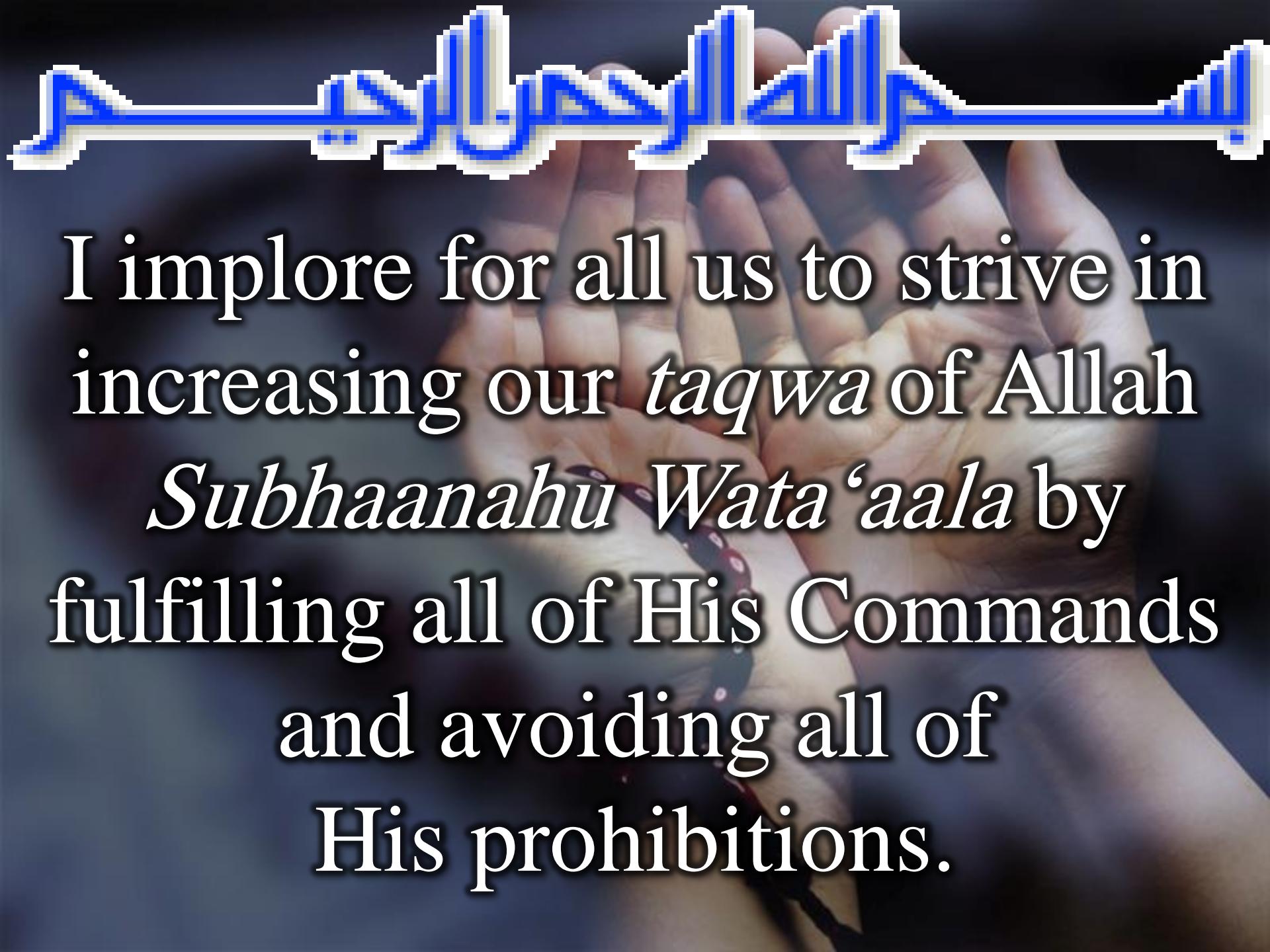


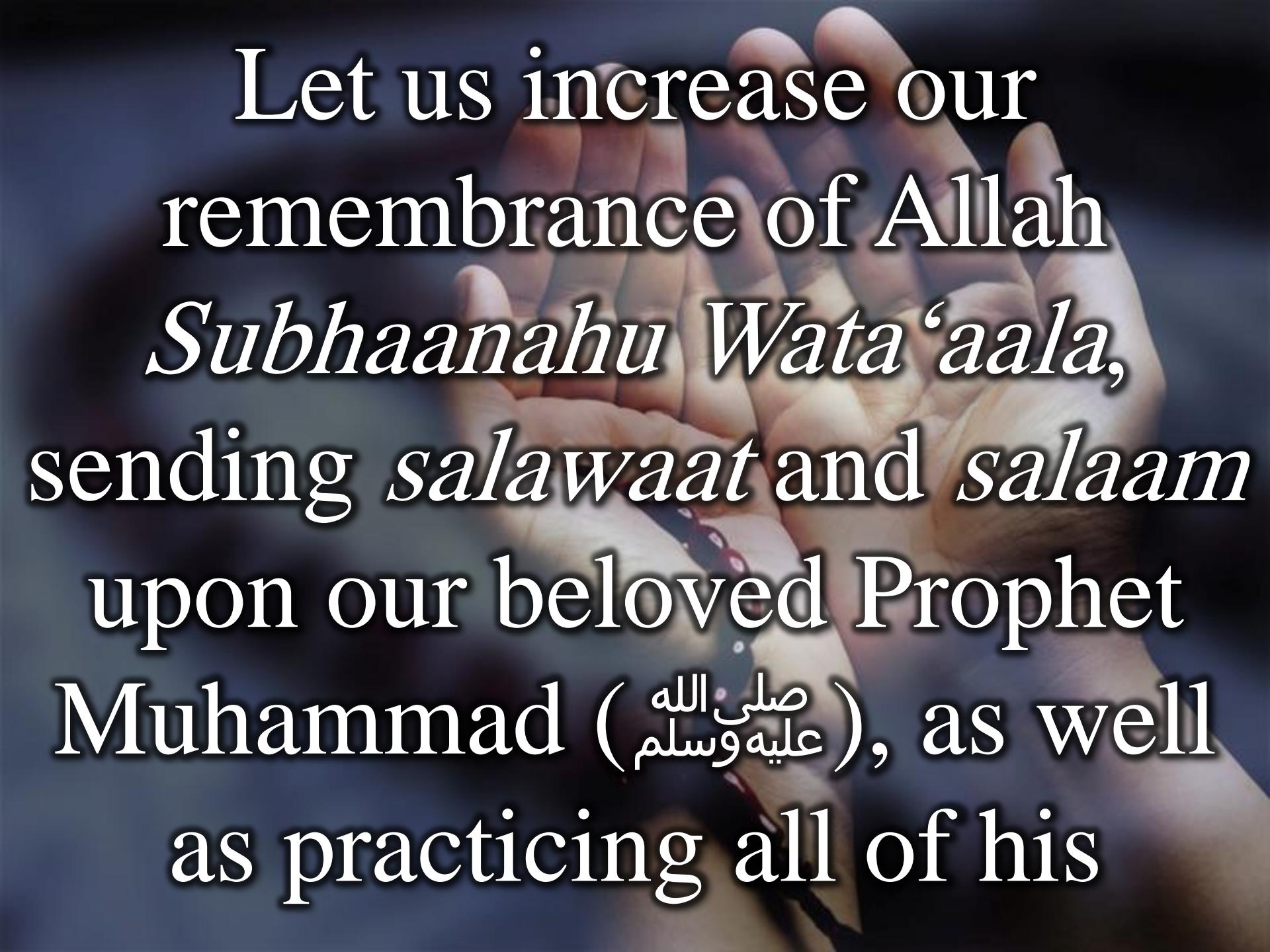


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PURITY OF THE
HEART IS THE
FOUNDATION OF
TAQWA



I implore for all us to strive in
increasing our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala by
fulfilling all of His Commands
and avoiding all of
His prohibitions.



Let us increase our remembrance of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘aala,

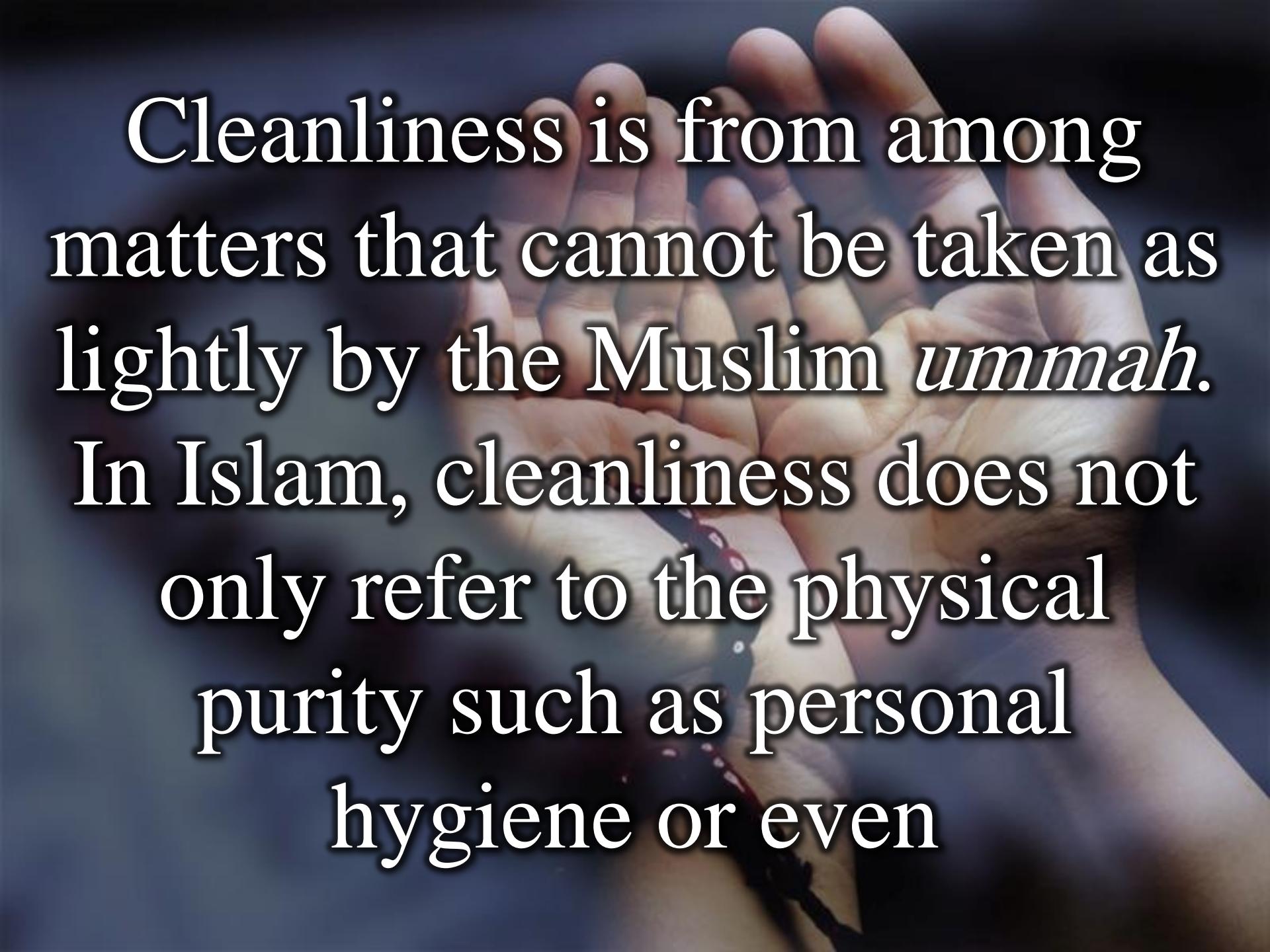
sending *salawaat* and *salaam*

upon our beloved Prophet

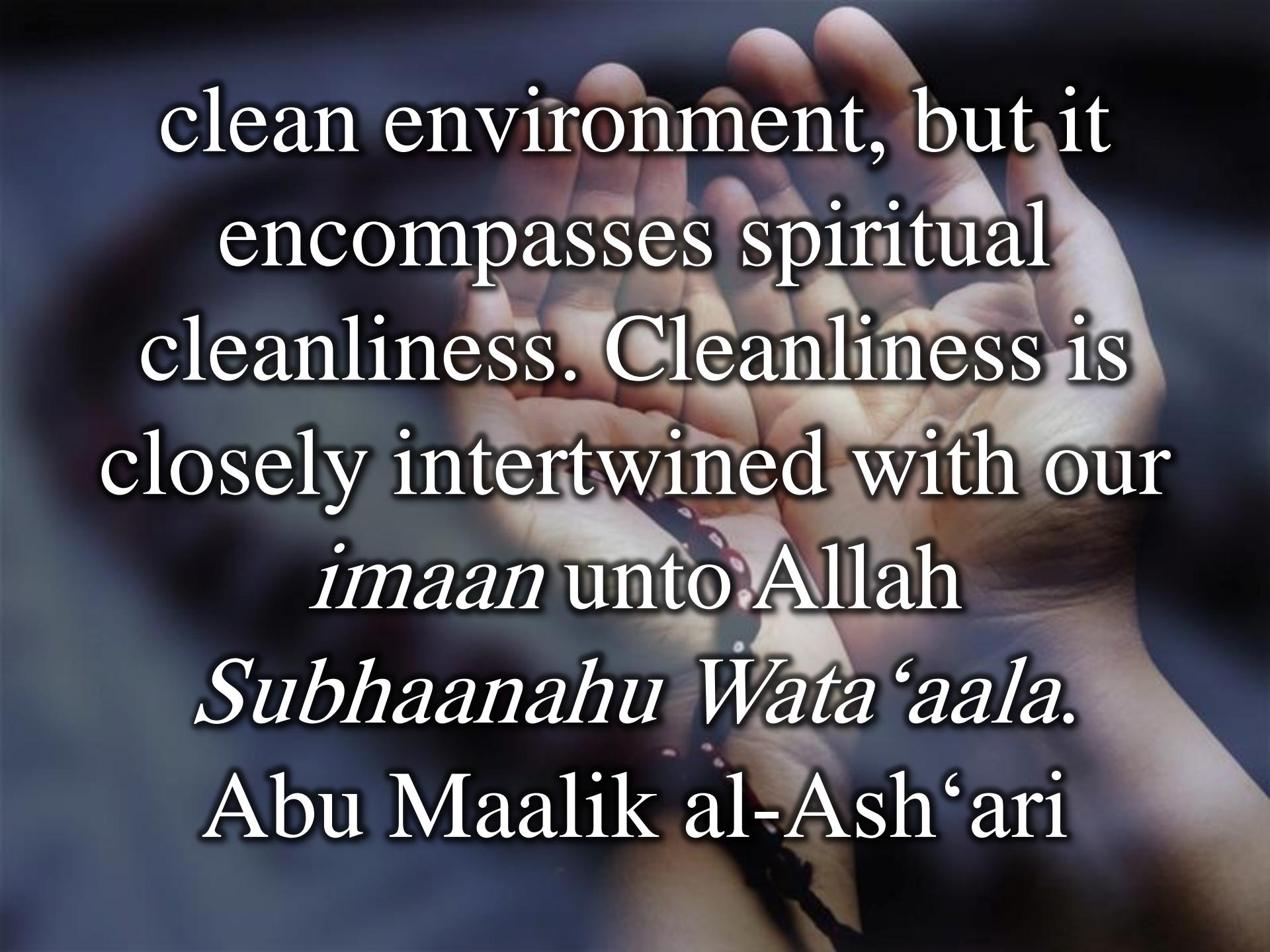
Muhammad (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), as well

as practicing all of his

sunnah. For we truly hope that these efforts will become beneficial for us in this world and the Hereafter. Today's *khutbah* intends to further increase our understanding that the: “*Purity Of The Heart Is The Foundation Of Taqwa.*”



Cleanliness is from among matters that cannot be taken as lightly by the Muslim *ummah*. In Islam, cleanliness does not only refer to the physical purity such as personal hygiene or even



clean environment, but it encompasses spiritual cleanliness. Cleanliness is closely intertwined with our *imaan* unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.*

Abu Maalik al-Ash‘ari

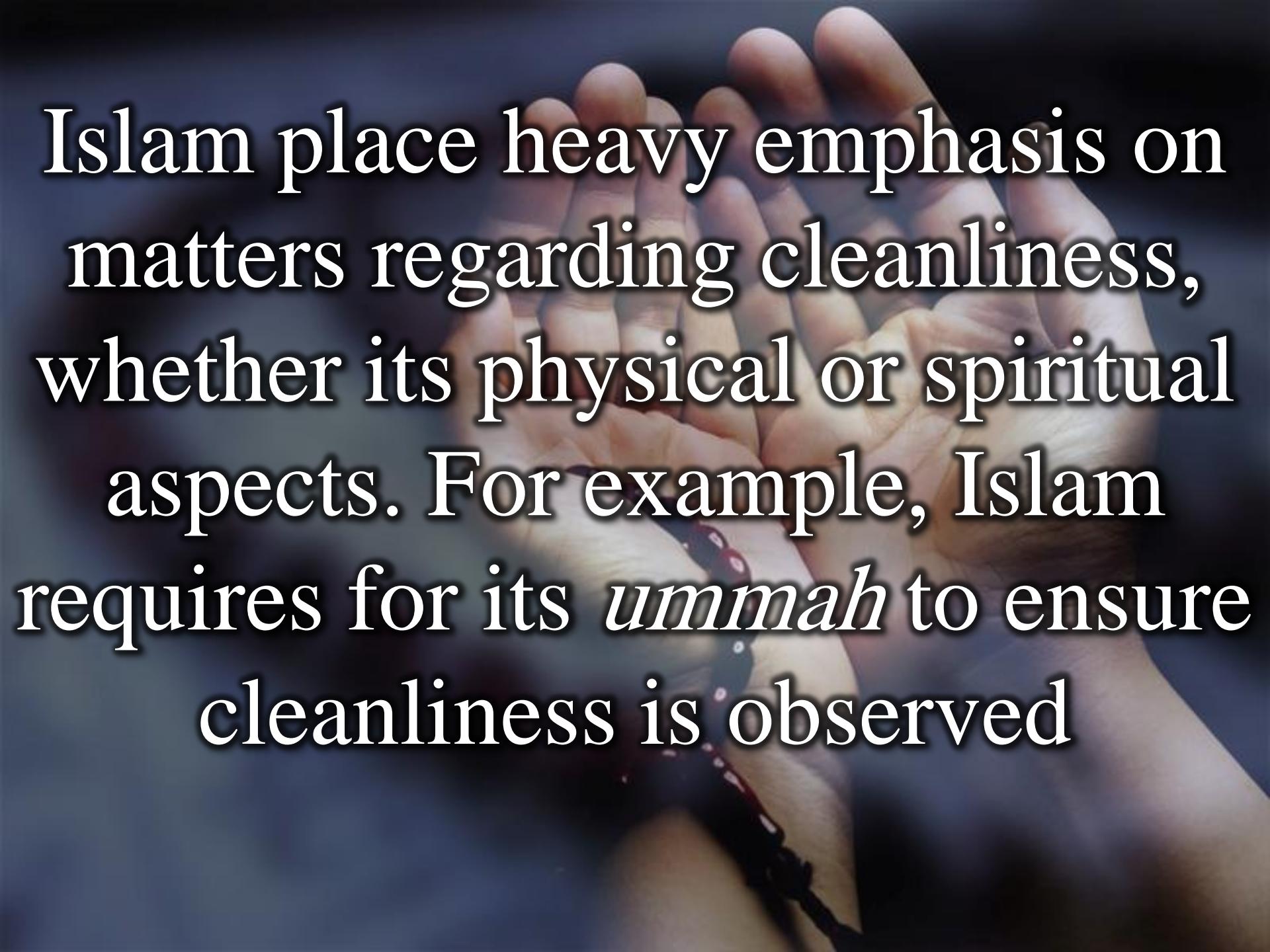
radiyAllaahu ‘anh reported that

Rasulullah(ﷺ) said:

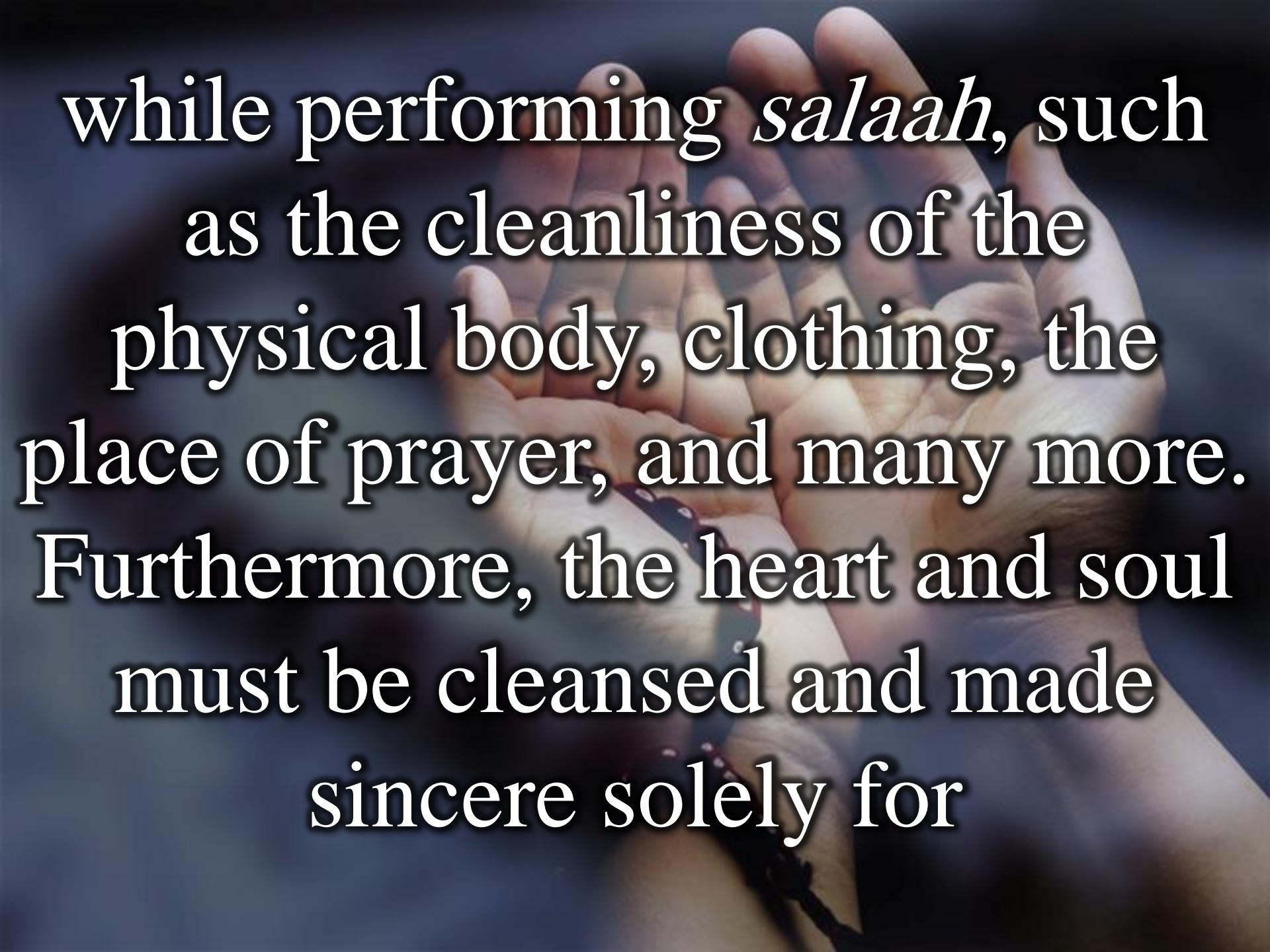
“Cleanliness is half of faith...”

