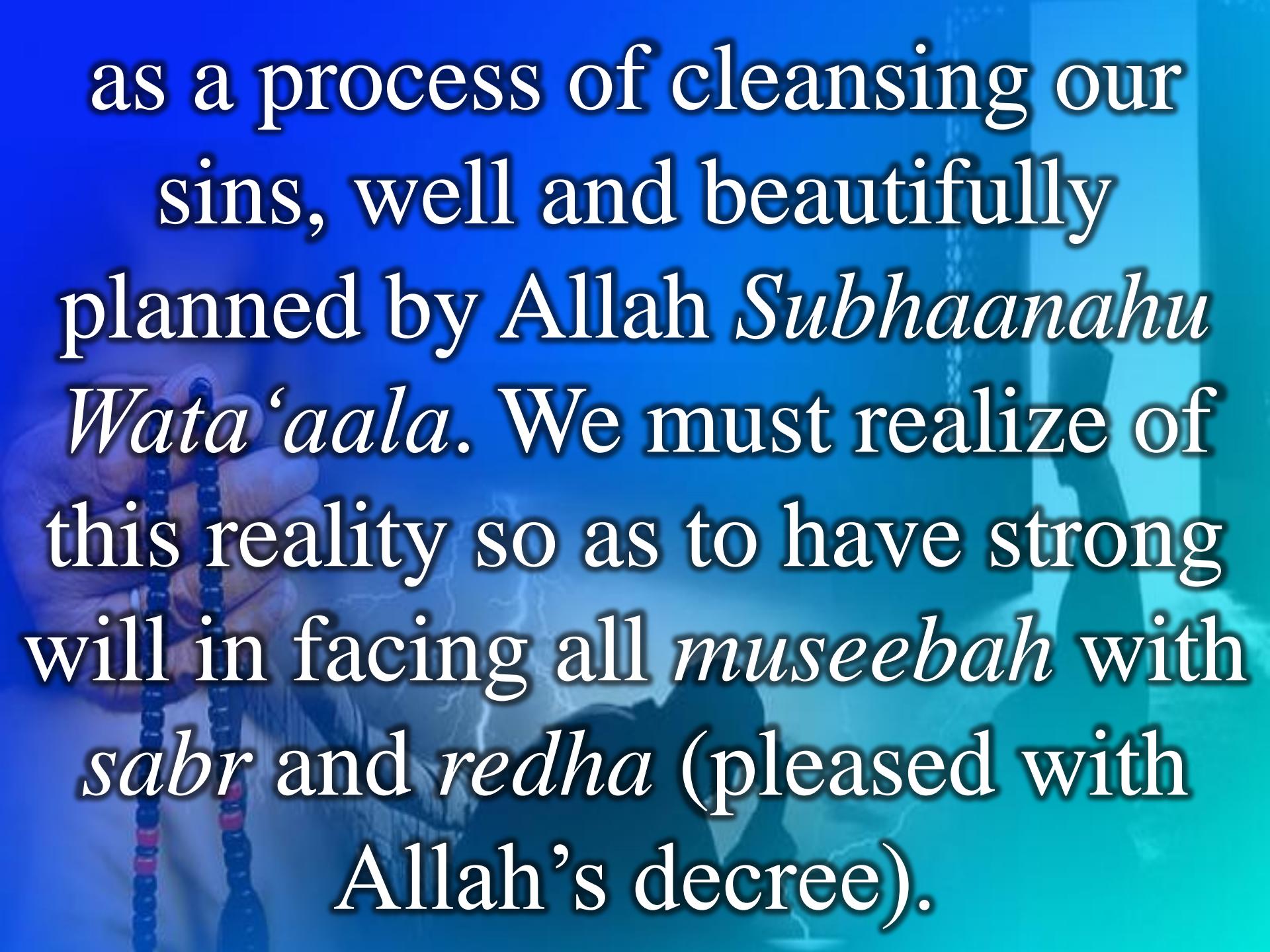
Allah has expounded to us regarding the tribulations in this life and the need for having *sabr* in al-Qur'an:

“Those are the ones upon whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy. And it is those who are the [rightly] guided.”

(al-Baqarah 2:157)

*2- Sabr in the wake of a  
museebah (calamity)  
guarantees the forgiveness of  
one's sins*

Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* has reminded us of  
the reality of the tests and  
*museebah* throughout our lives



as a process of cleansing our sins, well and beautifully planned by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*. We must realize of this reality so as to have strong will in facing all *museebah* with *sabr* and *redha* (pleased with Allah’s decree).

On the authority of Abu Hurayrah, *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*  
the Messenger *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said:  
“No fatigue, nor disease, nor  
sorrow, nor sadness, nor hurt,  
nor distress

befalls a Muslim, even if it were the prick he receives from a thorn, but that Allah expiates some of his sins for that.”

(Muslim)

### 3- The reward of good deeds without any *hisaab* (accounting)

This is an awesome reward prepared for those having utmost *sabr* at the strike of calamity.

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

“Say, “O My servants who have believed, fear your Lord. For those who do good in this world is good, and the earth of Allah is spacious. Indeed, the patient will be given their reward without account.””

(az-Zumar 39:10)

4- Those with *sabr* will be privileged to be granted *Jannah* as their final abode

This is as it was clearly stated by Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala in al-Qur’an:

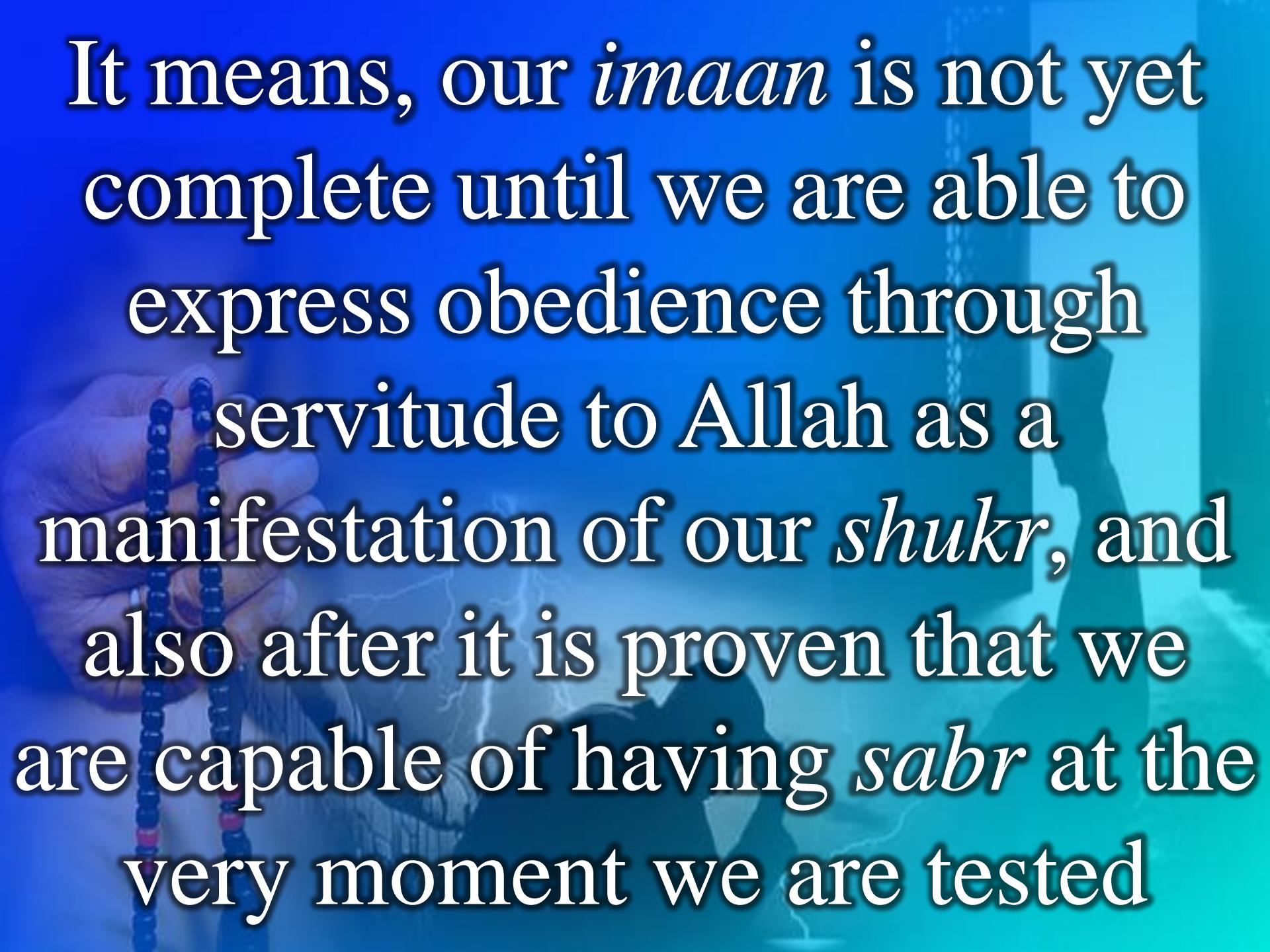
“Gardens of perpetual residence; they will enter them with whoever were righteous among their fathers, their spouses and their descendants. And the angels will enter upon

them from every gate,  
[saying], “Peace be upon  
you for what you patiently  
endured. And excellent is  
the final home.””

(Ar-Raad 13: 23 - 24)

The salutation of peace from the angels to the dwellers of Paradise in this Qur'anic verse clearly mentions the main reason for their placement in *Jannah*, which is their resilient *sabr* while enduring all the difficulties in the lives of this world.

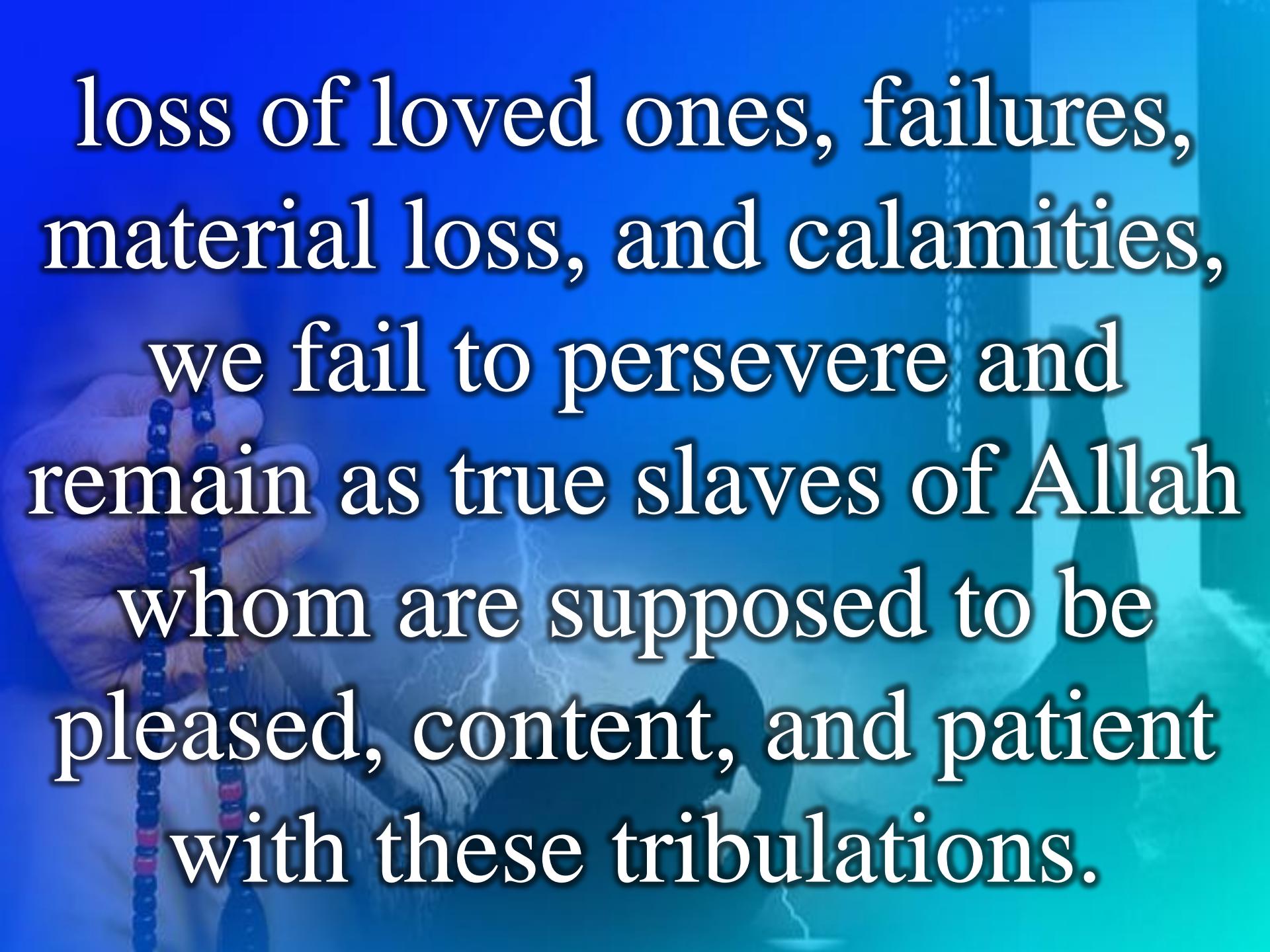
Imam ibn al-Qayyim al-Jawziyyah *rahimahullah* stated that, “*Imaan* is divided into two parts, firstly having *shukr* for all the *ni‘mah* bestowed upon, and secondly having *sabr* when afflicted with calamity.”

A photograph showing a close-up of a person's hands holding a string of prayer beads (a rosary) against a solid blue background. The hands are positioned vertically, with the fingers wrapped around the beads. The lighting is soft, creating a peaceful atmosphere.

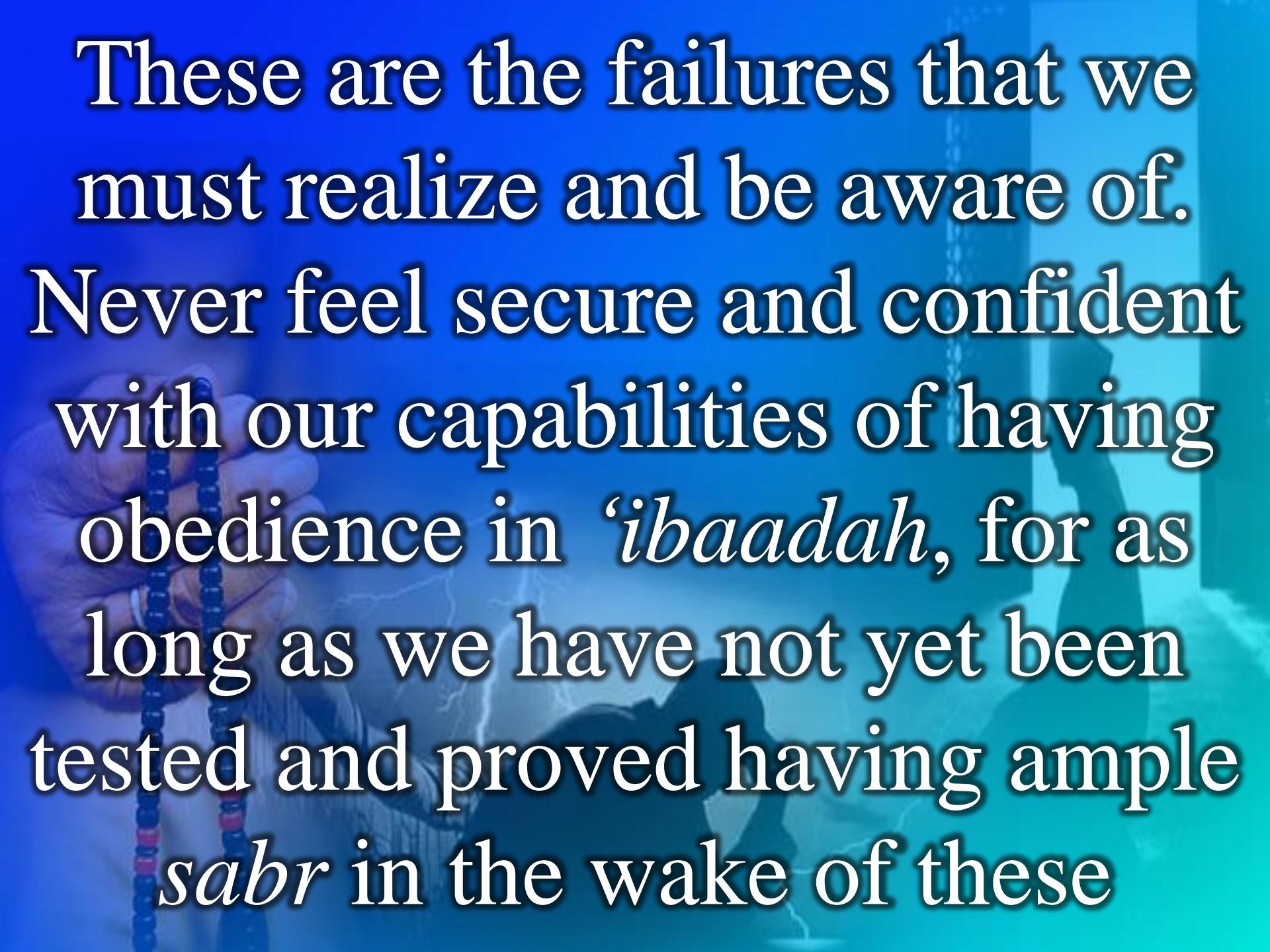
It means, our *imaan* is not yet complete until we are able to express obedience through servitude to Allah as a manifestation of our *shukr*, and also after it is proven that we are capable of having *sabr* at the very moment we are tested

and afflicted with calamity.