(Muslim)

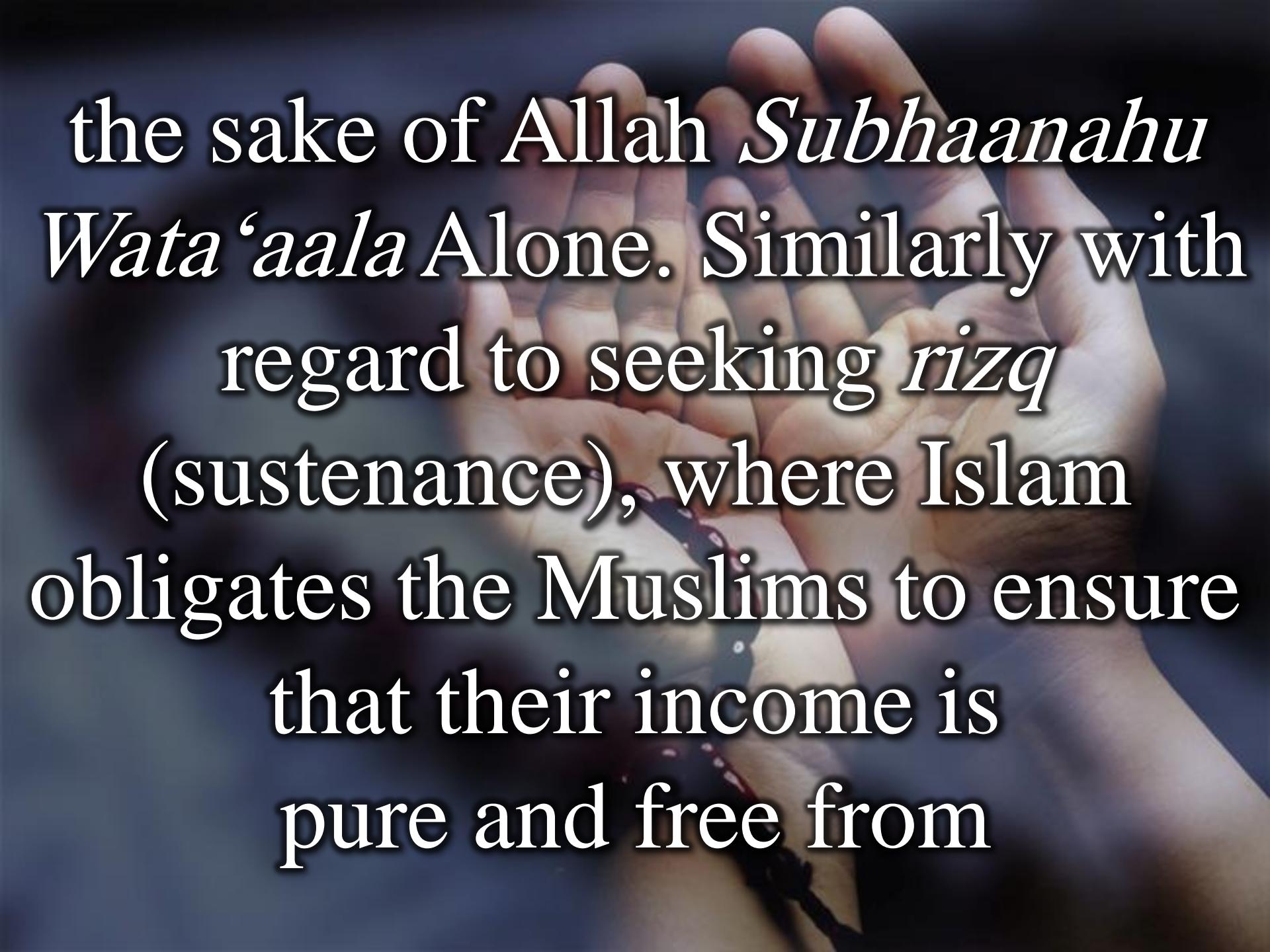


A close-up photograph of a person's hands, showing fingers and a watch, resting on a dark surface.

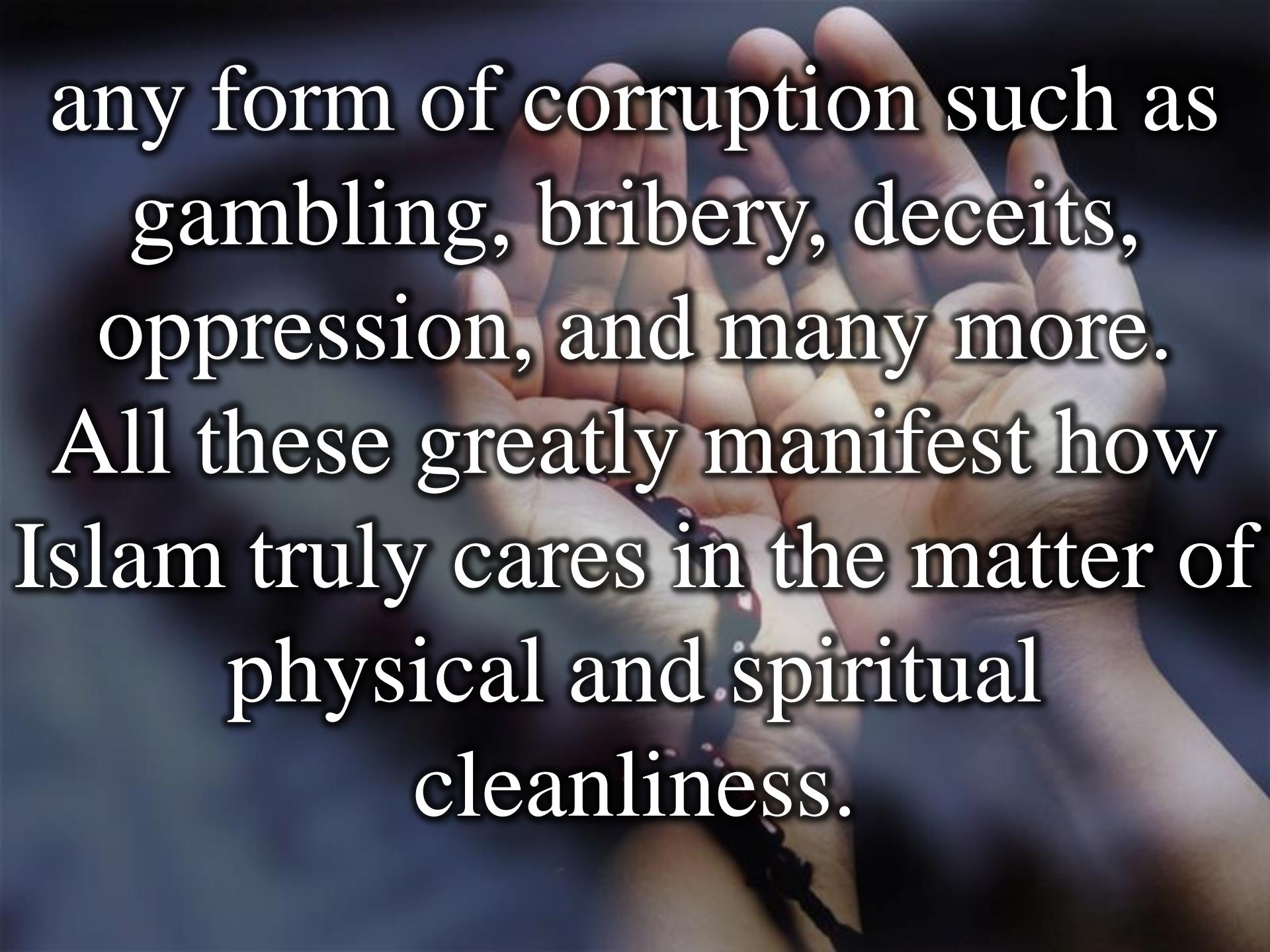
Islam places heavy emphasis on matters regarding cleanliness, whether its physical or spiritual aspects. For example, Islam requires for its *ummah* to ensure cleanliness is observed



while performing *salaah*, such as the cleanliness of the physical body, clothing, the place of prayer, and many more. Furthermore, the heart and soul must be cleansed and made sincere solely for



the sake of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* Alone. Similarly with regard to seeking *rizq* (sustenance), where Islam obligates the Muslims to ensure that their income is pure and free from



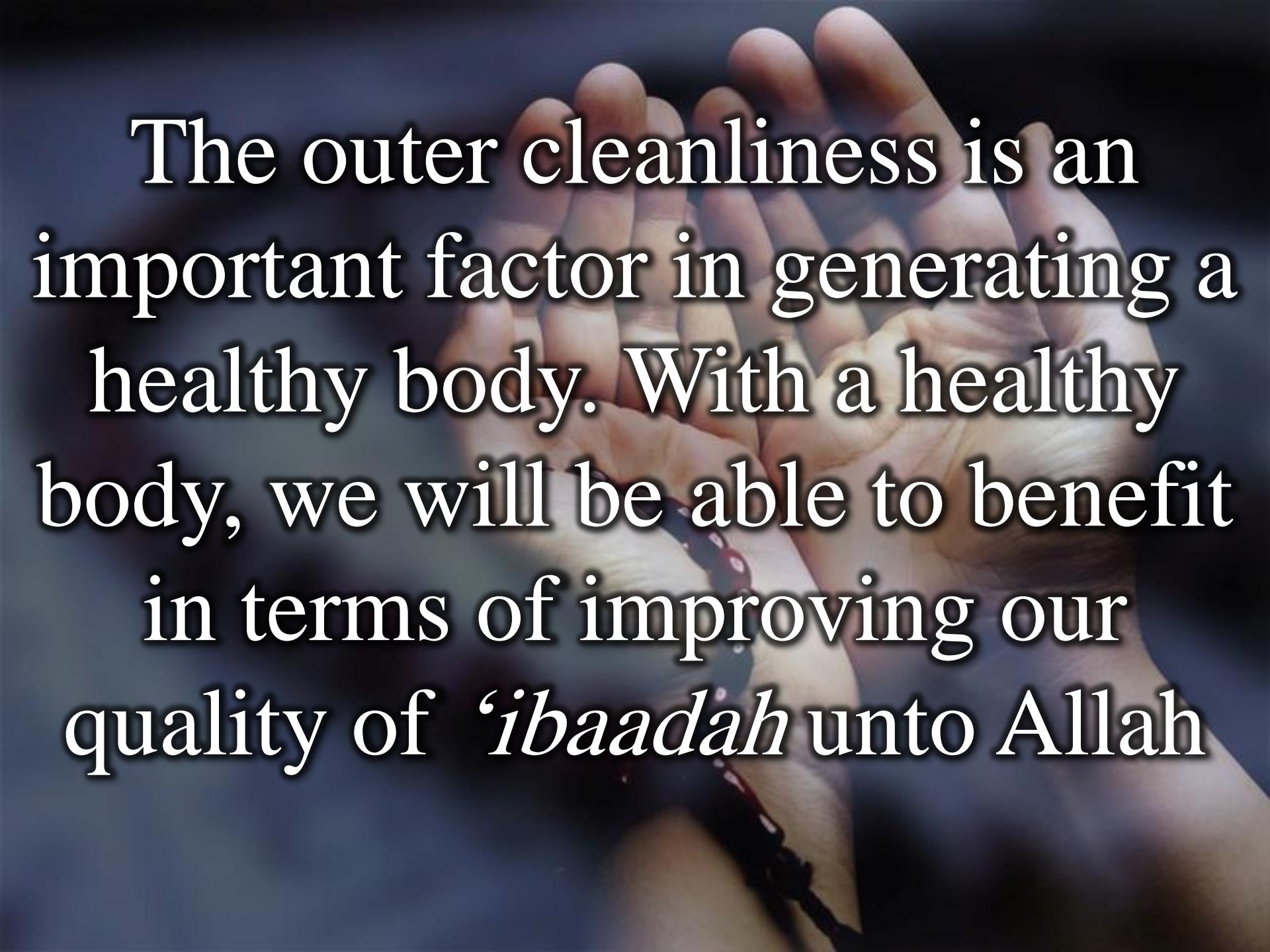
any form of corruption such as
gambling, bribery, deceits,
oppression, and many more.

All these greatly manifest how
Islam truly cares in the matter of
physical and spiritual
cleanliness.

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

“...Indeed, Allah loves those
who are constantly repentant
and loves those who purify
themselves.”

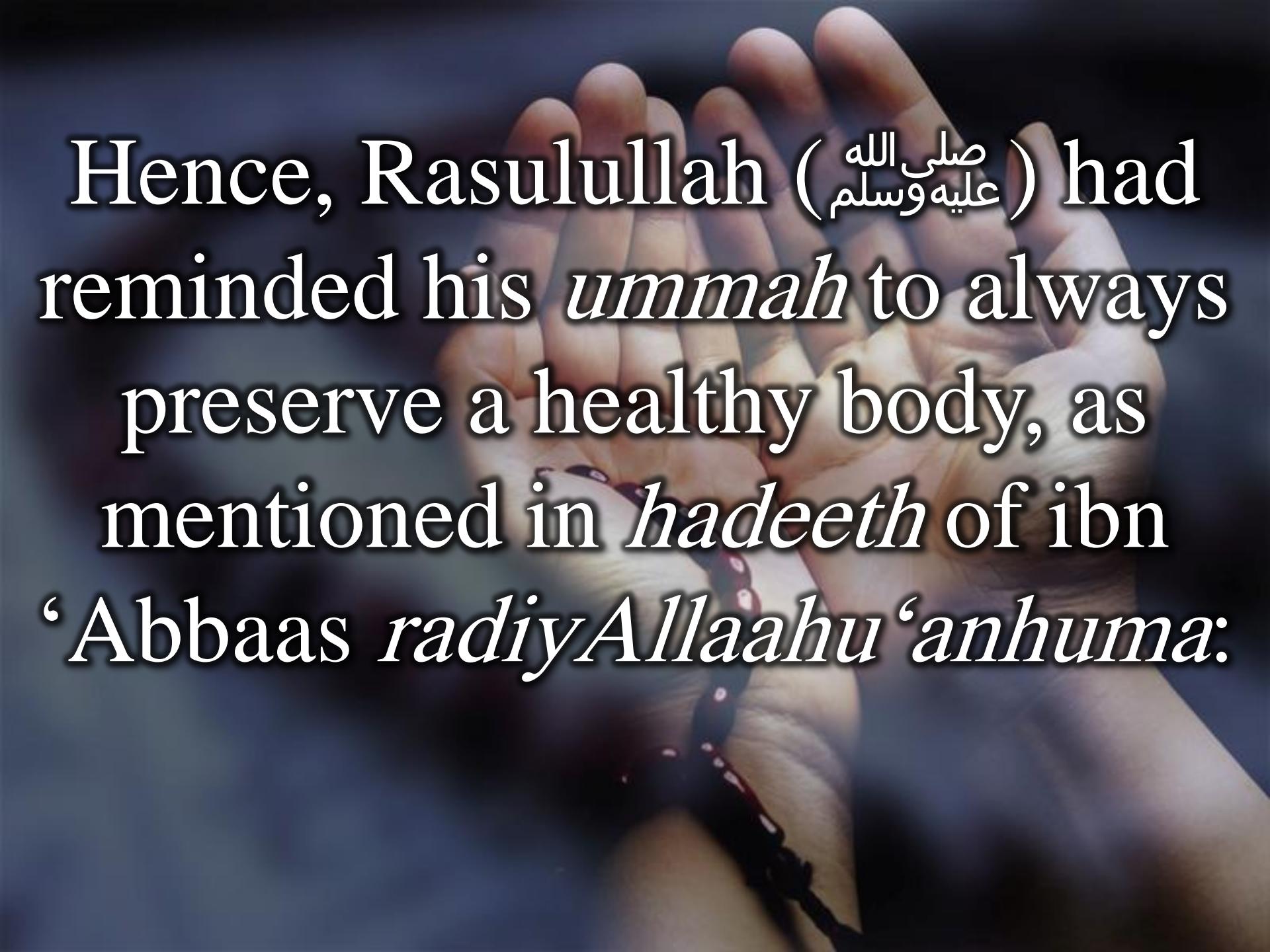
(al-Baqarah 2:222)



The outer cleanliness is an important factor in generating a healthy body. With a healthy body, we will be able to benefit in terms of improving our quality of '*ibaadah* unto Allah

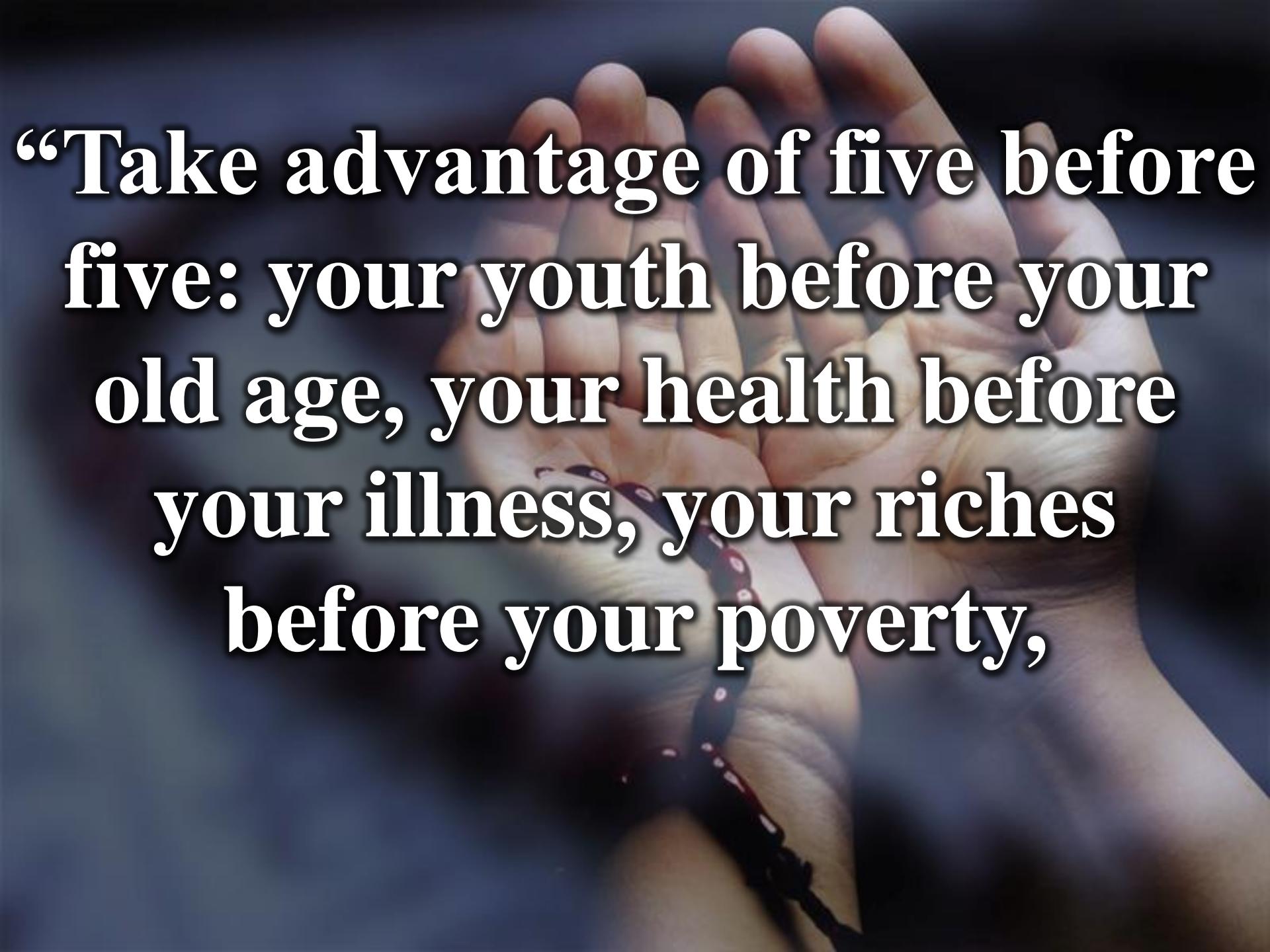
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.