What we see nowadays is that many of the Muslims are capable of performing ‘ibaadah with obedience, praying in *jamaa‘ah*, giving *sadaqah*, and many more, but when tested by Allah with accidents,

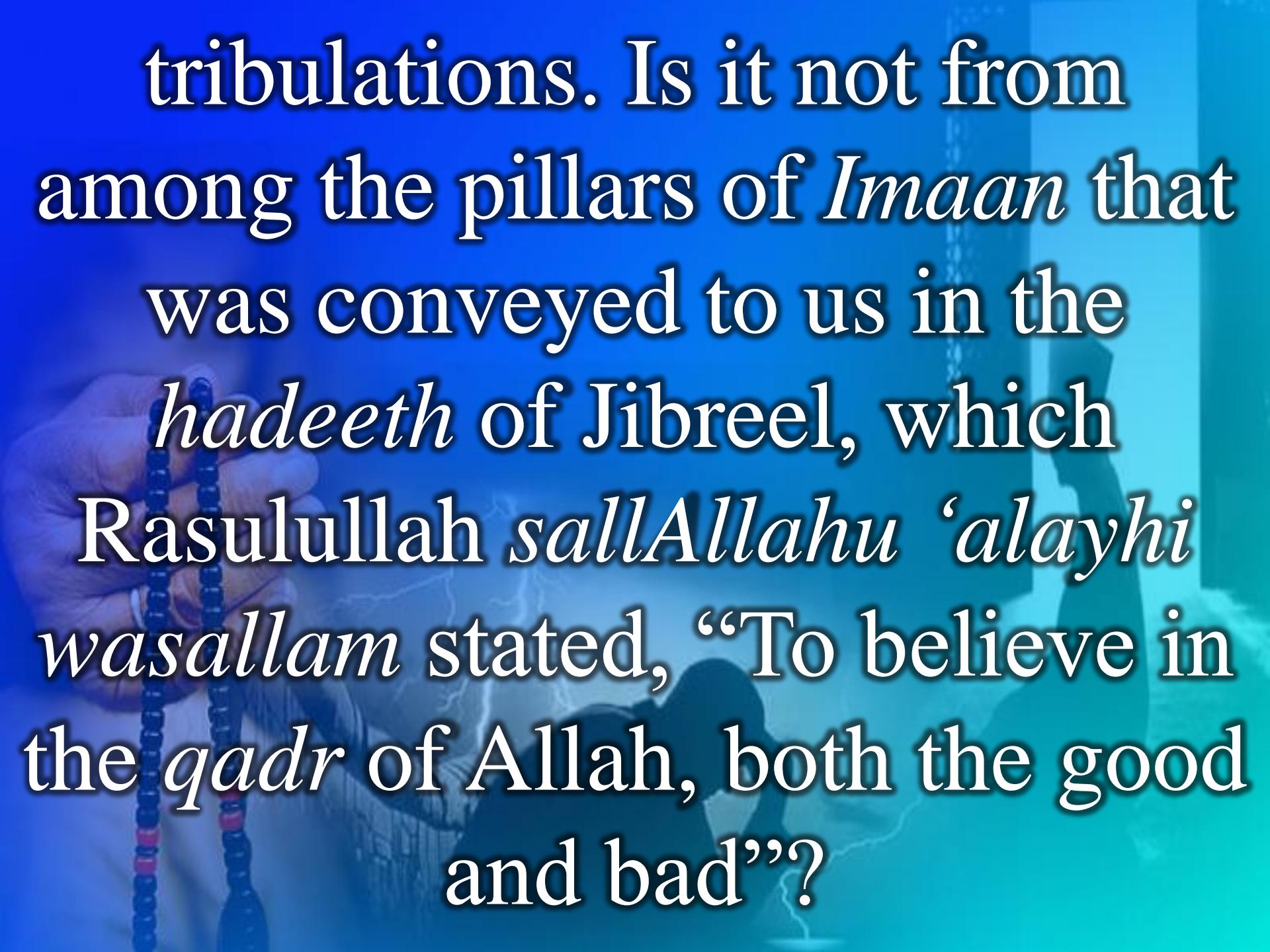
A photograph of a person's hand holding a string of prayer beads (misbaha) against a blue background. The hand is positioned in the lower-left corner, with the fingers wrapped around the beads. The background is a solid blue color.

loss of loved ones, failures,  
material loss, and calamities,  
we fail to persevere and  
remain as true slaves of Allah  
whom are supposed to be  
pleased, content, and patient  
with these tribulations.



These are the failures that we must realize and be aware of.

Never feel secure and confident with our capabilities of having obedience in ‘ibaadah, for as long as we have not yet been tested and proved having ample *sabr* in the wake of these



tribulations. Is it not from among the pillars of *Imaan* that was conveyed to us in the *hadeeth* of Jibreel, which Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* stated, “To believe in the *qadr* of Allah, both the good and bad”?

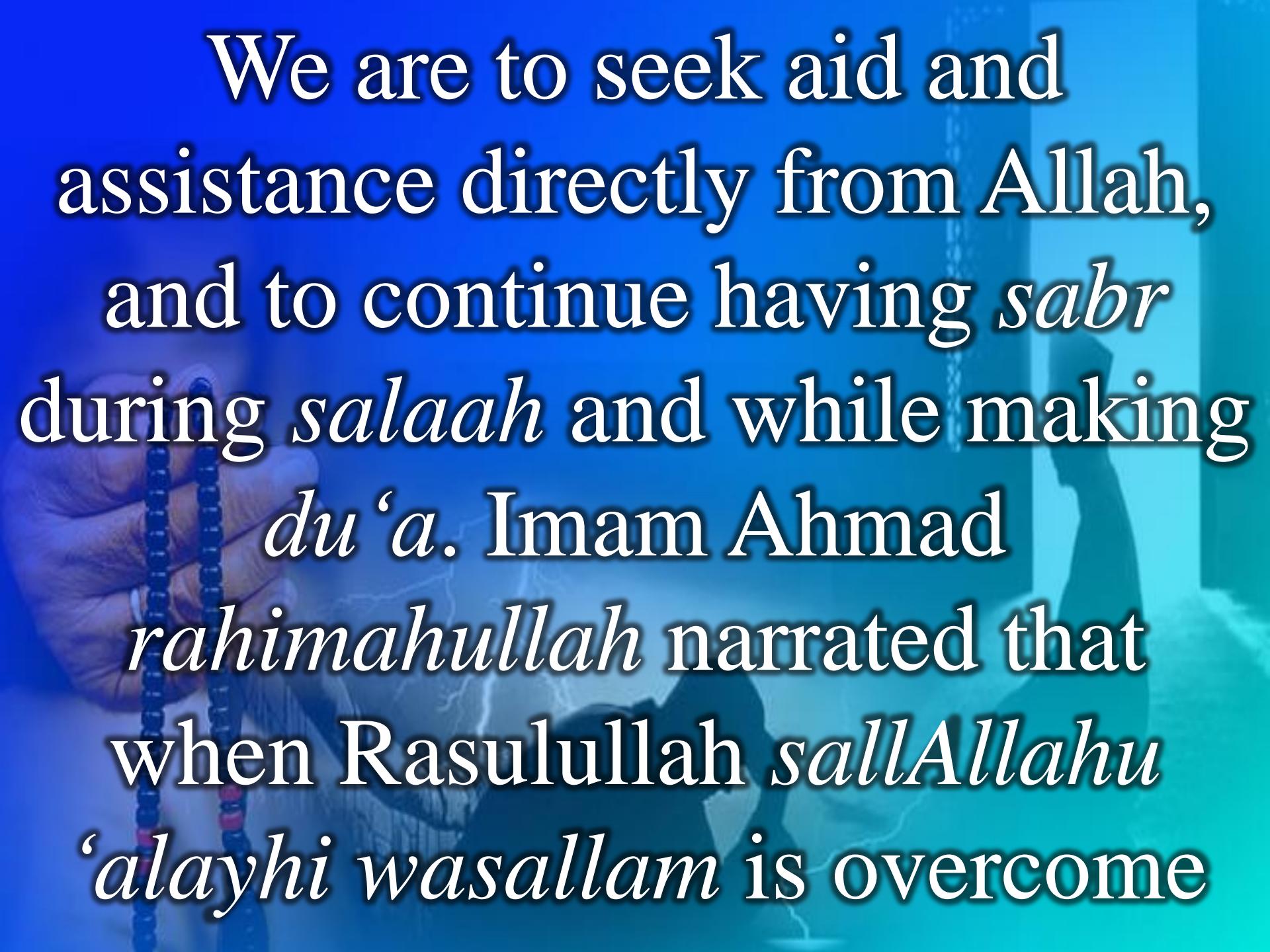
In actuality, Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* has taught us actions that must be taken by a *mu’mín* whenever he is afflicted with *museebah*.

Imam Muslim *rahimahullah* collected a narration by Umm Salamah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha*,

where Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:

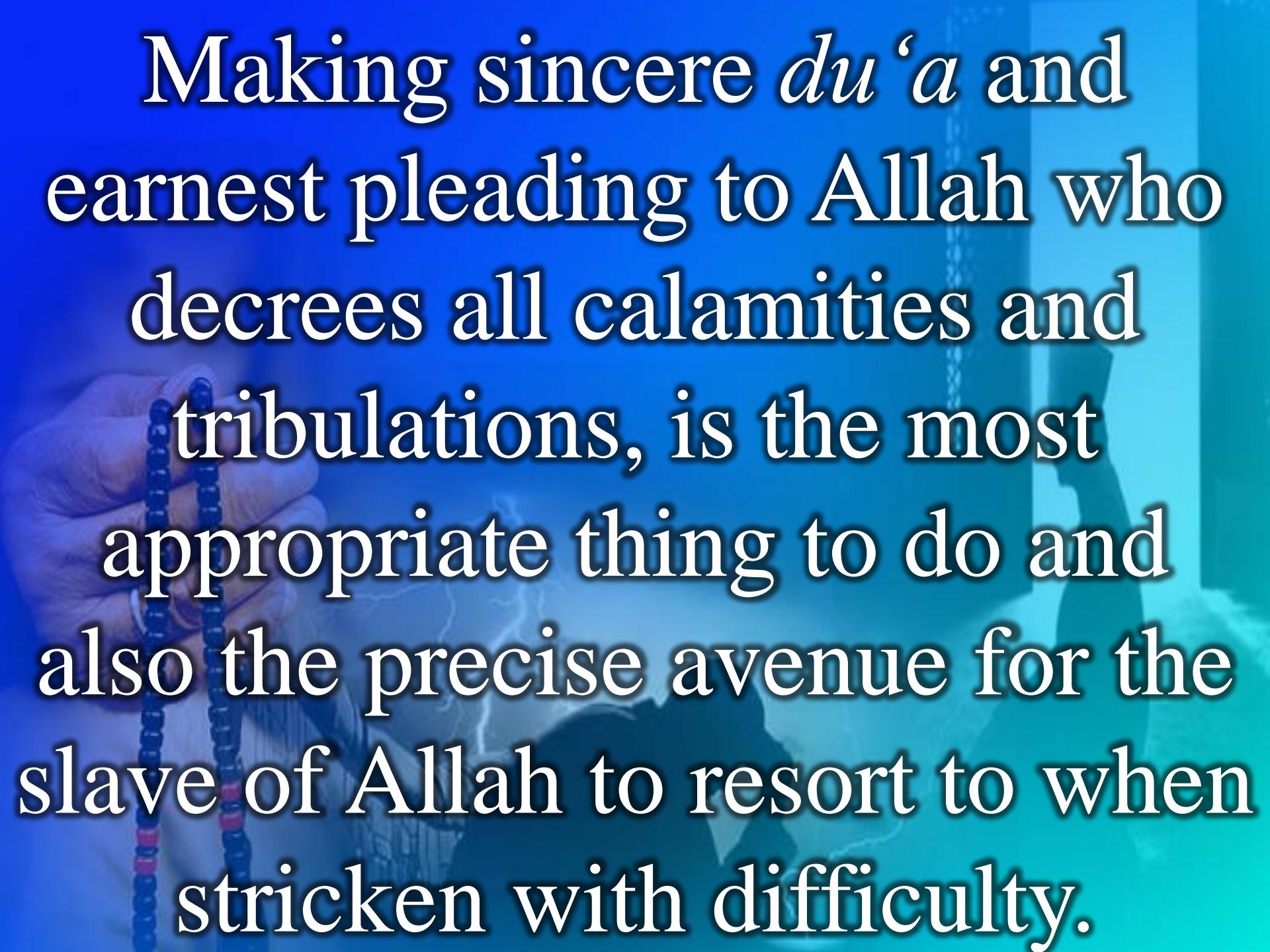
If any servant (of Allah) who suffers a calamity says: “We belong to Allah and to Him shall we return; O Allah, reward me for my affliction and give me something better

than it in exchange for it,”  
Allah will give him reward  
for affliction, and would  
give him something better  
than it in exchange.

A photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, positioned vertically on the left side of the image. The hands are dark-skinned and wearing a blue fabric bracelet. The background is a gradient from blue at the top to teal at the bottom.