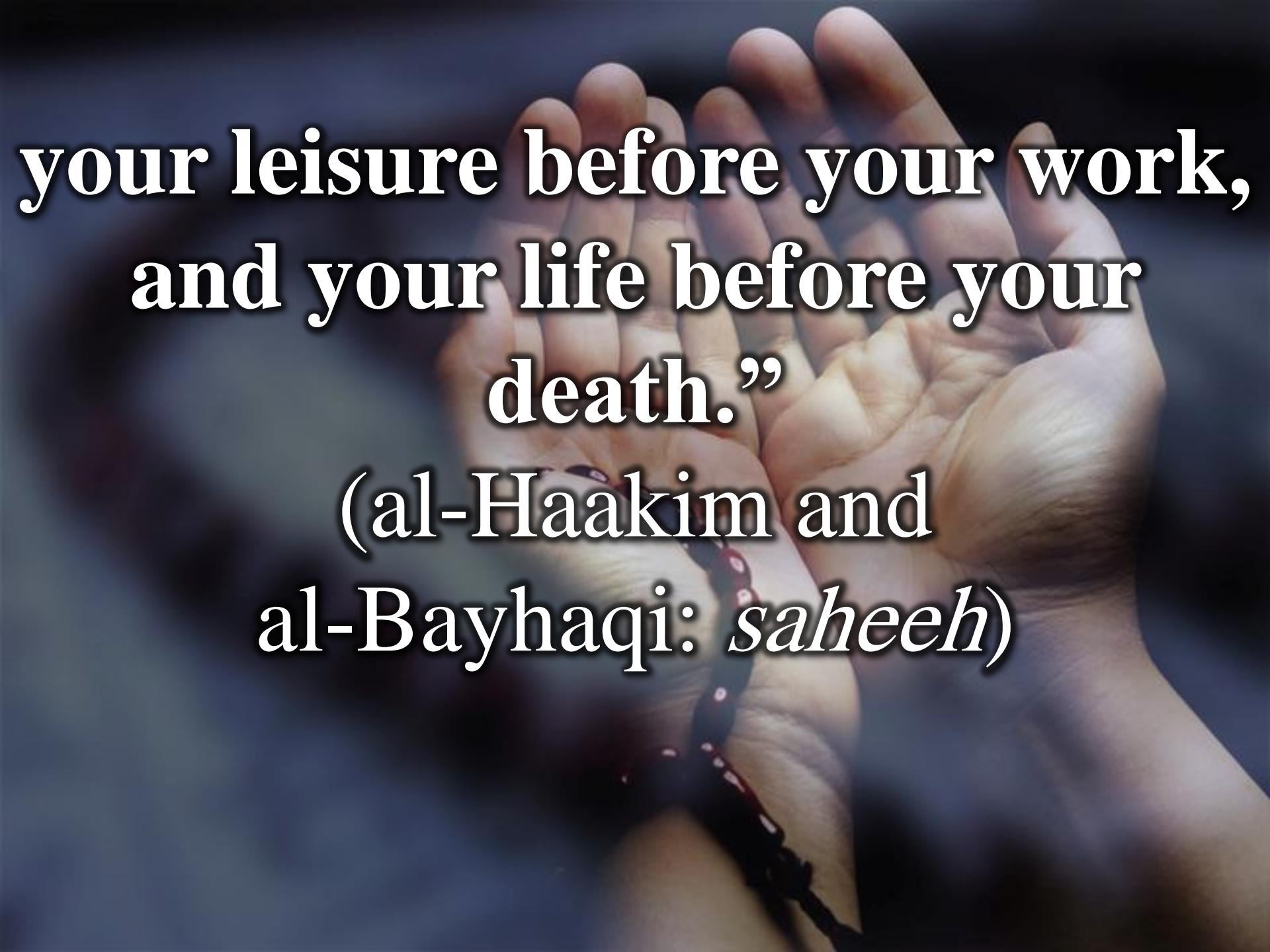
Performing ‘ibaadah in this state
will definitely increase our
concentration and *khushoo’*
unto Him, as compared to
our ‘ibaadah while ill.



Hence, Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) had reminded his *ummah* to always preserve a healthy body, as mentioned in *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*:

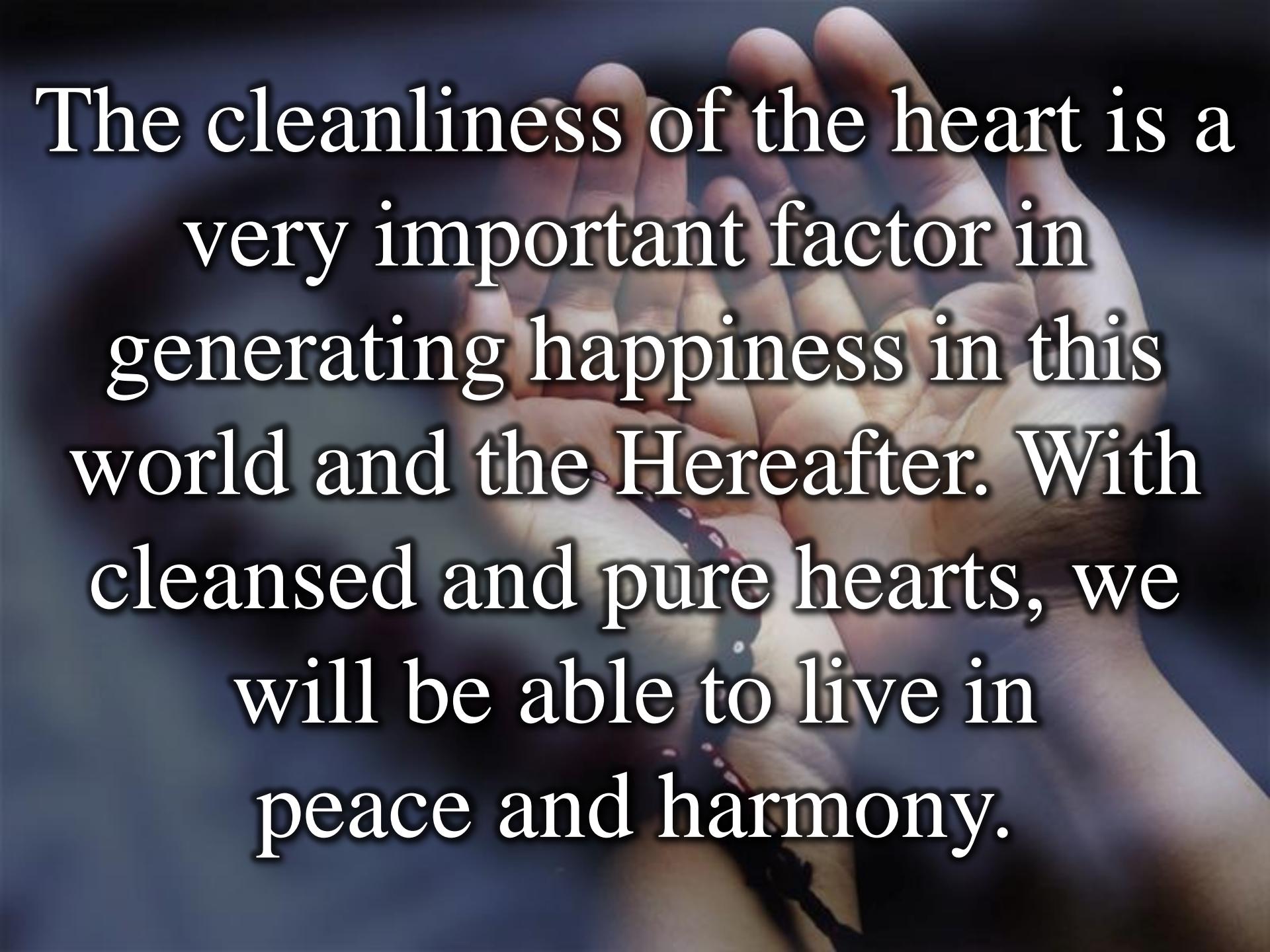
**“Take advantage of five before
five: your youth before your
old age, your health before
your illness, your riches
before your poverty,**



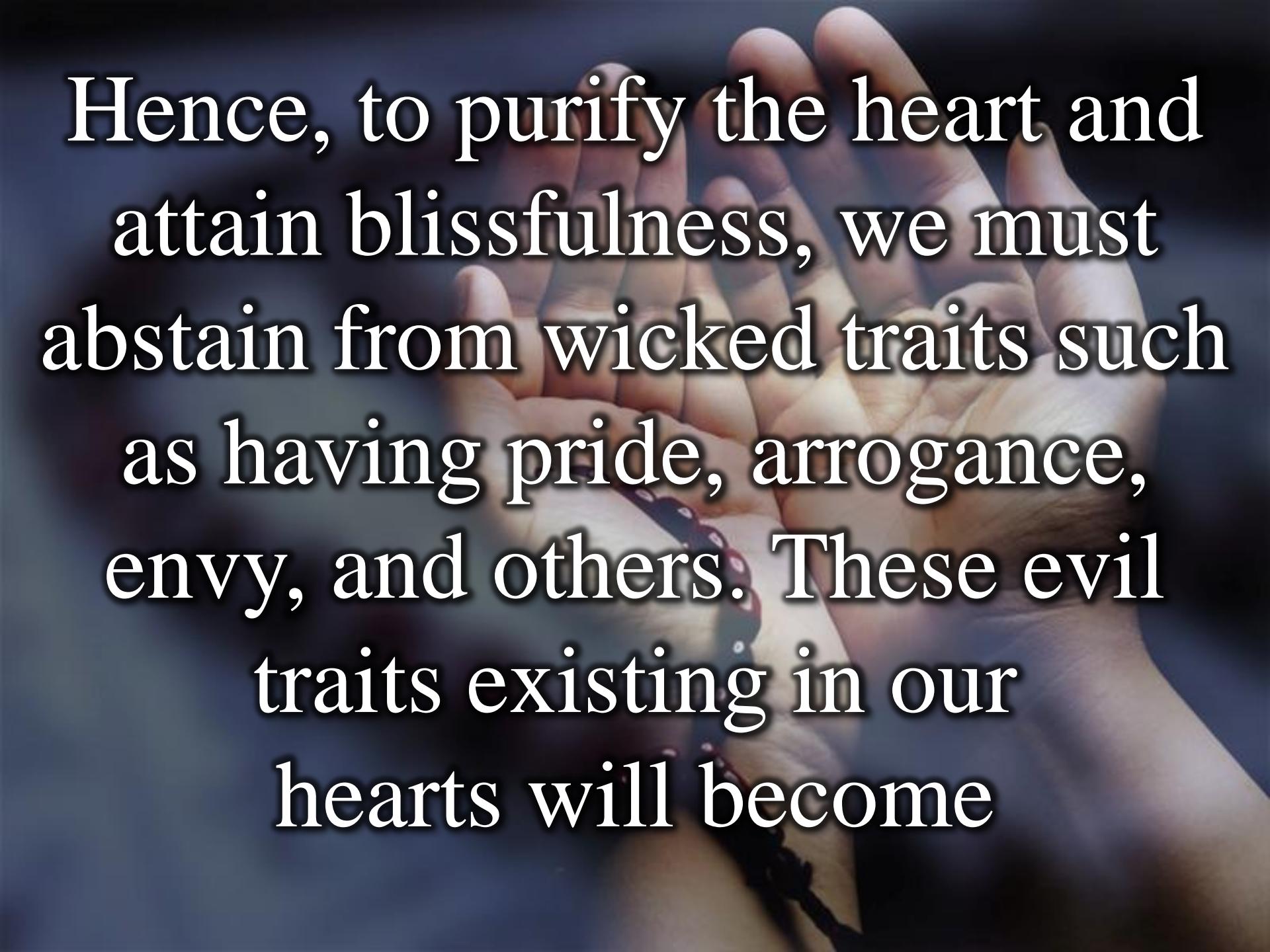


your leisure before your work,
and your life before your
death.”

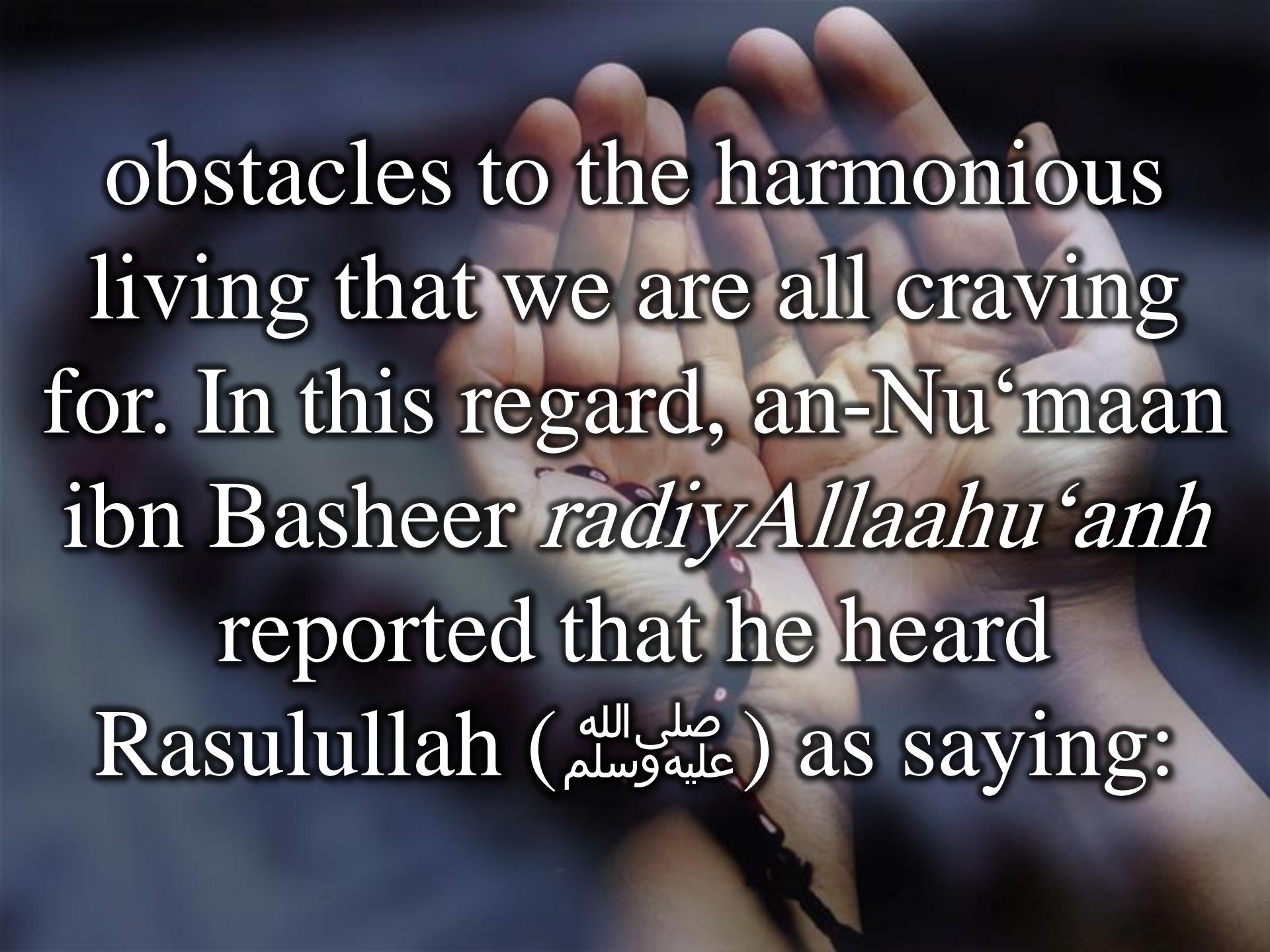
(al-Haakim and
al-Bayhaqi: *saheeh*)



The cleanliness of the heart is a very important factor in generating happiness in this world and the Hereafter. With cleansed and pure hearts, we will be able to live in peace and harmony.



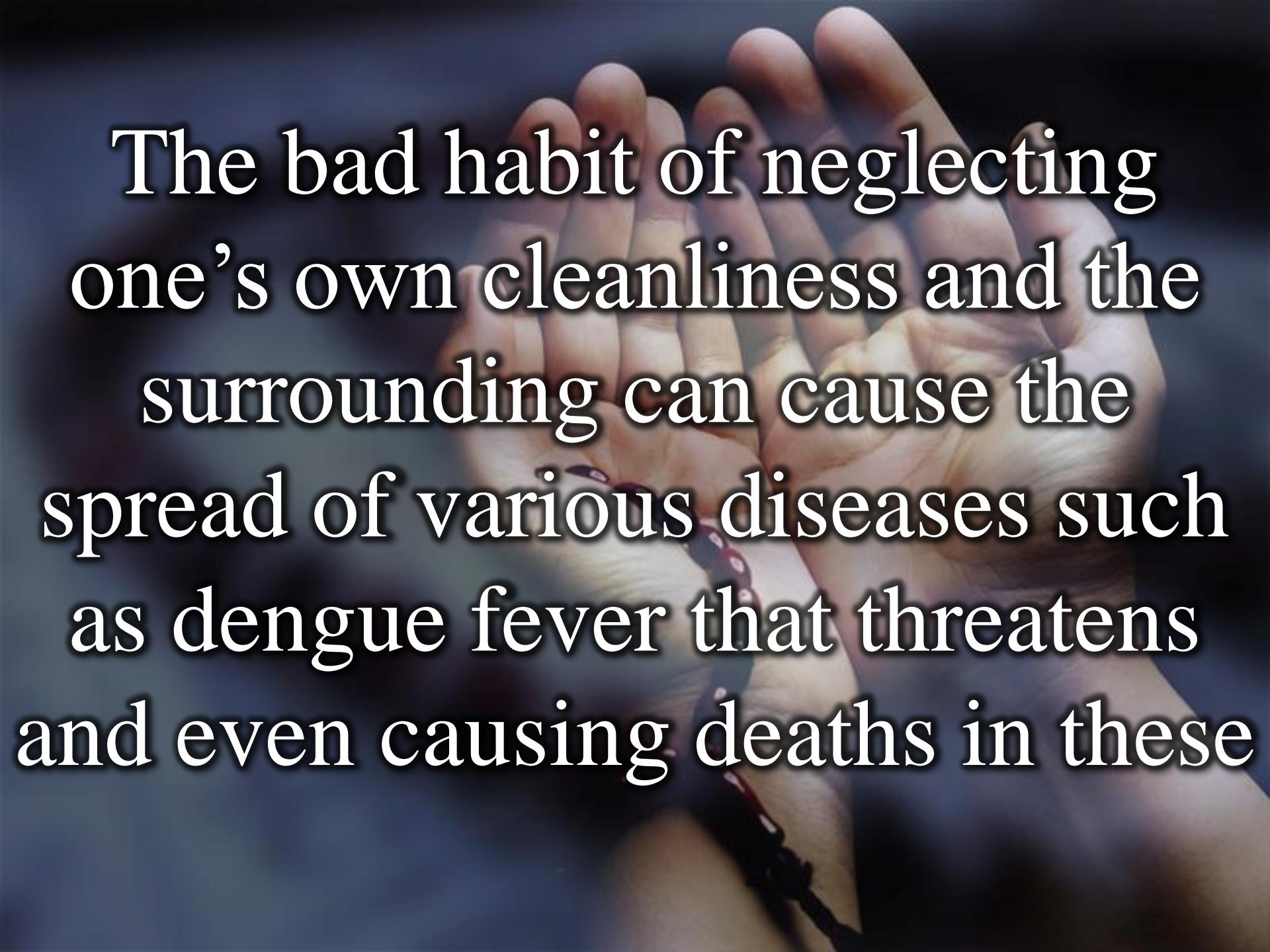
Hence, to purify the heart and attain blissfulness, we must abstain from wicked traits such as having pride, arrogance, envy, and others. These evil traits existing in our hearts will become



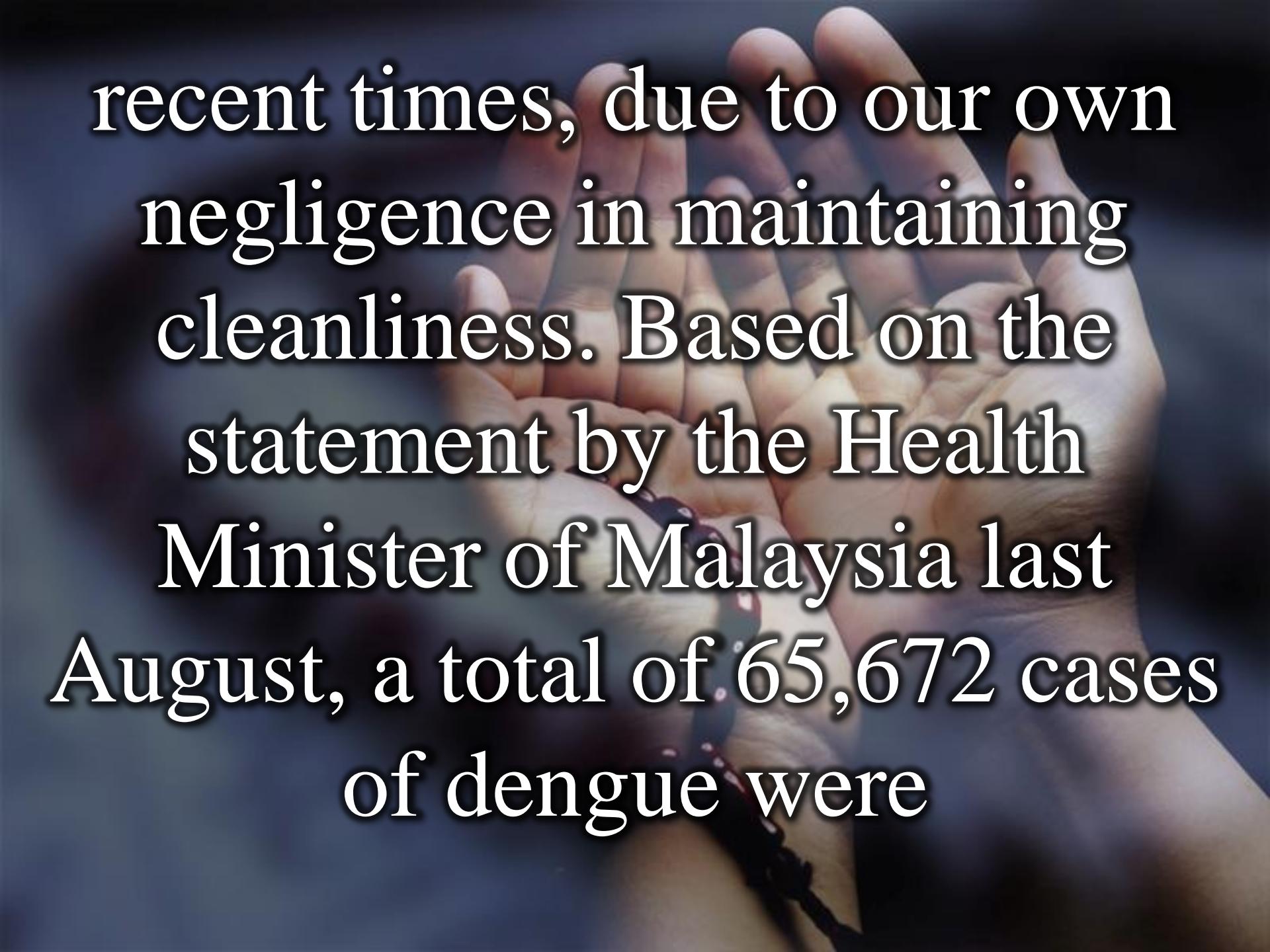
obstacles to the harmonious living that we are all craving for. In this regard, an-Nu‘maan ibn Basheer *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* reported that he heard Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) as saying:

“...Truly in the body there is a morsel of flesh, which, if it be whole, all the body is whole, and which, if it is diseased, all of [the body] is diseased.