We are to seek aid and assistance directly from Allah, and to continue having *sabr* during *salaah* and while making *du‘a*. Imam Ahmad *rahimahullah* narrated that when Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* is overcome

with worrisome or afflicted with calamity, he *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* would hasten to make *salaah* and *du‘a* to Allah. This is the exemplary to be emulated by every *mu‘min* in manifesting the purity of their *imaan* unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘ala.*

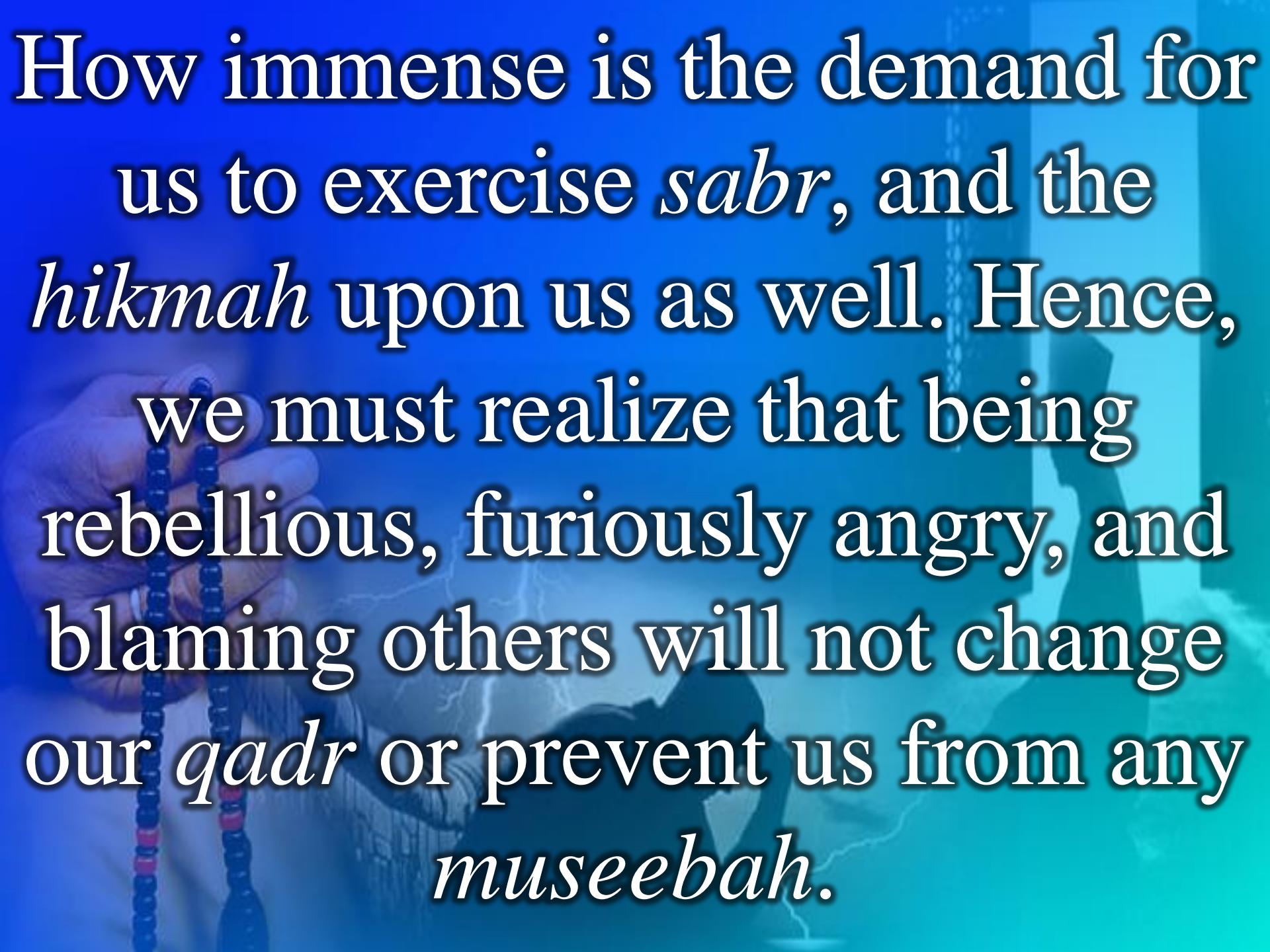
A photograph showing a close-up of a person's hand holding a string of dark-colored prayer beads (misbaha) against a solid blue background. The hand is positioned vertically, with the fingers partially visible and the beads hanging down. The lighting is soft, creating a calm and spiritual atmosphere.

Making sincere *du'a* and  
earnest pleading to Allah who  
decrees all calamities and  
tribulations, is the most  
appropriate thing to do and  
also the precise avenue for the  
slave of Allah to resort to when  
stricken with difficulty.