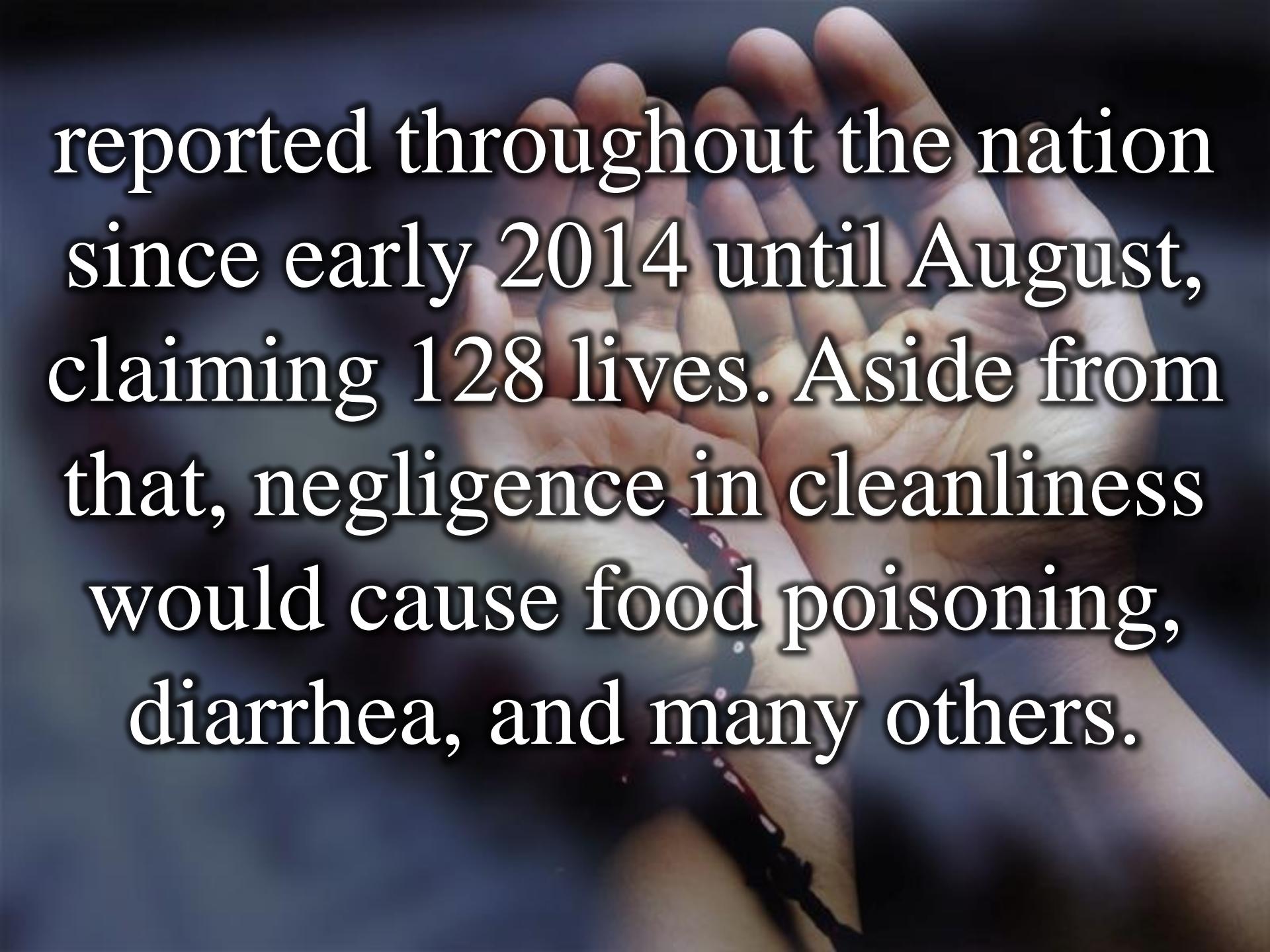
Truly, it is the heart.”
(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)



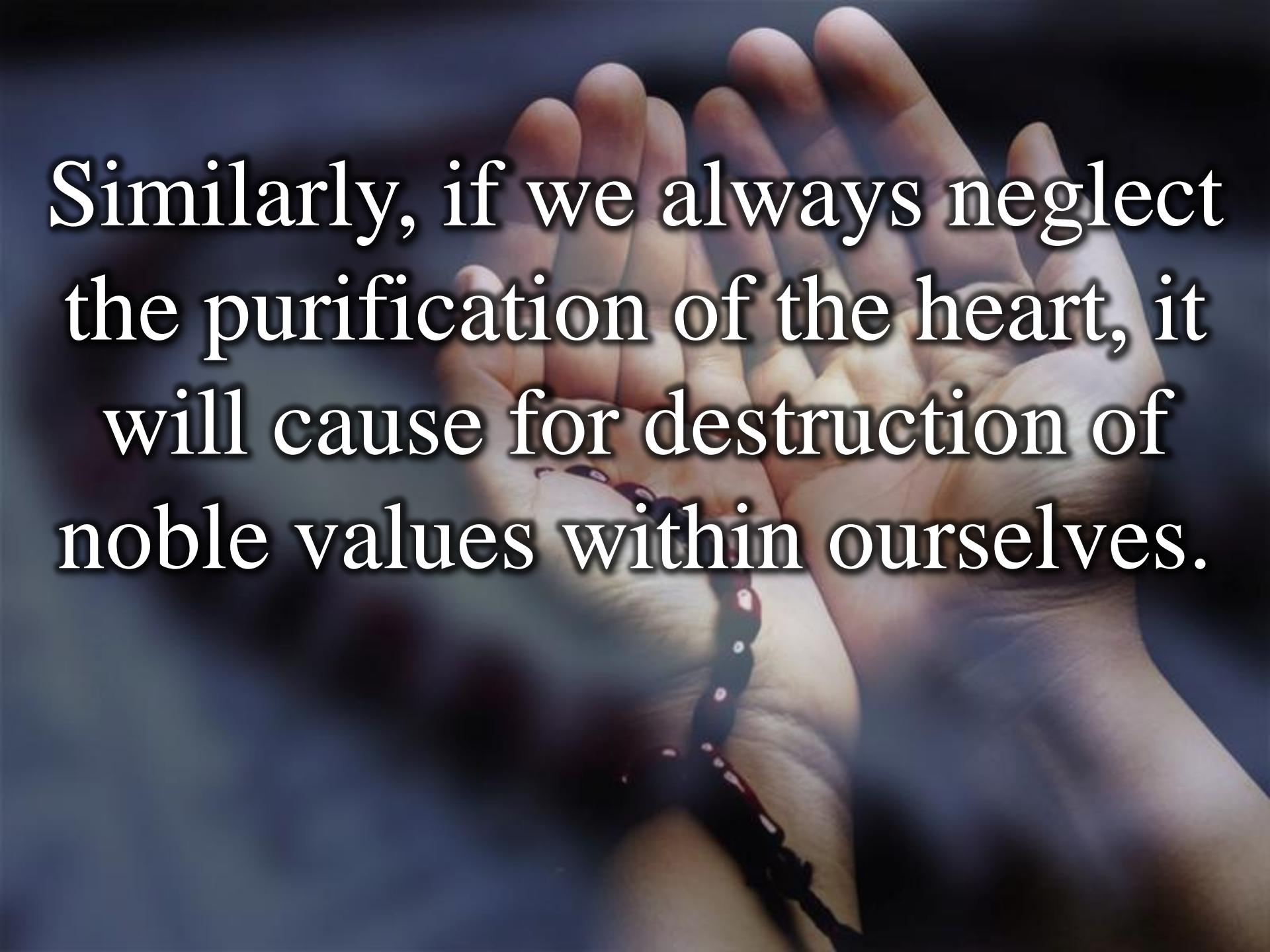
The bad habit of neglecting one's own cleanliness and the surrounding can cause the spread of various diseases such as dengue fever that threatens and even causing deaths in these

A close-up photograph of several hands clasped together, symbolizing unity or support.

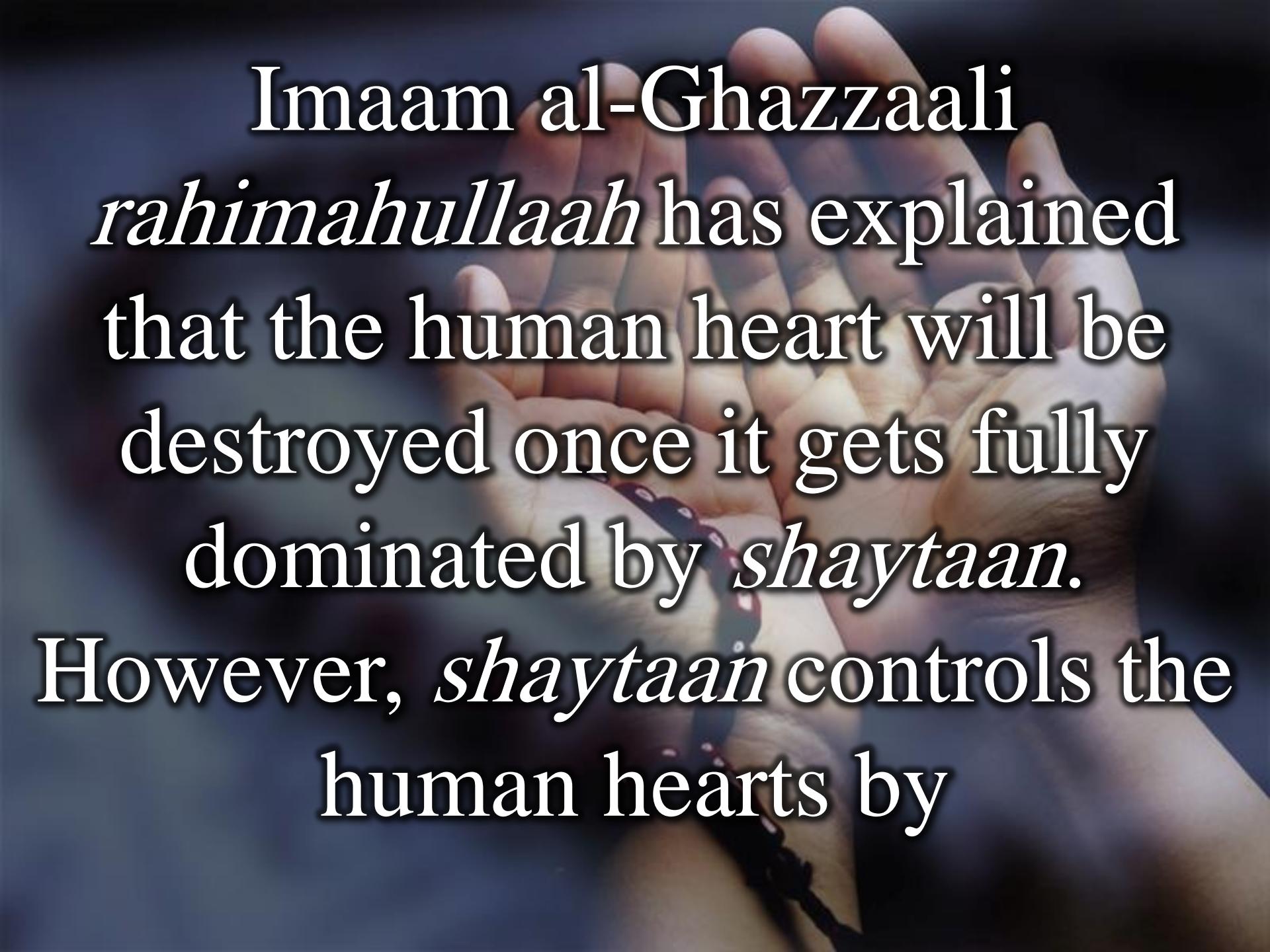
recent times, due to our own negligence in maintaining cleanliness. Based on the statement by the Health Minister of Malaysia last August, a total of 65,672 cases of dengue were



reported throughout the nation since early 2014 until August, claiming 128 lives. Aside from that, negligence in cleanliness would cause food poisoning, diarrhea, and many others.

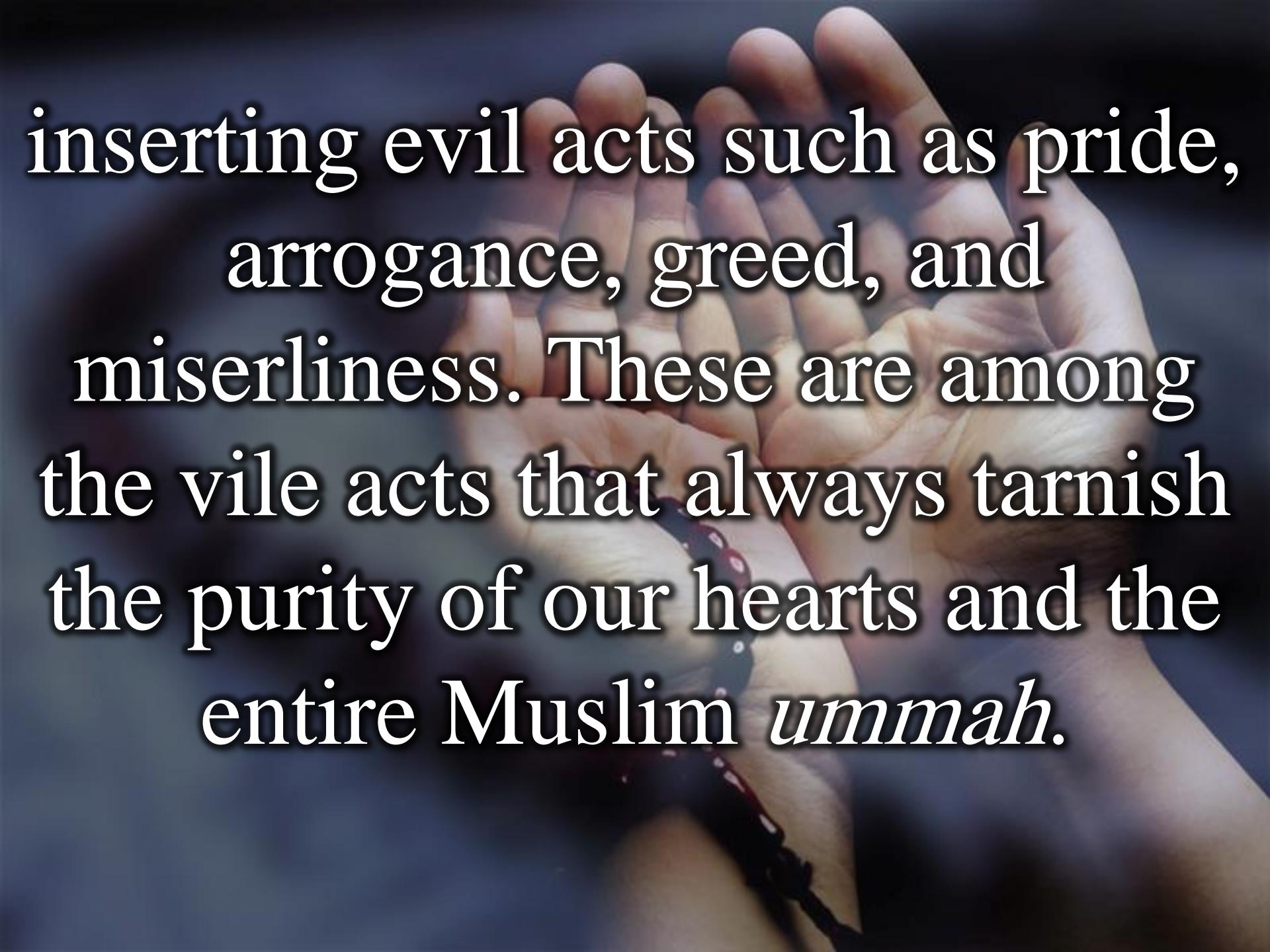


Similarly, if we always neglect the purification of the heart, it will cause for destruction of noble values within ourselves.



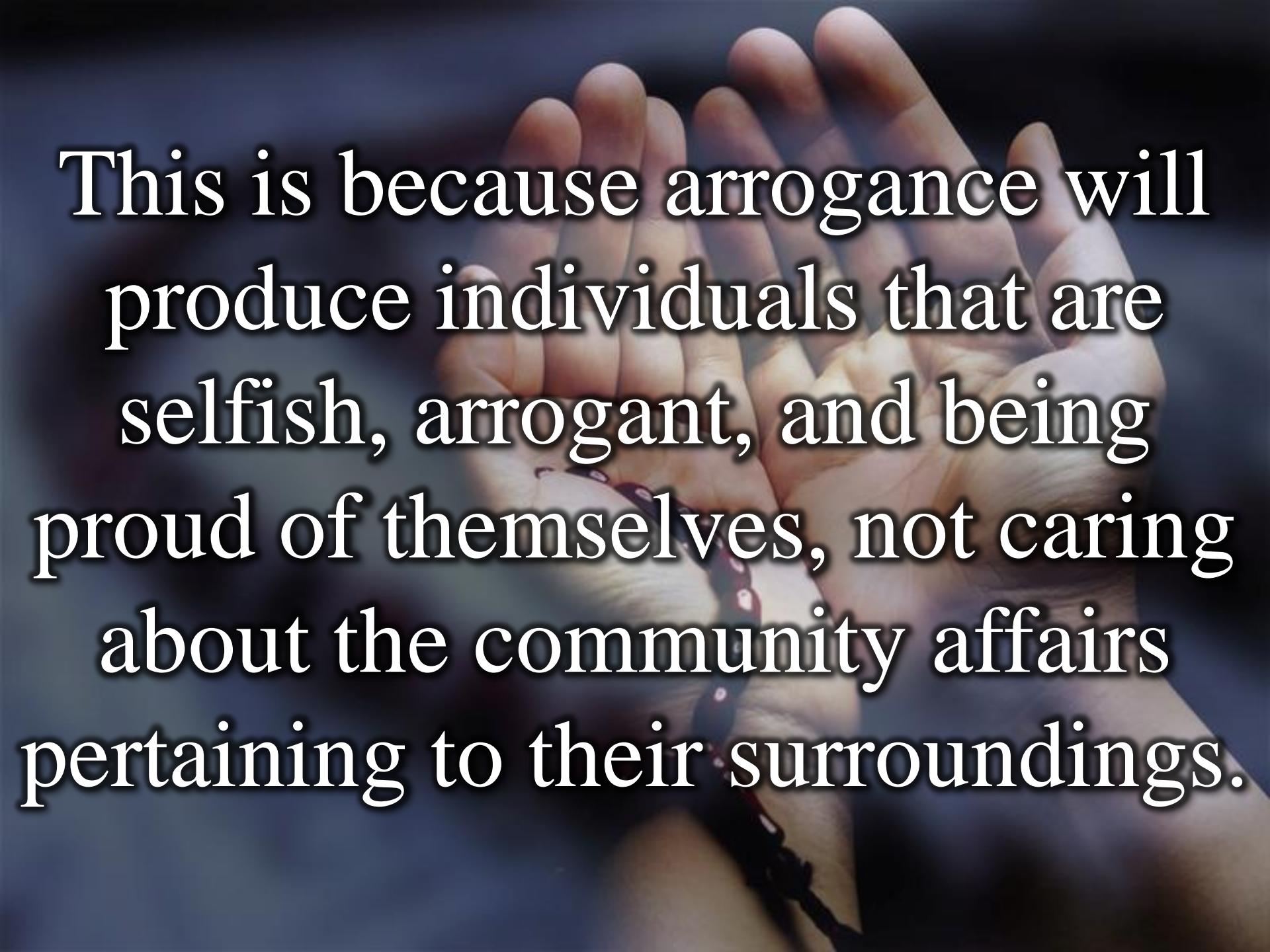
Imaam al-Ghazzaali
rahimahullaah has explained
that the human heart will be
destroyed once it gets fully
dominated by *shaytaan*.

However, *shaytaan* controls the
human hearts by

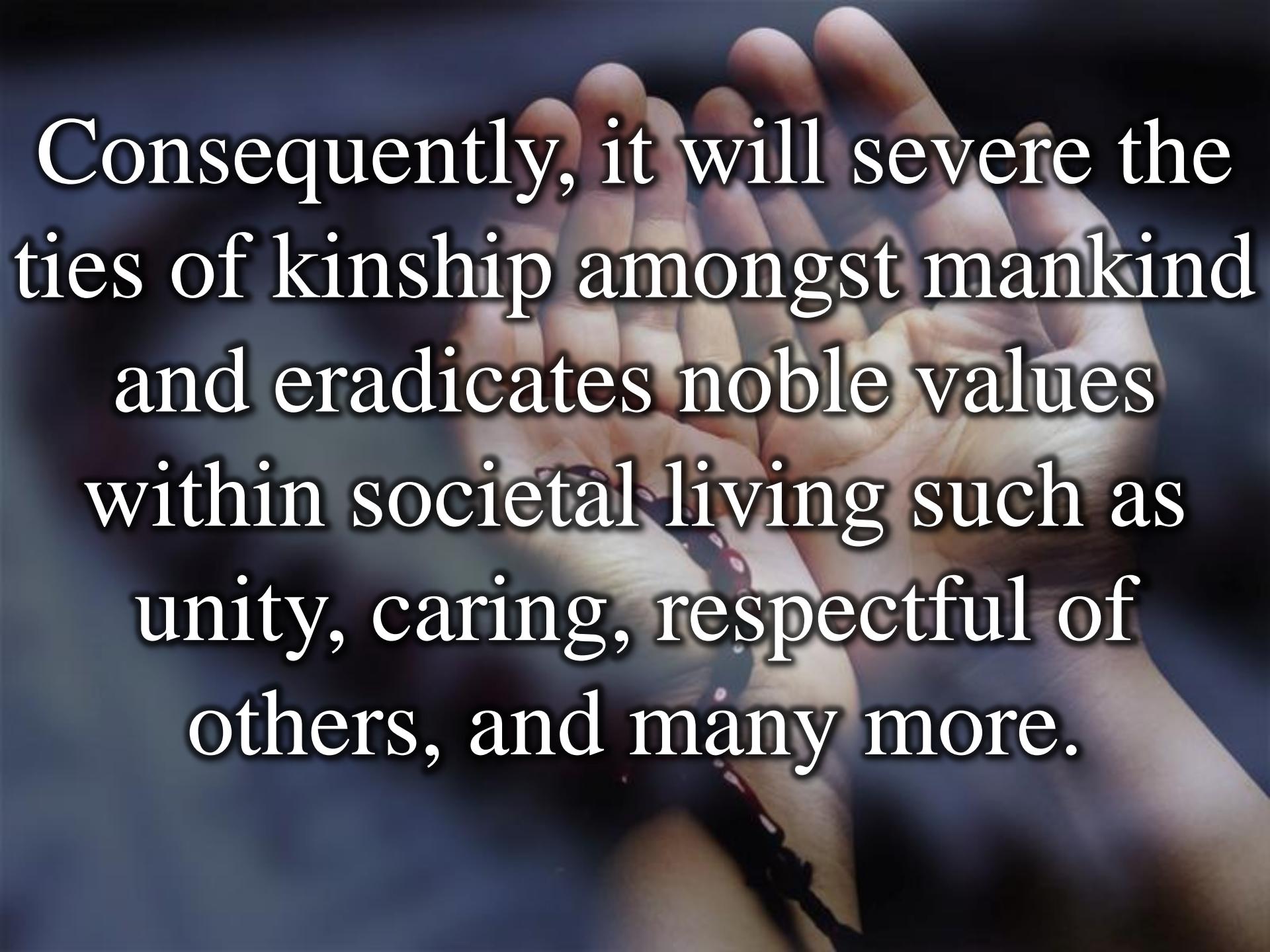


inserting evil acts such as pride, arrogance, greed, and miserliness. These are among the vile acts that always tarnish the purity of our hearts and the entire Muslim *ummah*.