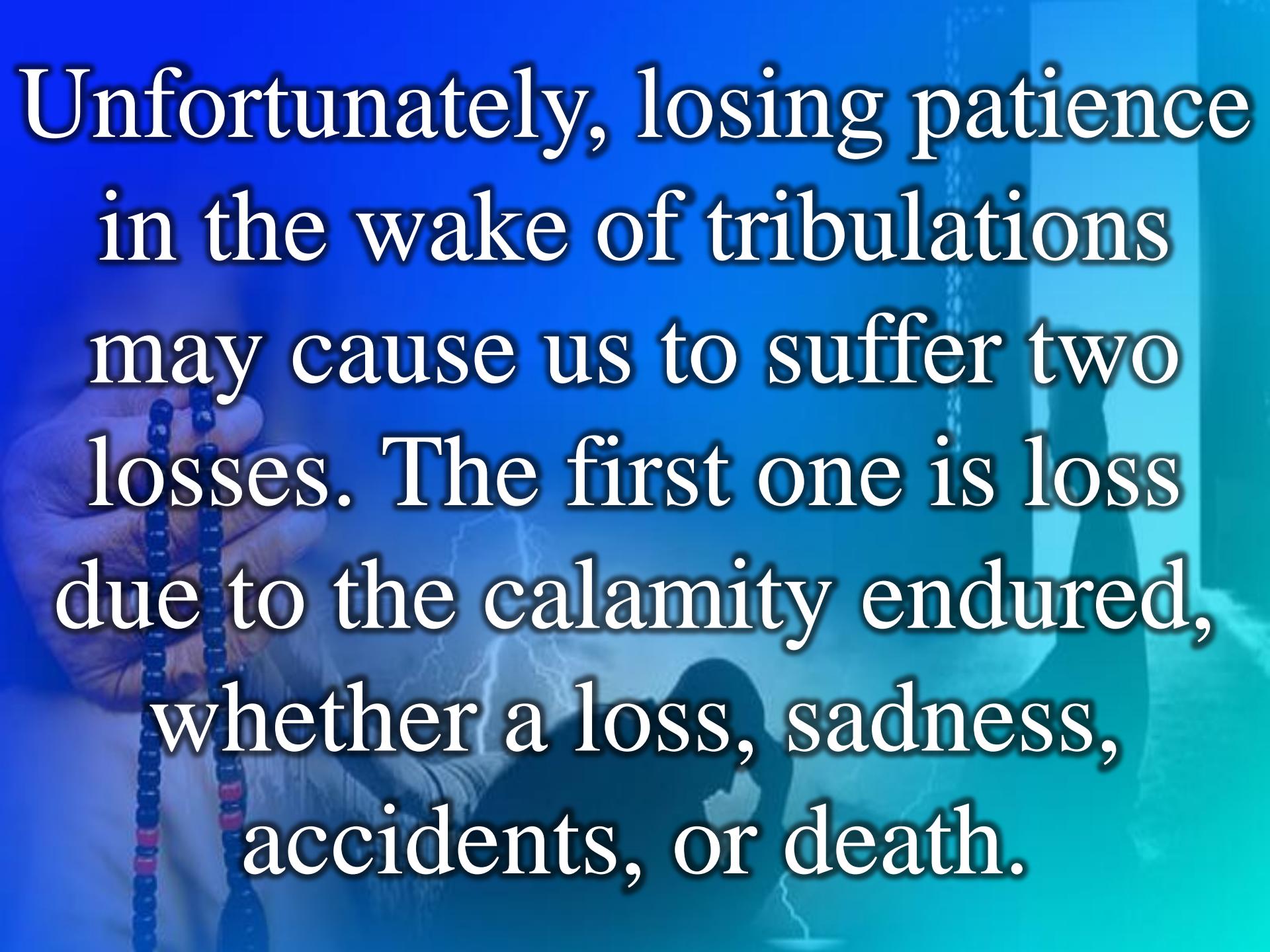
Furthermore, it is in line  
with the words of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* in al-  
Qur’ān as He mentions:

“And seek help through patience and prayer, and indeed, it is difficult except for the humbly submissive [to Allah].”

(al-Baqarah 2:45)

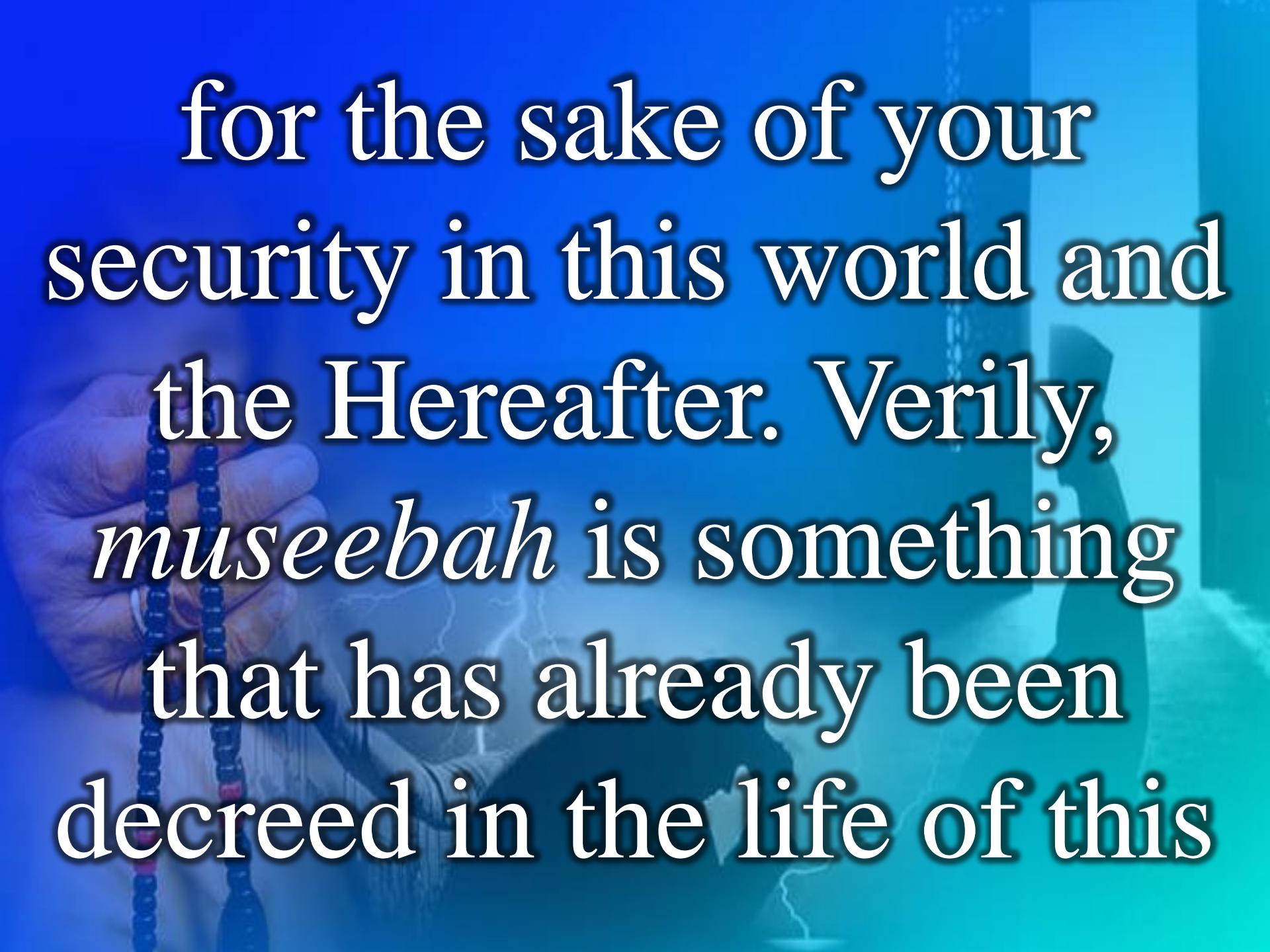


How immense is the demand for us to exercise *sabr*, and the *hikmah* upon us as well. Hence, we must realize that being rebellious, furiously angry, and blaming others will not change our *qadr* or prevent us from any *museebah*.