Those having even a speck of pride in their hearts are truly hated by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*, just as it is hated by a community of those having belief unto Him.

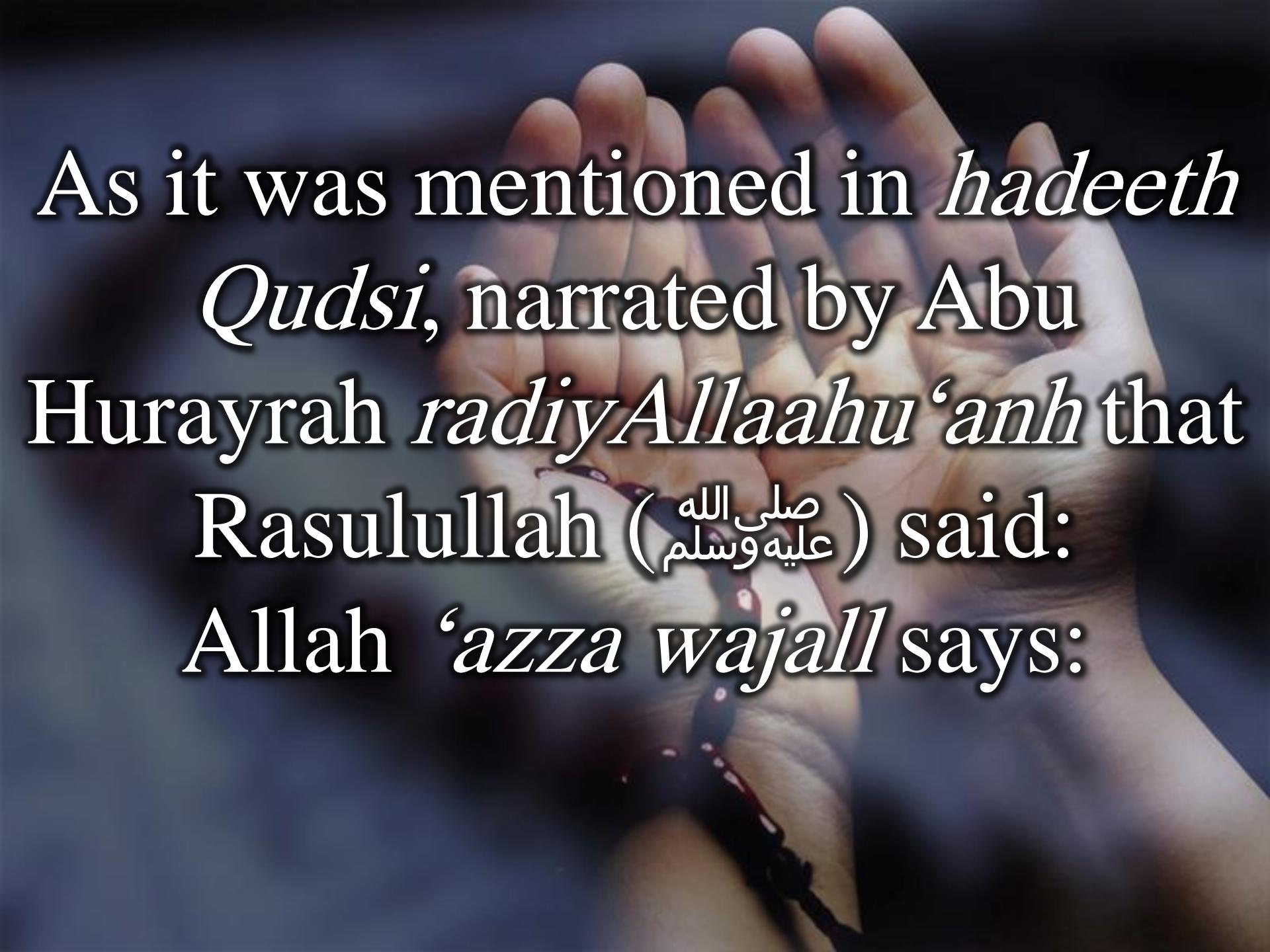
A close-up photograph of several hands clasped together, symbolizing unity or support.

This is because arrogance will produce individuals that are selfish, arrogant, and being proud of themselves, not caring about the community affairs pertaining to their surroundings.

A close-up photograph of several hands clasped together, symbolizing unity and kinship.

Consequently, it will sever the ties of kinship amongst mankind and eradicates noble values within societal living such as unity, caring, respectful of others, and many more.

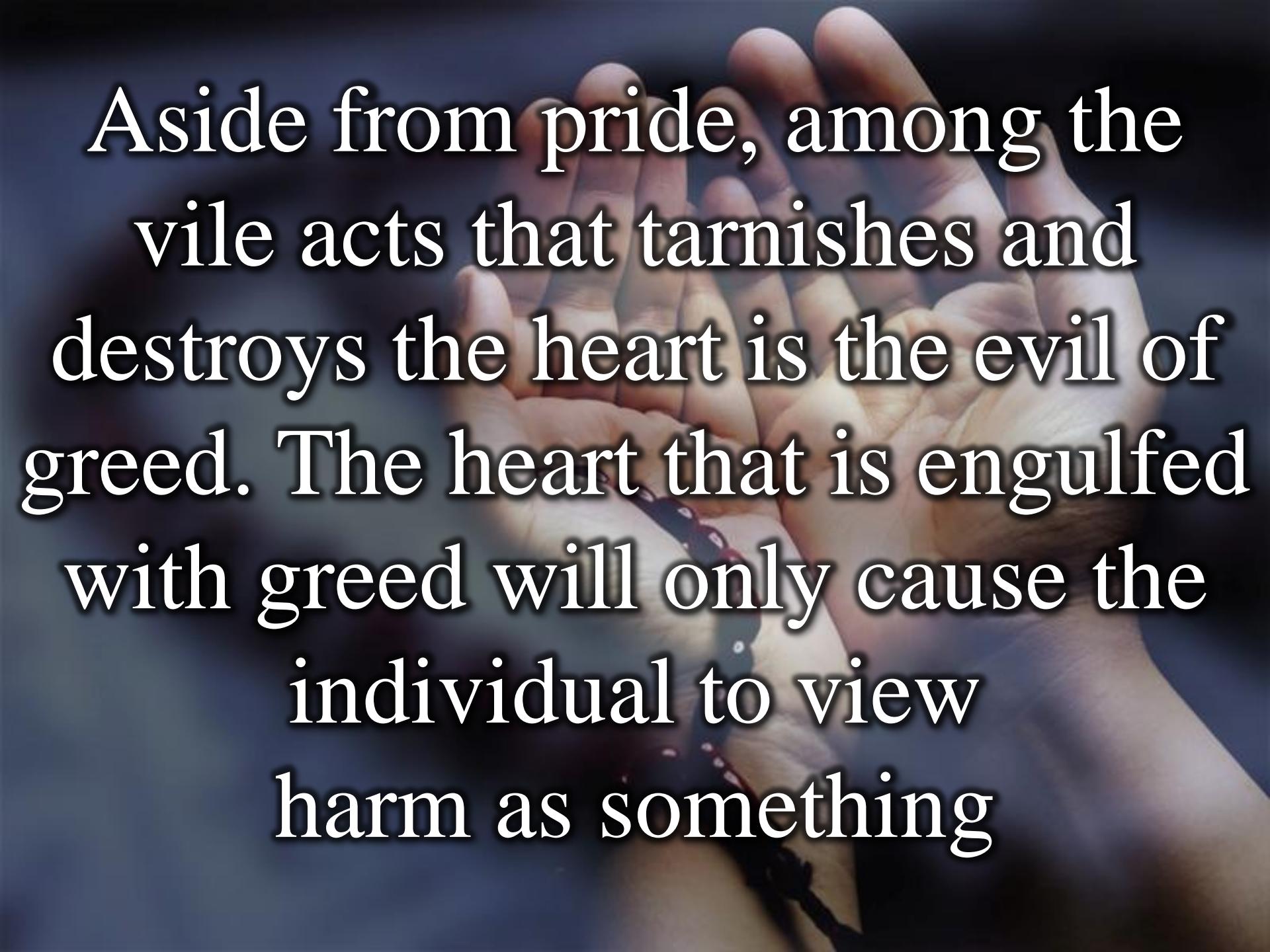
Whilst in reality, mankind does
not even have the right to have
pride for it solely belongs to
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*
Alone.



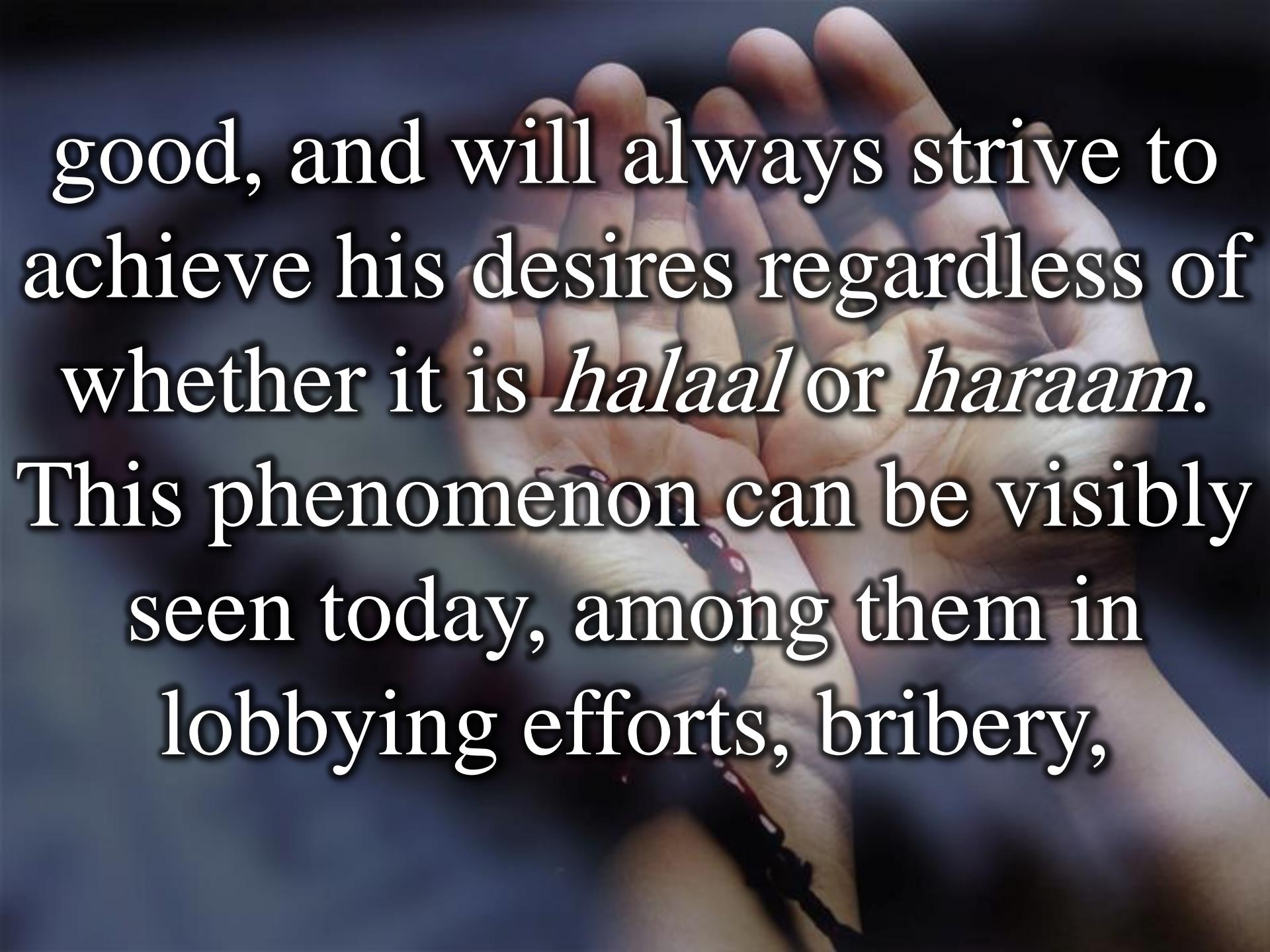
As it was mentioned in *hadeeth Qudsi*, narrated by Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* that Rasulullah ﷺ said: Allah ‘azza wajall says:

“Pride is my cloak and
majesty is my lower garment,
and I shall throw him who
view with me regarding one
of them into Hell.”

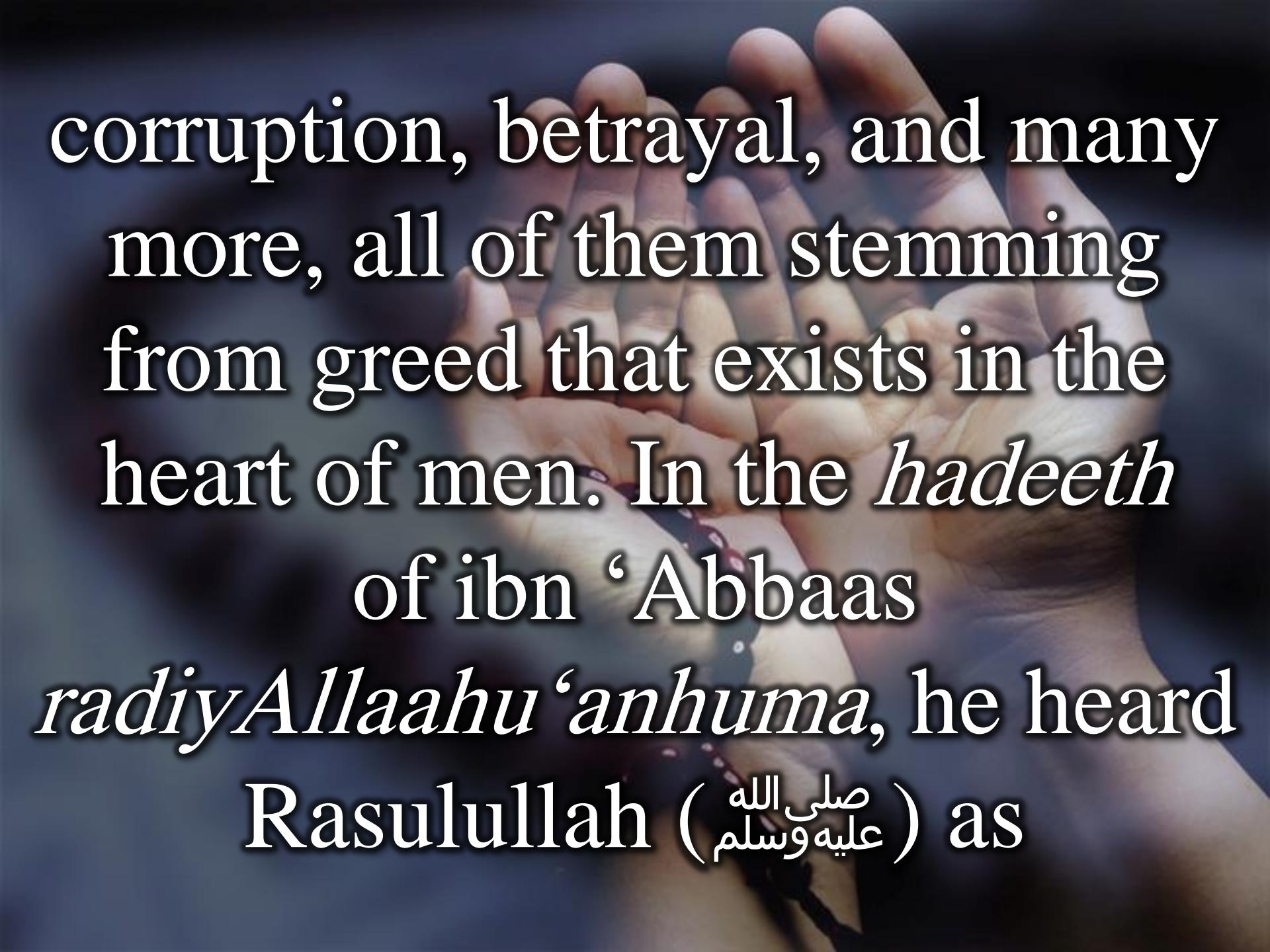
(Abu Dawood: *saheeh*)



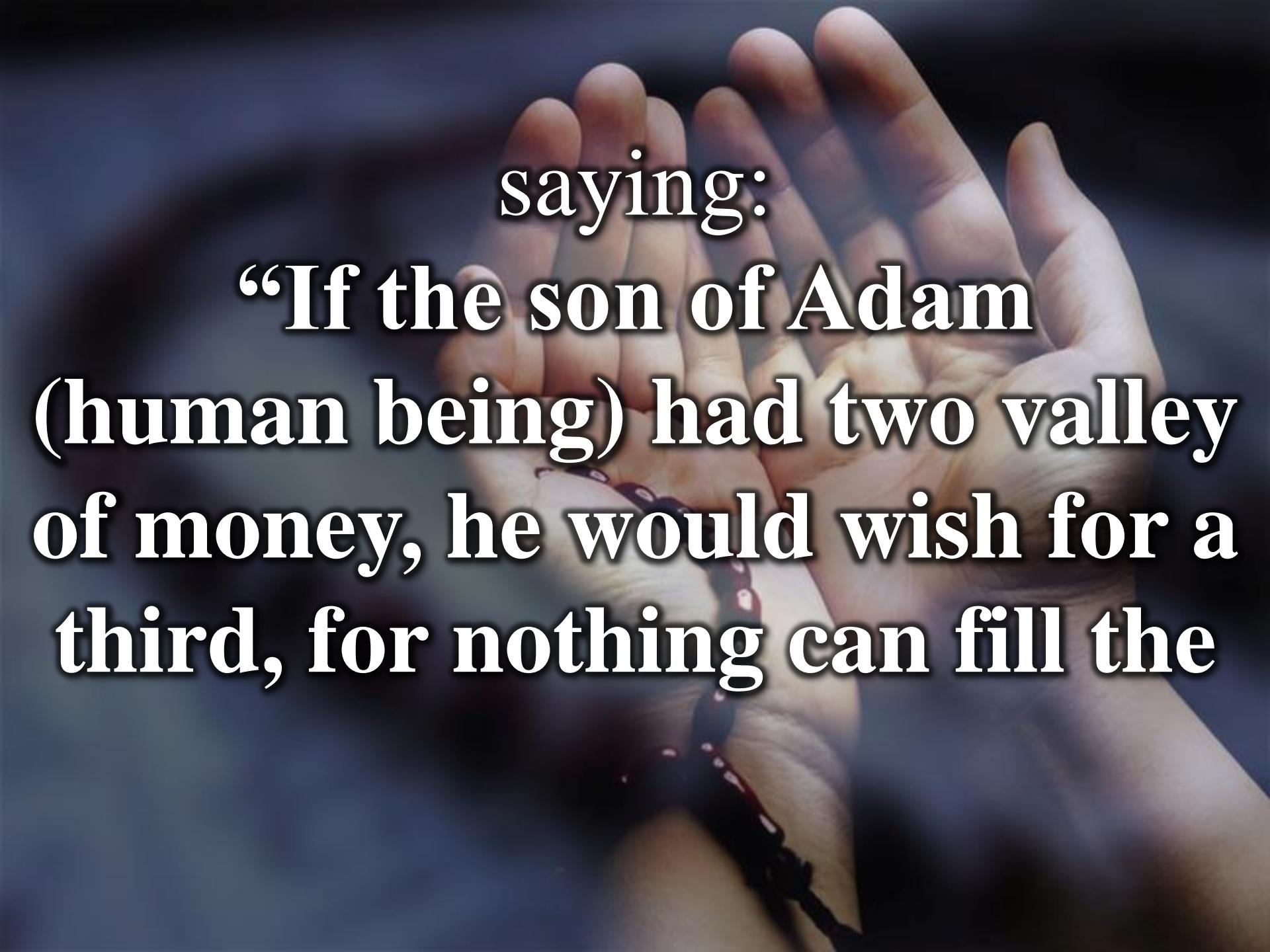
Aside from pride, among the
vile acts that tarnishes and
destroys the heart is the evil of
greed. The heart that is engulfed
with greed will only cause the
individual to view
harm as something



good, and will always strive to achieve his desires regardless of whether it is *halaal* or *haraam*. This phenomenon can be visibly seen today, among them in lobbying efforts, bribery,



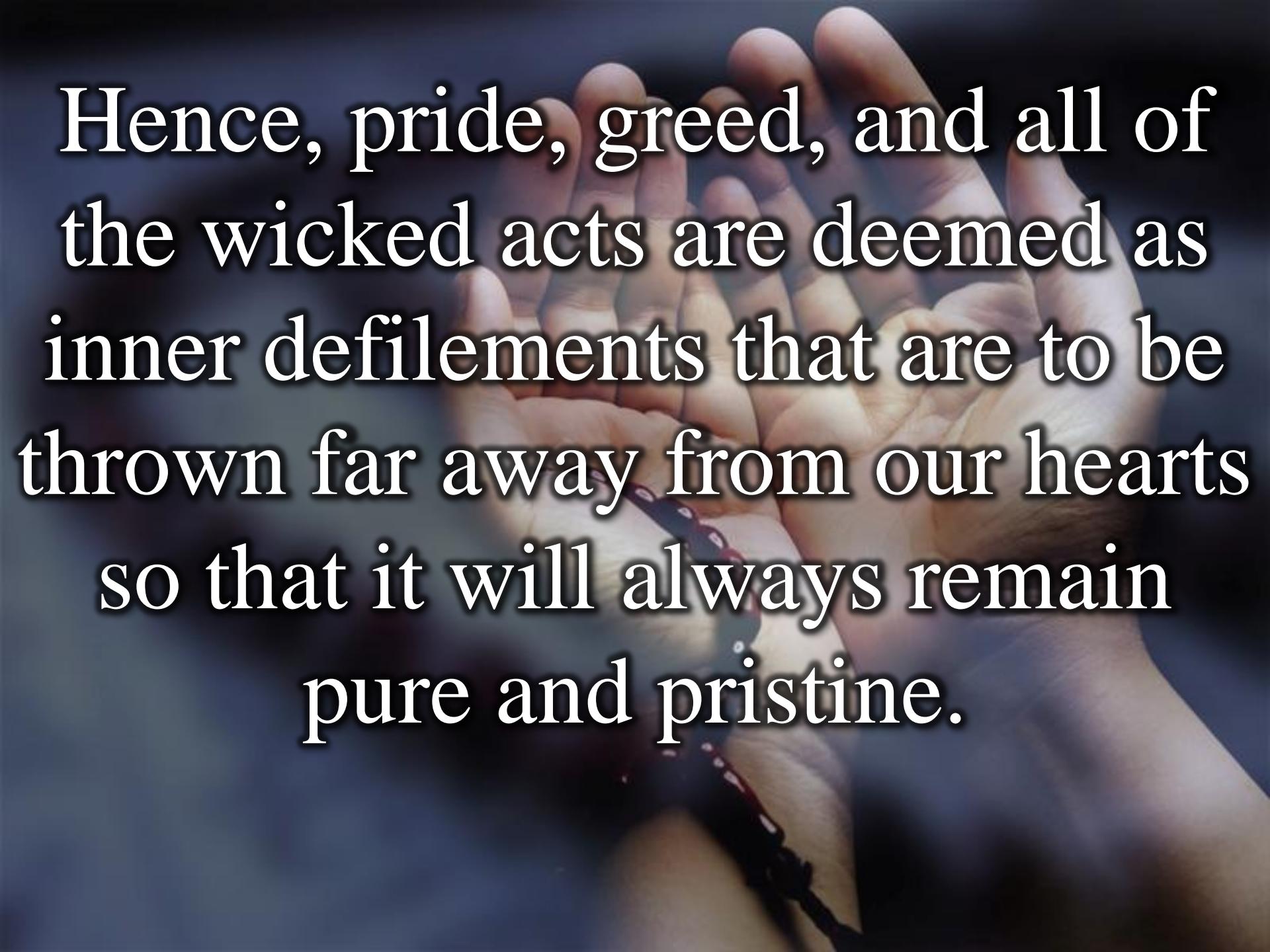
corruption, betrayal, and many more, all of them stemming from greed that exists in the heart of men. In the *hadeeth* of ibn ‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu ‘anhu*, he heard Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) as



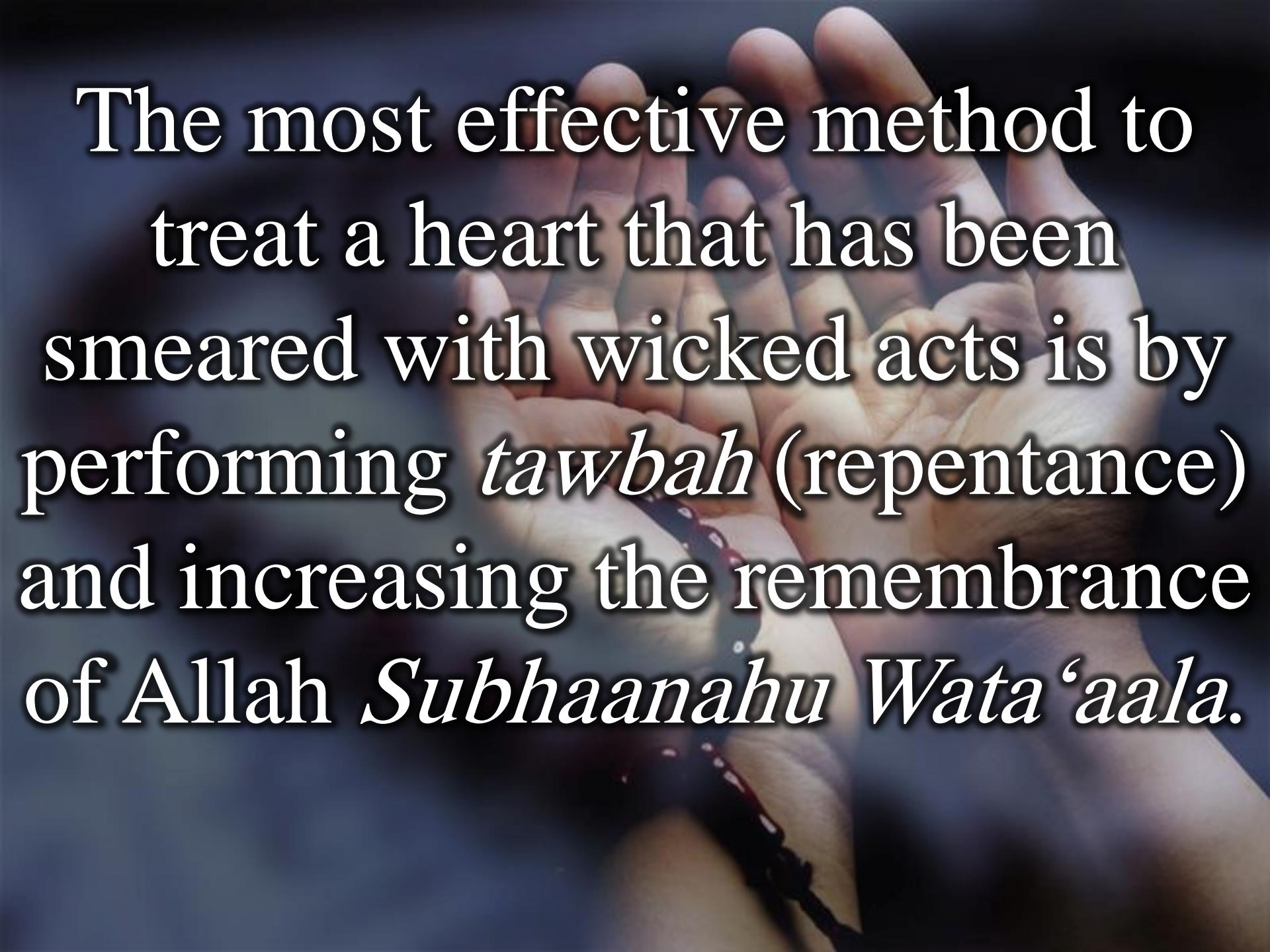
saying:

“If the son of Adam
(human being) had two valley
of money, he would wish for a
third, for nothing can fill the

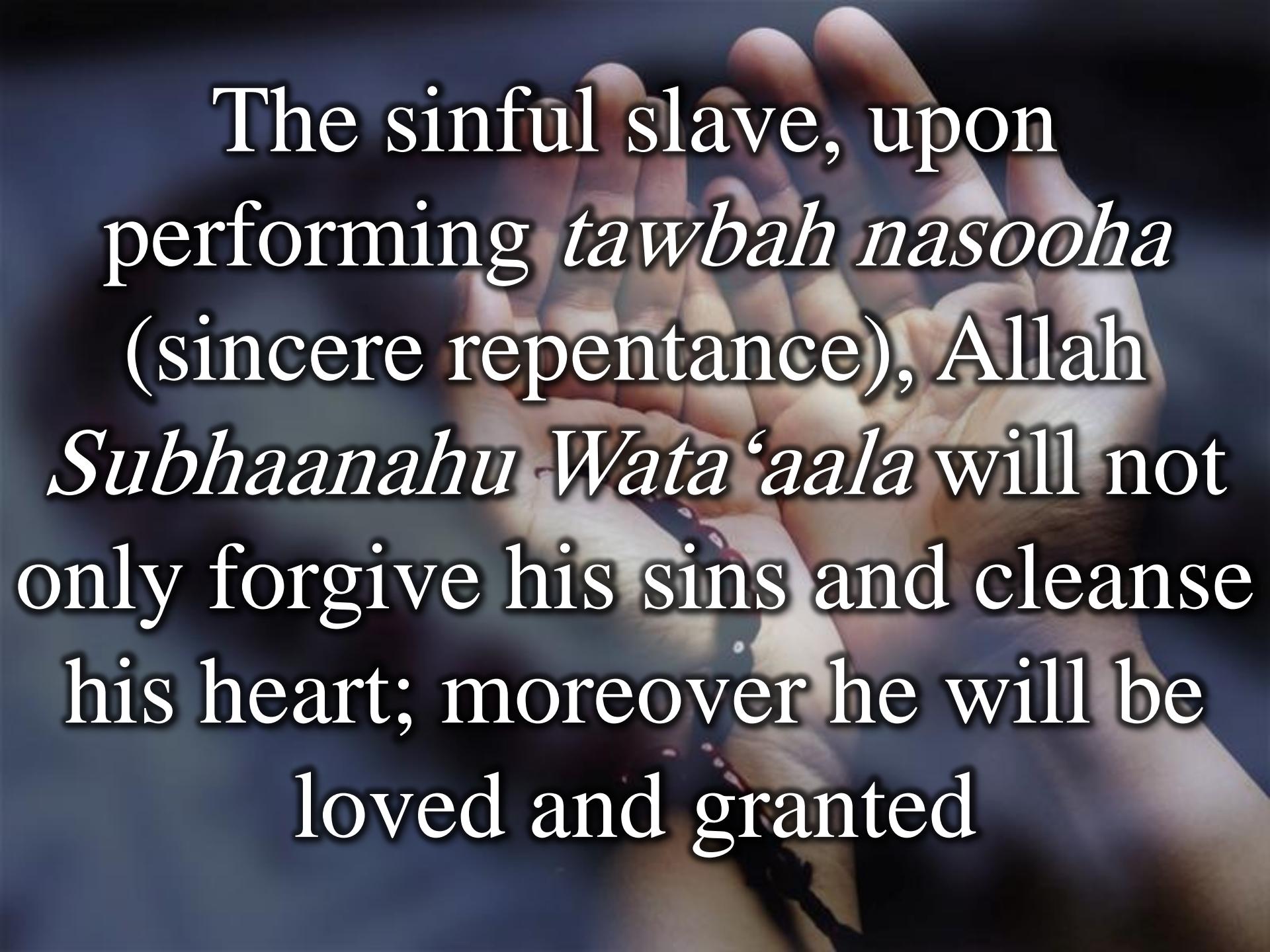
**belly of Adam's son except
dust, and Allah forgives him
who repents to Him.”
(al-Bukhaari)**



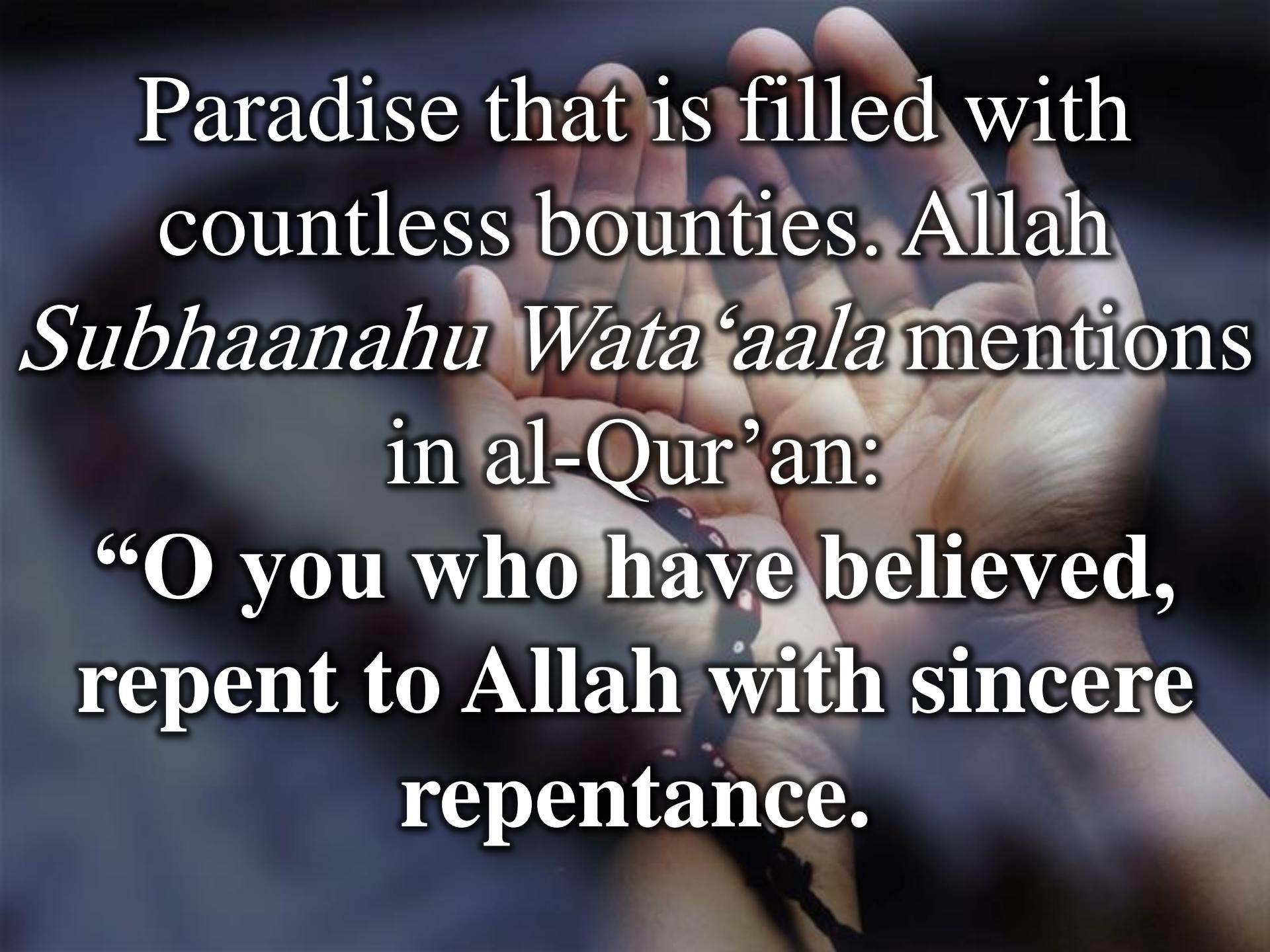
Hence, pride, greed, and all of the wicked acts are deemed as inner defilements that are to be thrown far away from our hearts so that it will always remain pure and pristine.



The most effective method to treat a heart that has been smeared with wicked acts is by performing *tawbah* (repentance) and increasing the remembrance of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.*



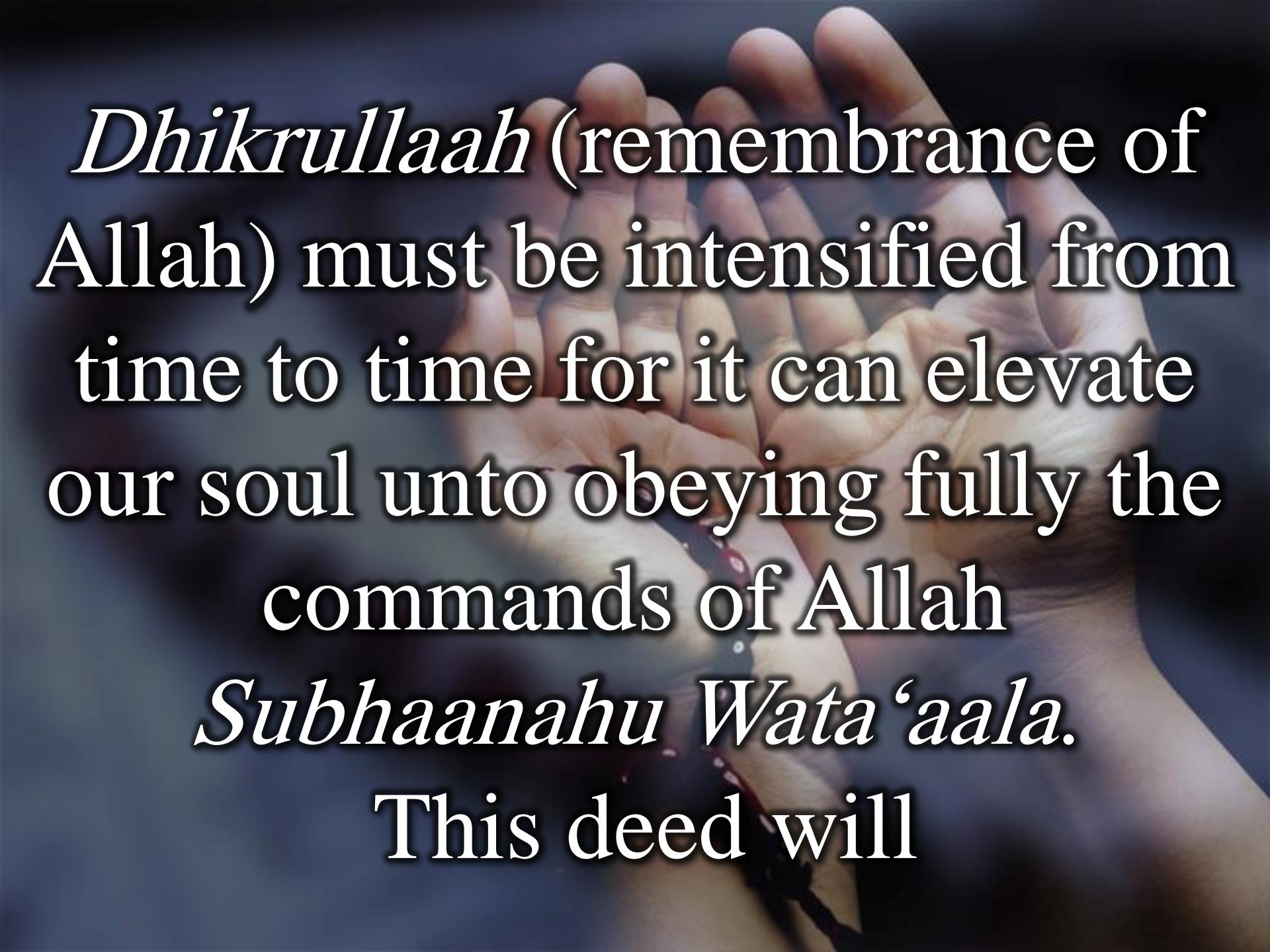
The sinful slave, upon performing *tawbah nasooha* (sincere repentance), Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* will not only forgive his sins and cleanse his heart; moreover he will be loved and granted



Paradise that is filled with countless bounties. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

“O you who have believed, repent to Allah with sincere repentance.