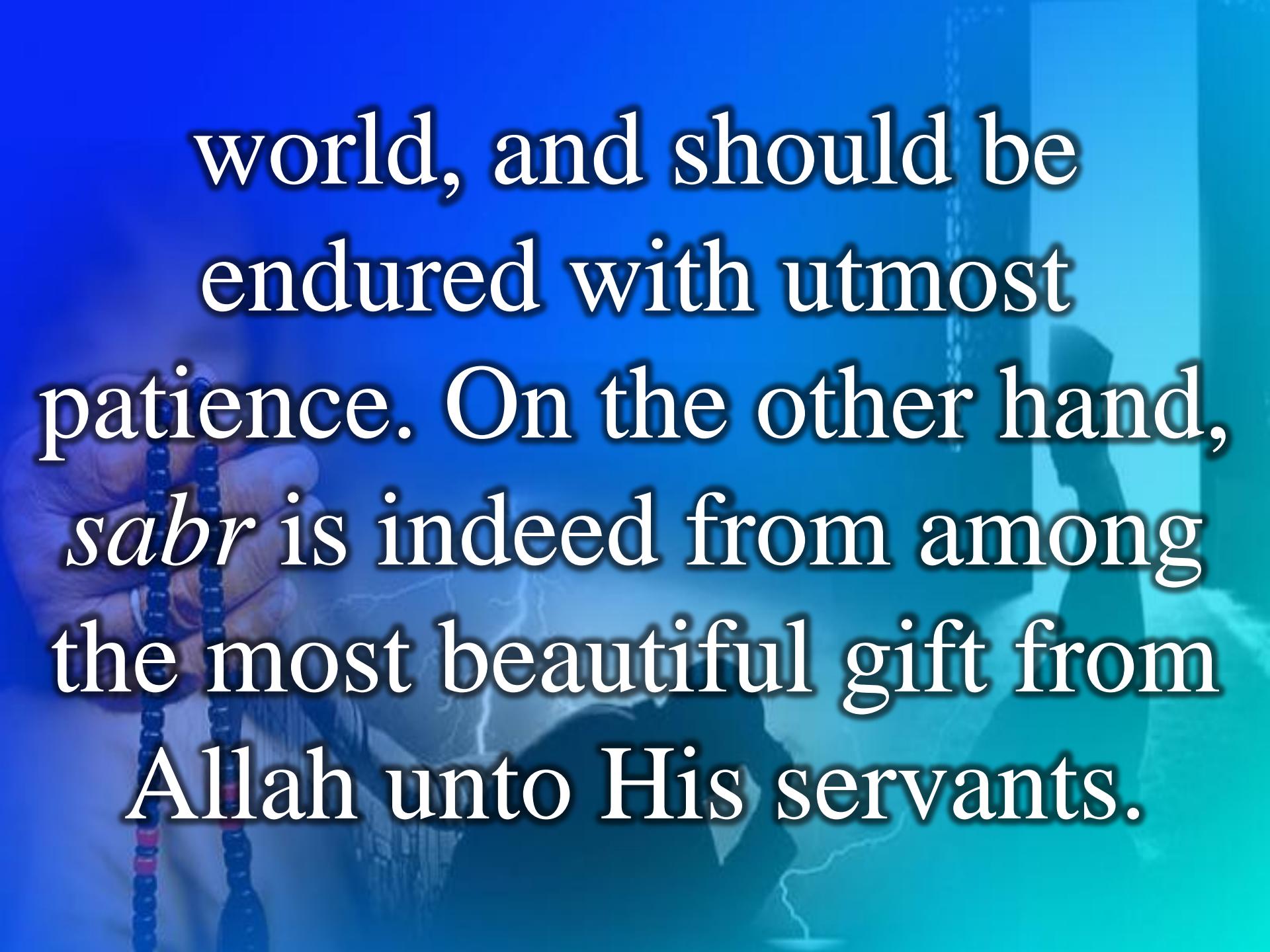


Unfortunately, losing patience in the wake of tribulations may cause us to suffer two losses. The first one is loss due to the calamity endured, whether a loss, sadness, accidents, or death.

While the second loss is the failure to take advantage of earning more deeds and *rahmah* of Allah that comes along with the *museebah*. Contemplate deeply upon this reality, and act wisely



for the sake of your security in this world and the Hereafter. Verily, *museebah* is something that has already been decreed in the life of this

A person wearing a white agal and a light-colored robe is shown from the side, facing right. They are holding a string of dark-colored prayer beads (misbaha) in their right hand, with their fingers wrapped around it. The background is a gradient of blue, transitioning from a darker shade at the top to a lighter shade at the bottom.

world, and should be  
endured with utmost  
patience. On the other hand,  
*sabr* is indeed from among  
the most beautiful gift from  
Allah unto His servants.

Let us review and recap the main points of today's *khutbah*, namely:

1- The tests and calamities are the norms of life. Fortunate indeed are those that successfully endured them with full *sabr*.

2- The ability and capability of exercising *sabr* at the first strike of *museebah* is a clear evidence of the completeness of *imaan* and gratefulness for the *ni‘mah* bestowed upon by Allah.

3- *Sabr* is truly the most prized and beautiful award which promises a plethora of rewards and gifts from Allah

*Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala,*  
especially for those that were successful in passing those tribulations.

**“[He] who created death  
and life to test you [as to]  
which of you is best in deed  
- and He is the Exalted in  
Might, the Forgiving.”**

(al-Mulk 67:2)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ  
وَتَقْبَلَ مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي  
وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسَلِّمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ  
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty  
Lord, we are grateful unto You  
for having bestowed upon us  
Mercy and Blessings, nourishing  
us to strive to continue in  
strengthening the Muslim nation  
especially the state of Selangor,  
as an advanced, progressive,  
peaceful, and benevolent state.**

We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our *imaan*, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,

**protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.**

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

Purify their wealth and soul  
so that they will live  
according to that which  
pleases You. Protect the poor  
and needy from disbelief and  
everlasting poverty.

*Allaahumma ameen*



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