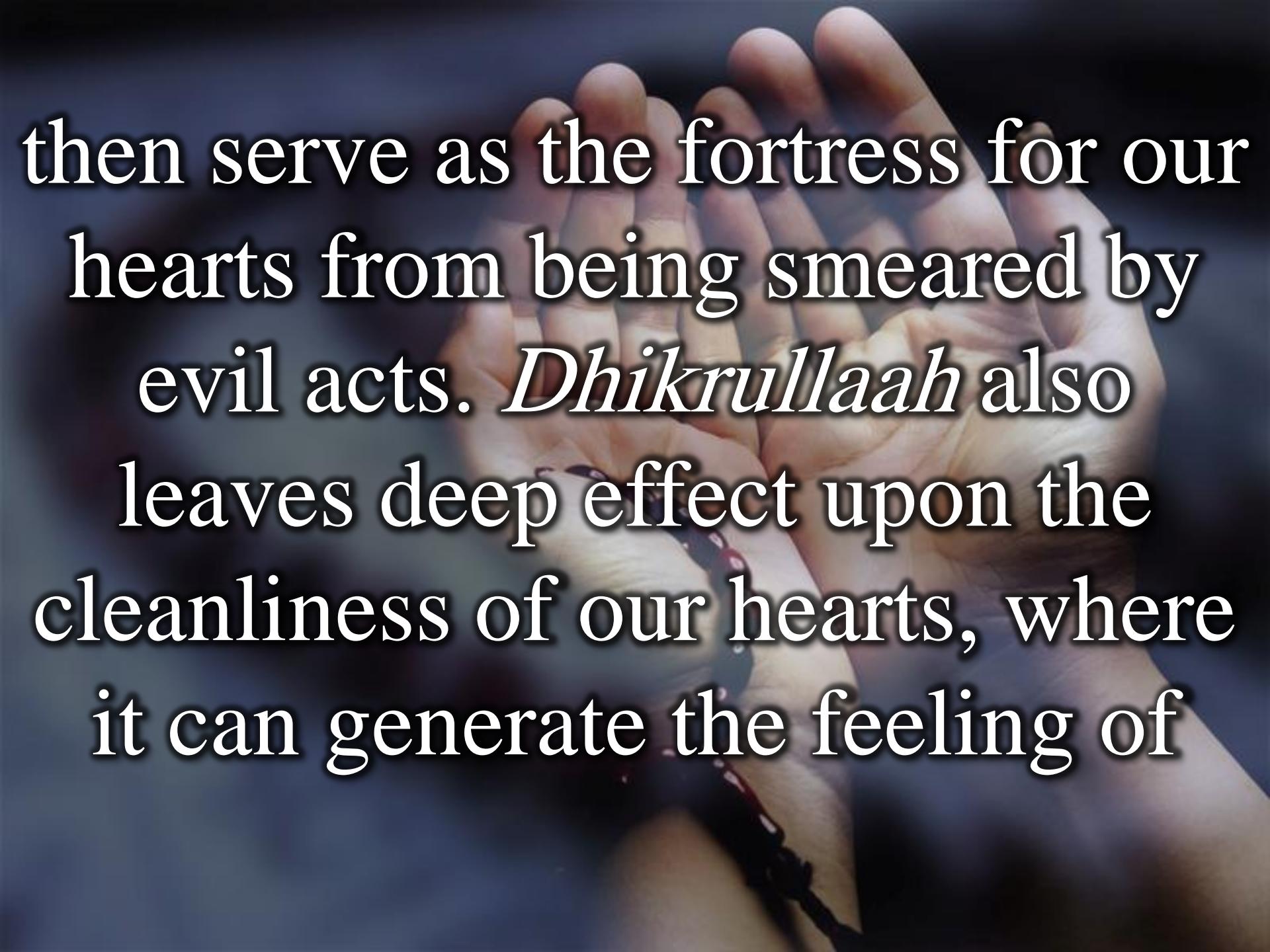
Perhaps your Lord will
remove from you your
misdeeds and admit you into
gardens beneath which rivers
flow...”
(at-Tahreem 66:8)



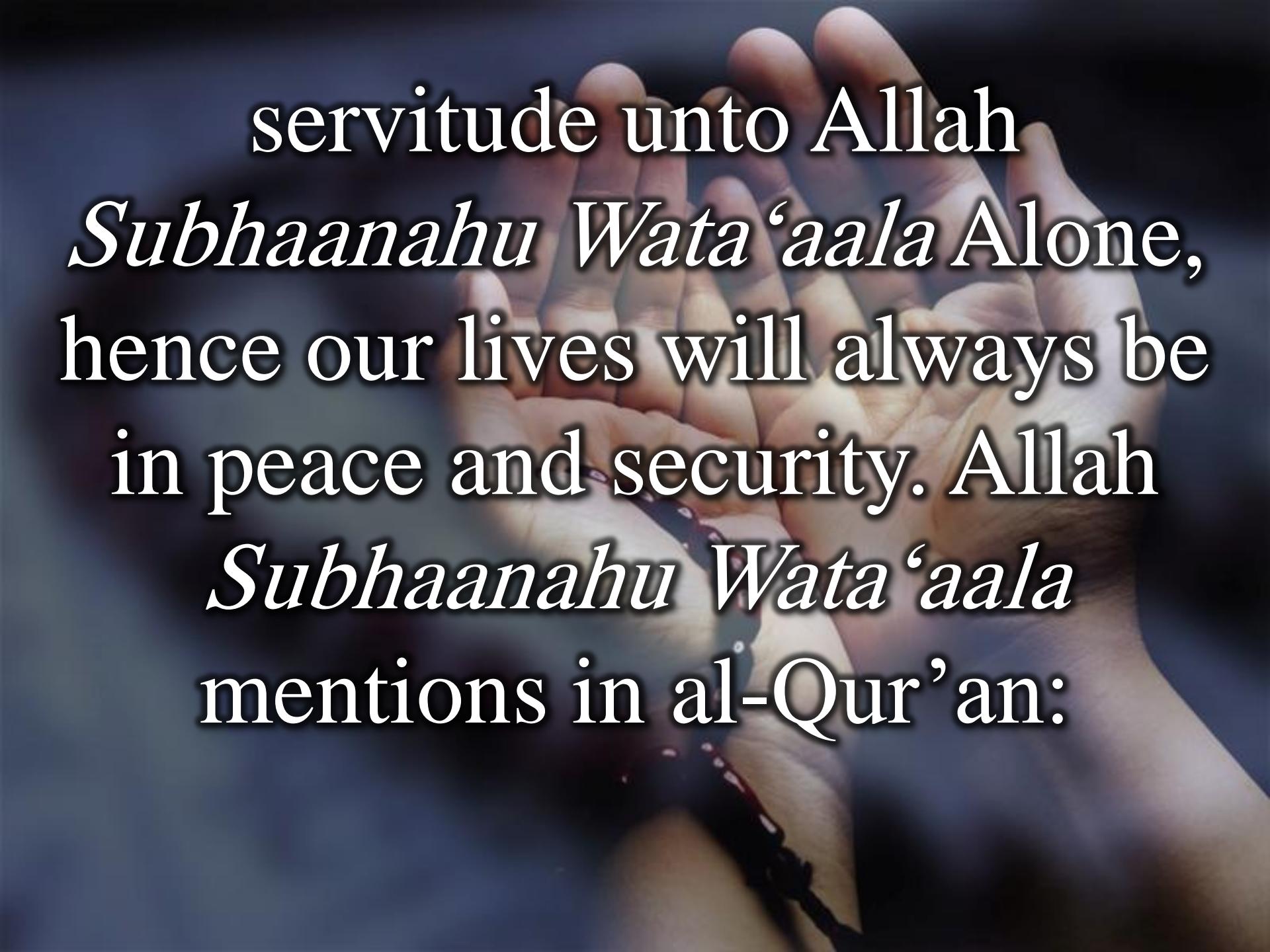
Dhikrullaah (remembrance of Allah) must be intensified from time to time for it can elevate our soul unto obeying fully the commands of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.

This deed will



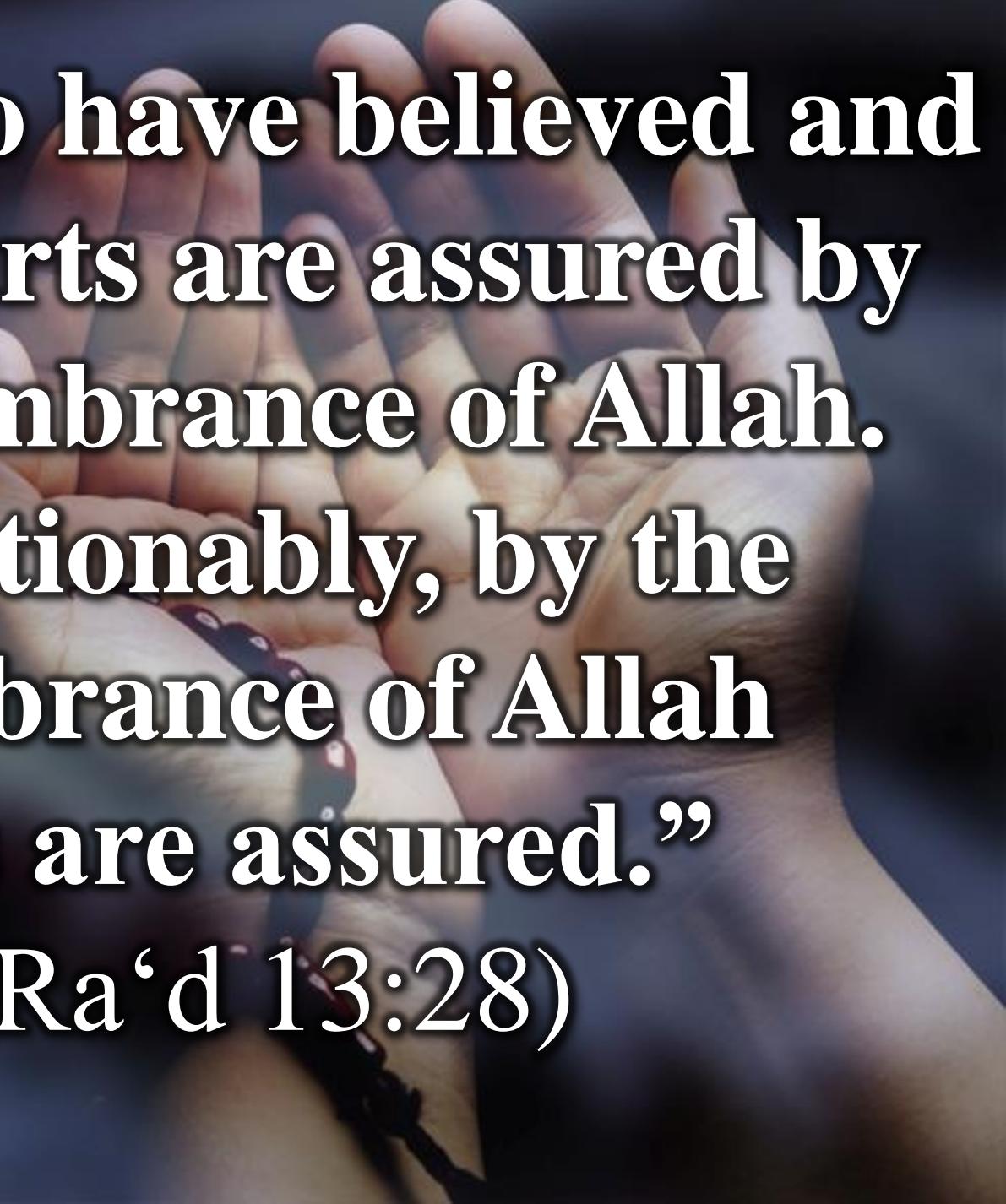
then serve as the fortress for our hearts from being smeared by evil acts. *Dhikrullaah* also leaves deep effect upon the cleanliness of our hearts, where it can generate the feeling of

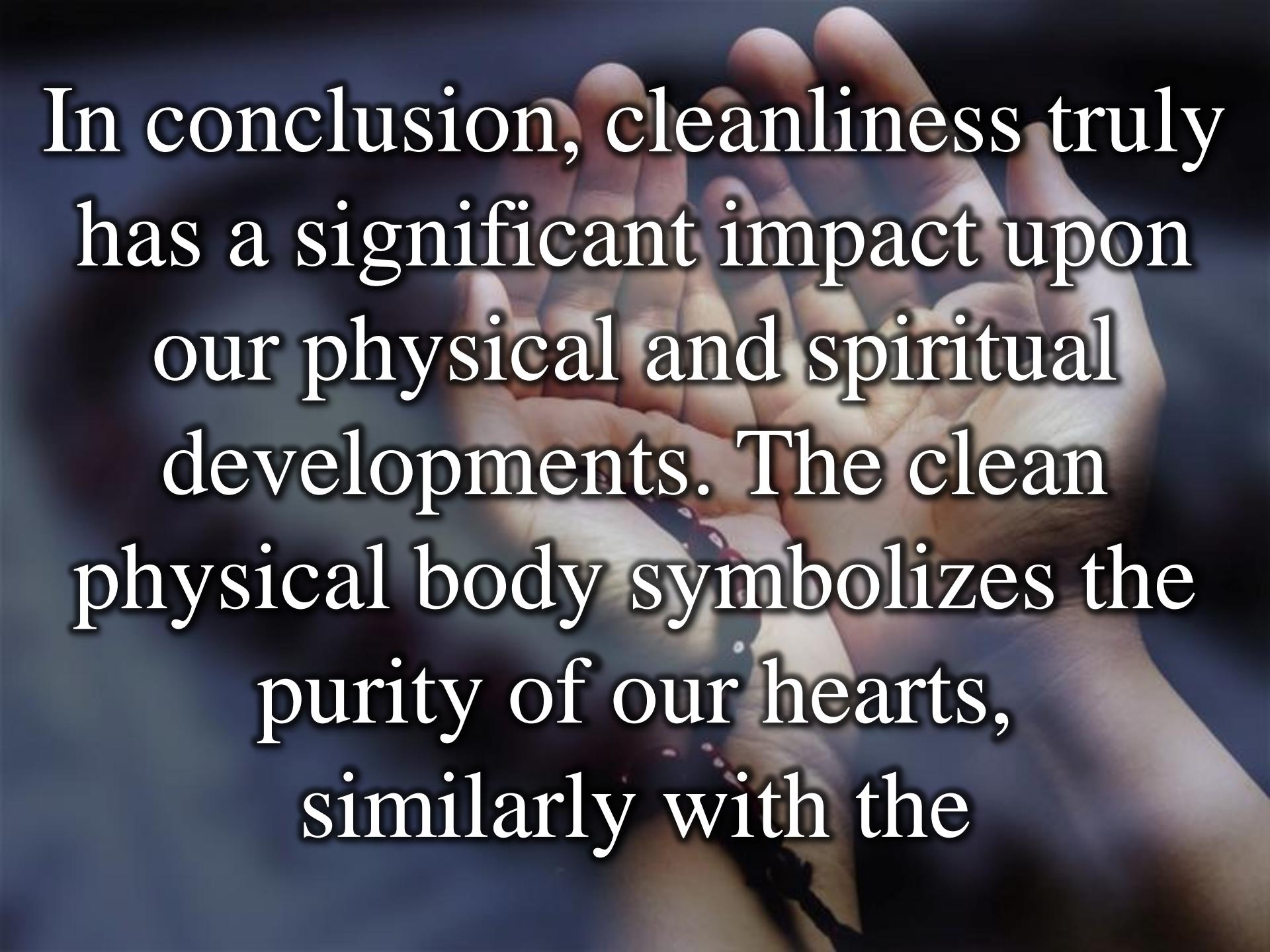


servitude unto Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala Alone,
hence our lives will always be
in peace and security. Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala
mentions in al-Qur’ān:

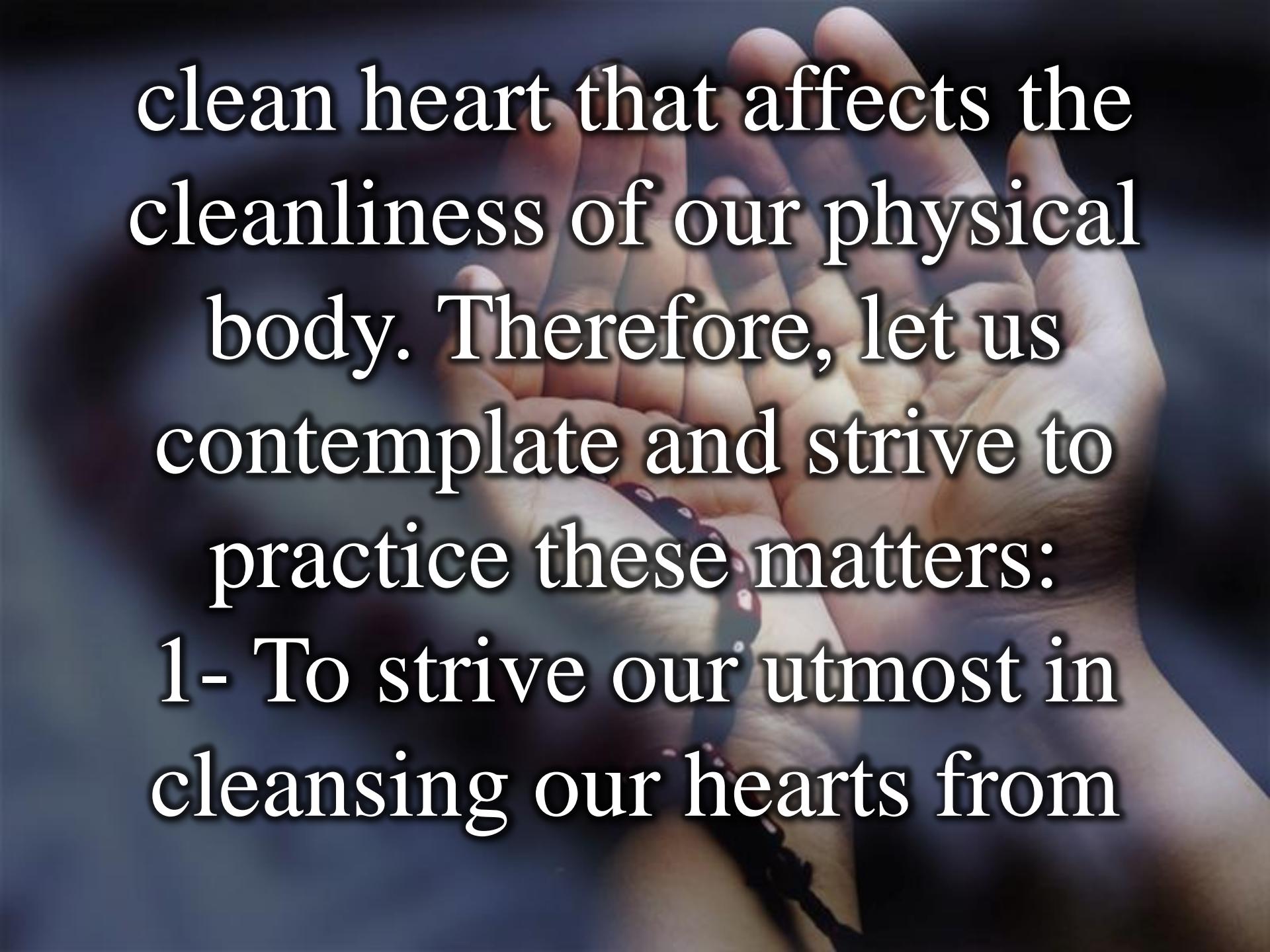
**“Those who have believed and
whose hearts are assured by
the remembrance of Allah.
Unquestionably, by the
remembrance of Allah
hearts are assured.”**

(ar-Ra‘d 13:28)

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together, symbolizing faith and remembrance. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with fingers interlaced. The lighting is soft, highlighting the skin texture and the depth of the handshake.

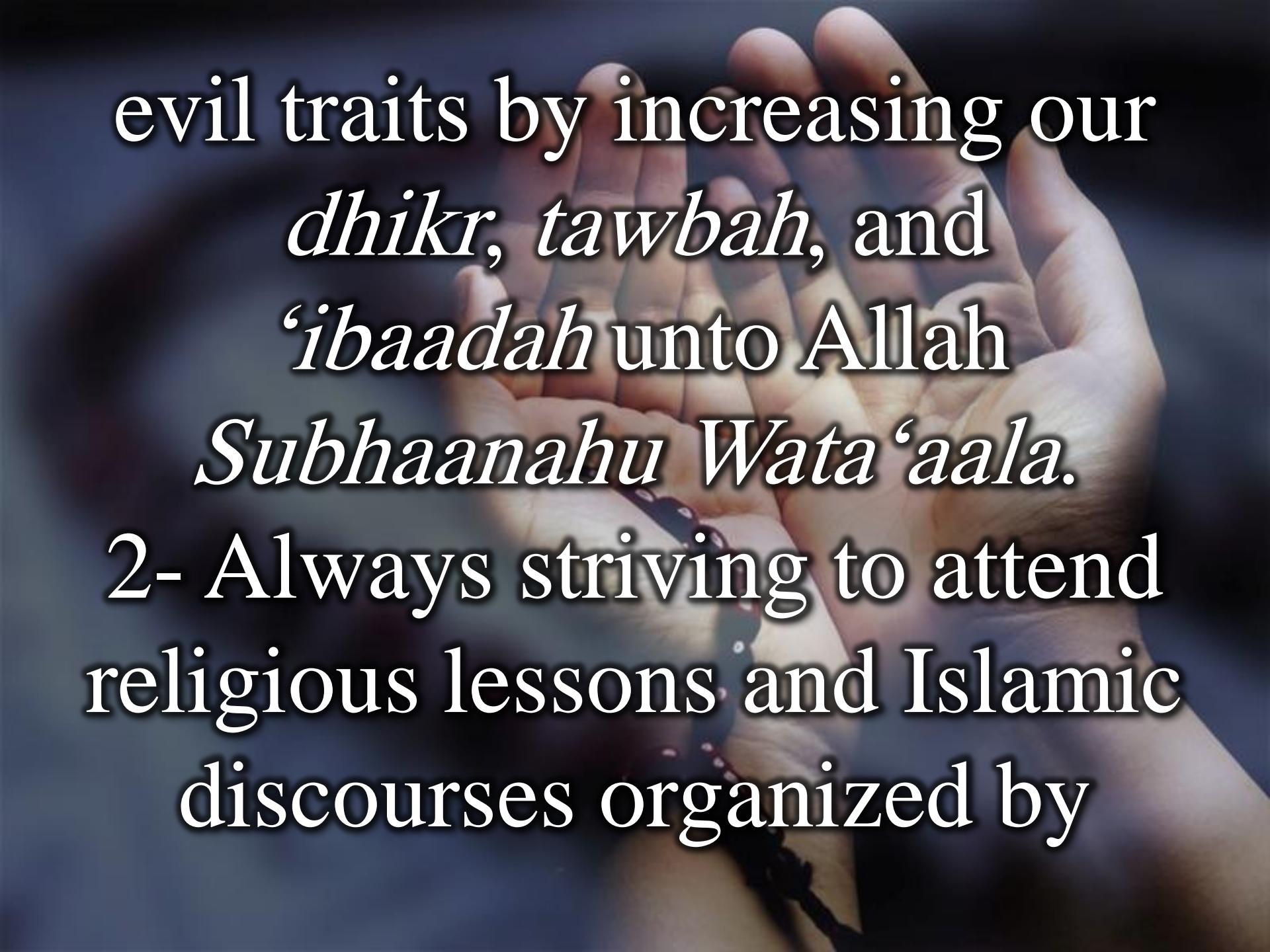


In conclusion, cleanliness truly has a significant impact upon our physical and spiritual developments. The clean physical body symbolizes the purity of our hearts, similarly with the



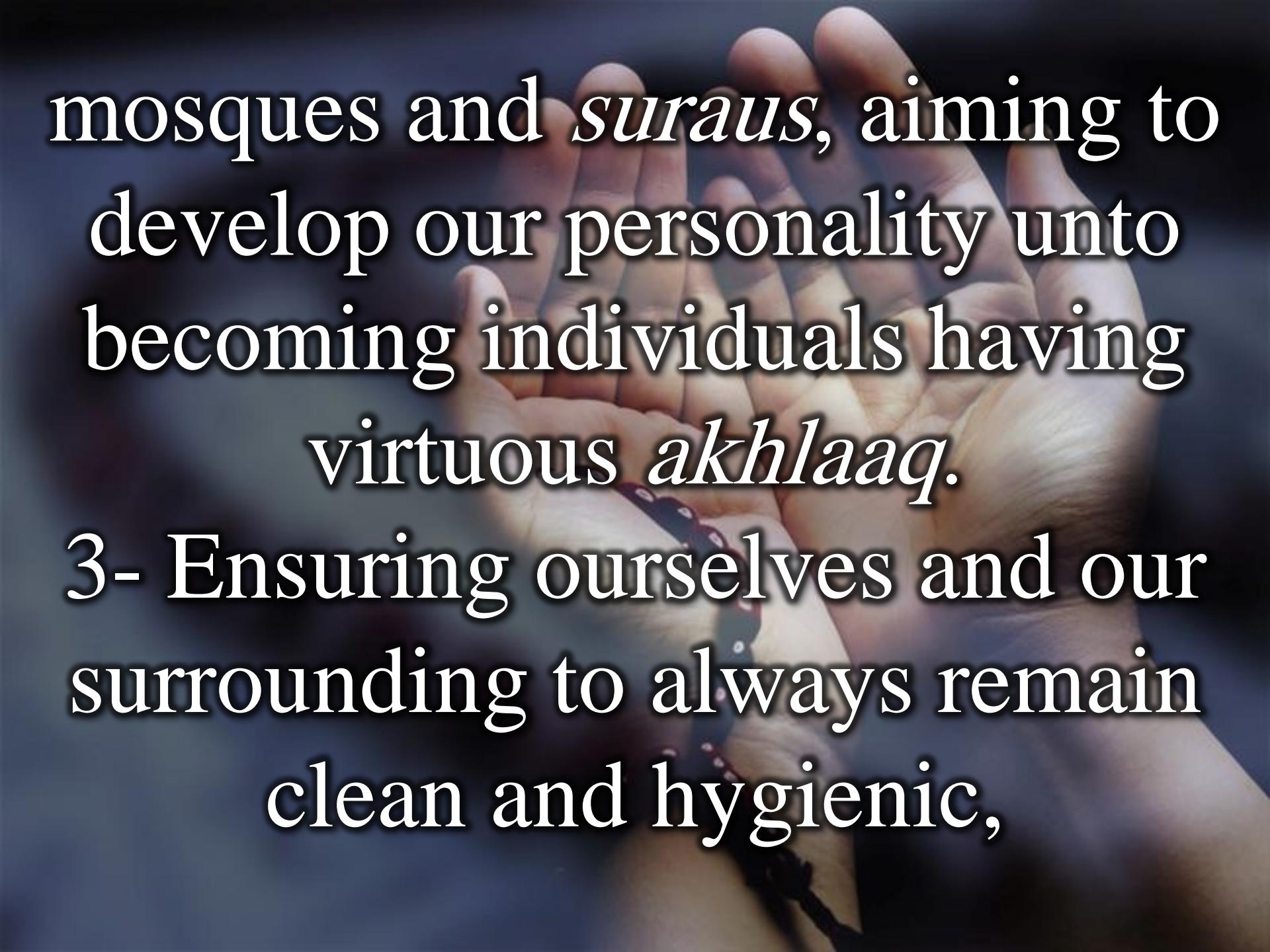
clean heart that affects the cleanliness of our physical body. Therefore, let us contemplate and strive to practice these matters:

- 1- To strive our utmost in cleansing our hearts from



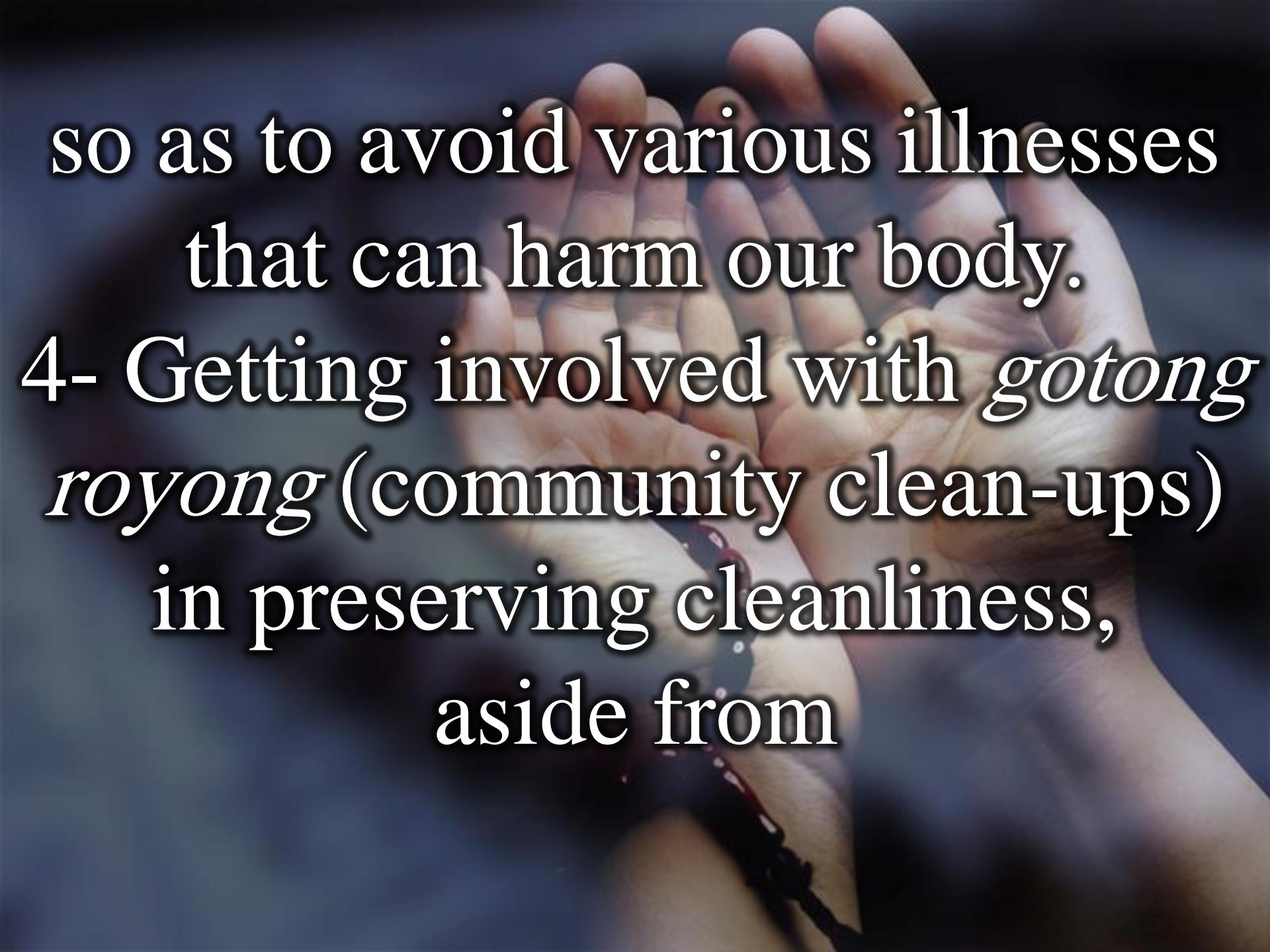
evil traits by increasing our
dhikr, *tawbah*, and
'ibaadah unto Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala.

2- Always striving to attend
religious lessons and Islamic
discourses organized by



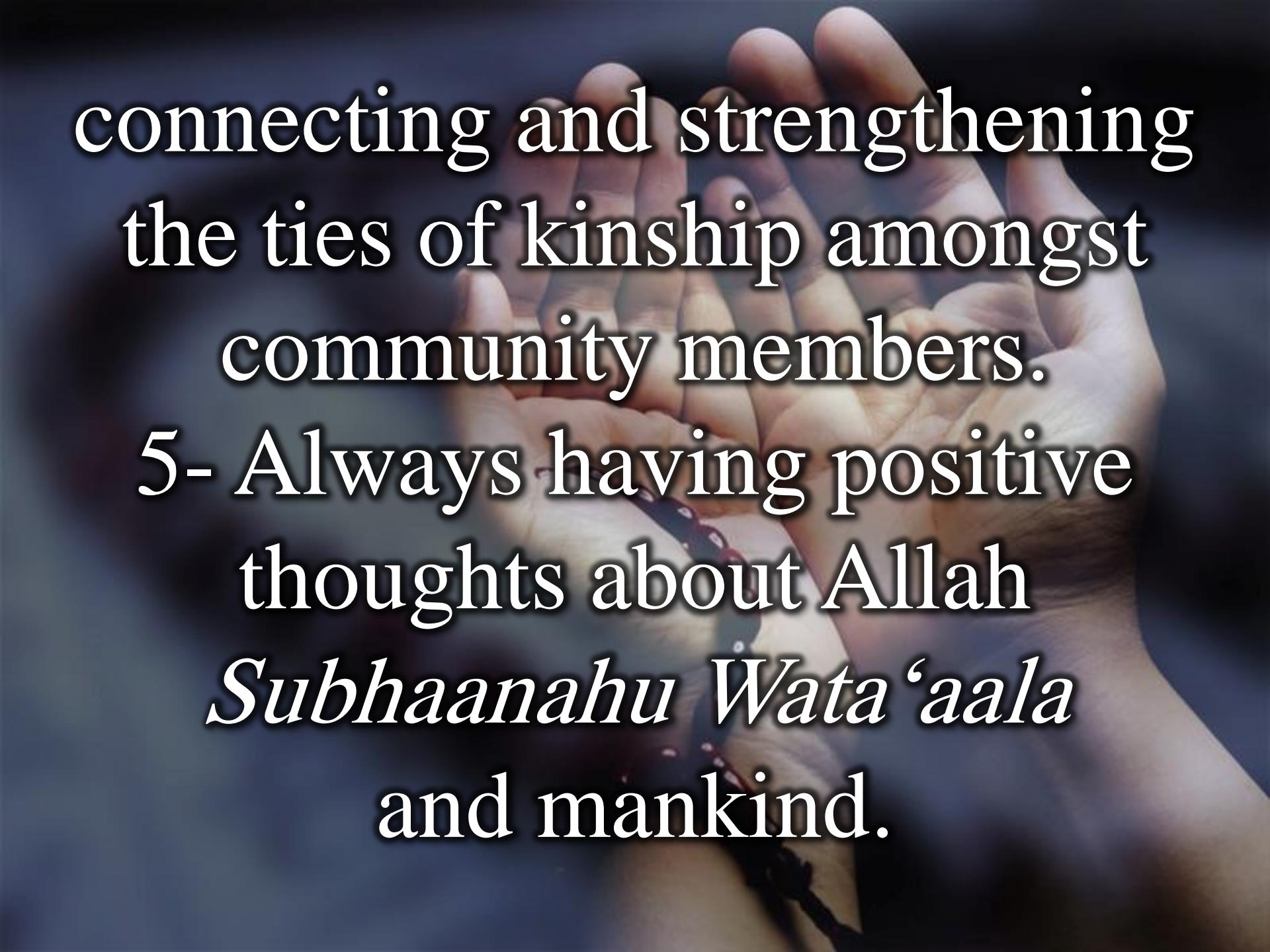
mosques and *suraus*, aiming to develop our personality unto becoming individuals having virtuous *akhlaaq*.

3- Ensuring ourselves and our surrounding to always remain clean and hygienic,



so as to avoid various illnesses
that can harm our body.

4- Getting involved with *gotong*
royong (community clean-ups)
in preserving cleanliness,
aside from

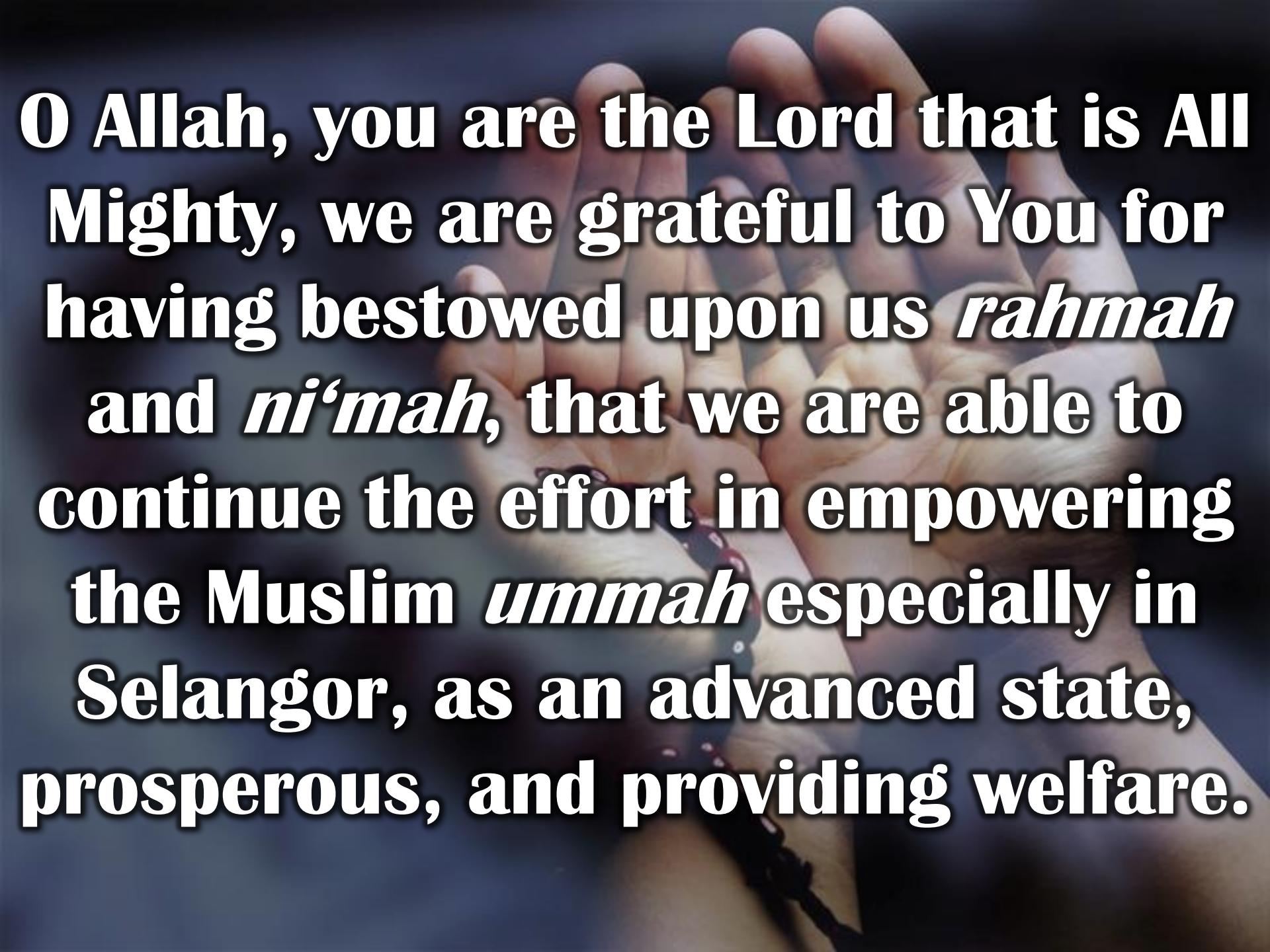


connecting and strengthening
the ties of kinship amongst
community members.

5- Always having positive
thoughts about Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala
and mankind.

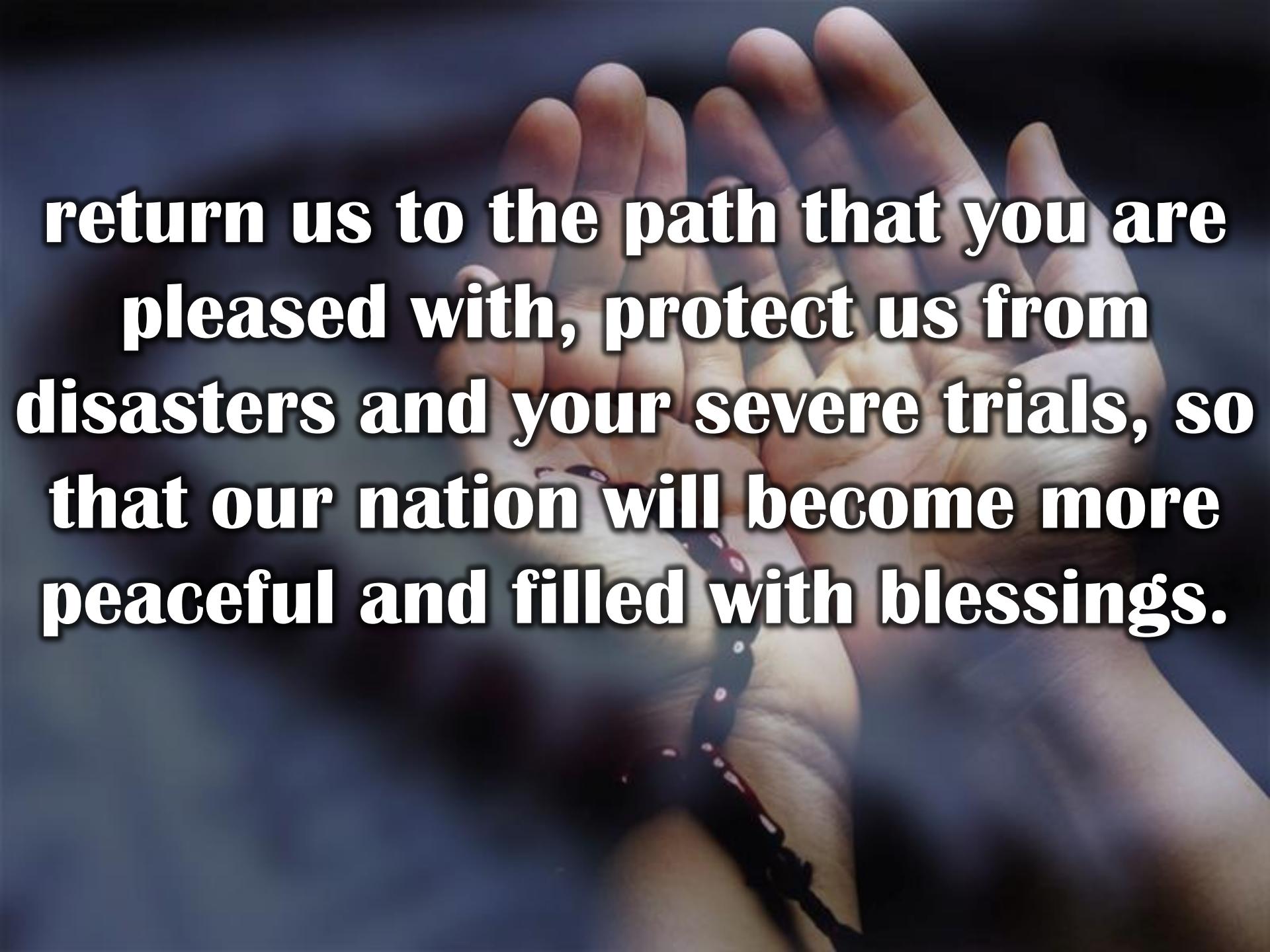
**“He has succeeded who
purifies it, and he has failed
who instills it
[with corruption].”**
(ash-Shams 91: 9-10)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ
وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ
الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقْبَلَ مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ
السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ
الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ
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مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
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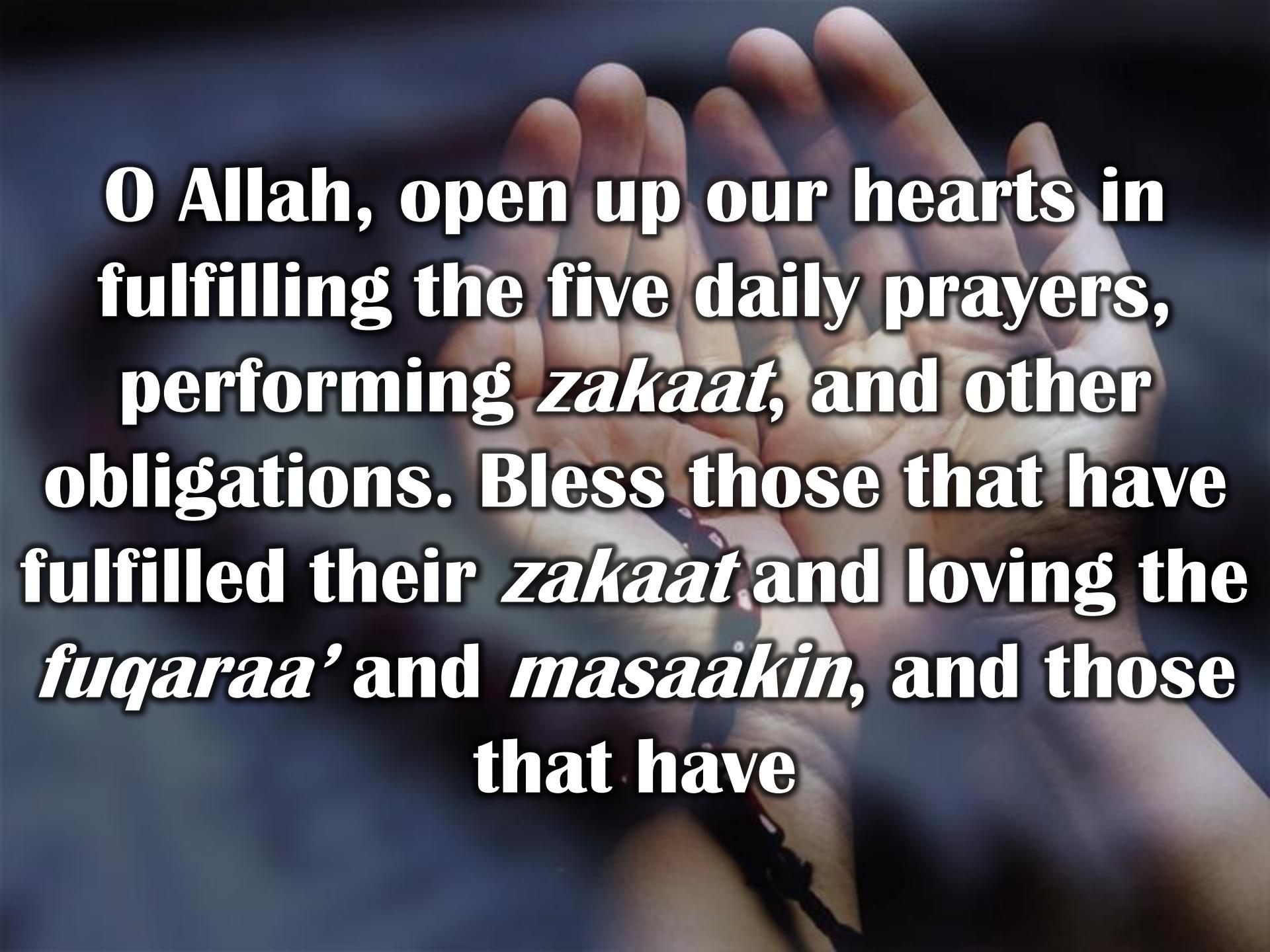
O Allah, you are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, as an advanced state, prosperous, and providing welfare.

**Hence, we sincerely beseech you,
O Allah, strengthen our *imaan*,
accept our deeds, strengthen our
unity, increase our *rizq*, enrich us
with beneficial knowledge, cultivate
our soul with good mannerisms,**

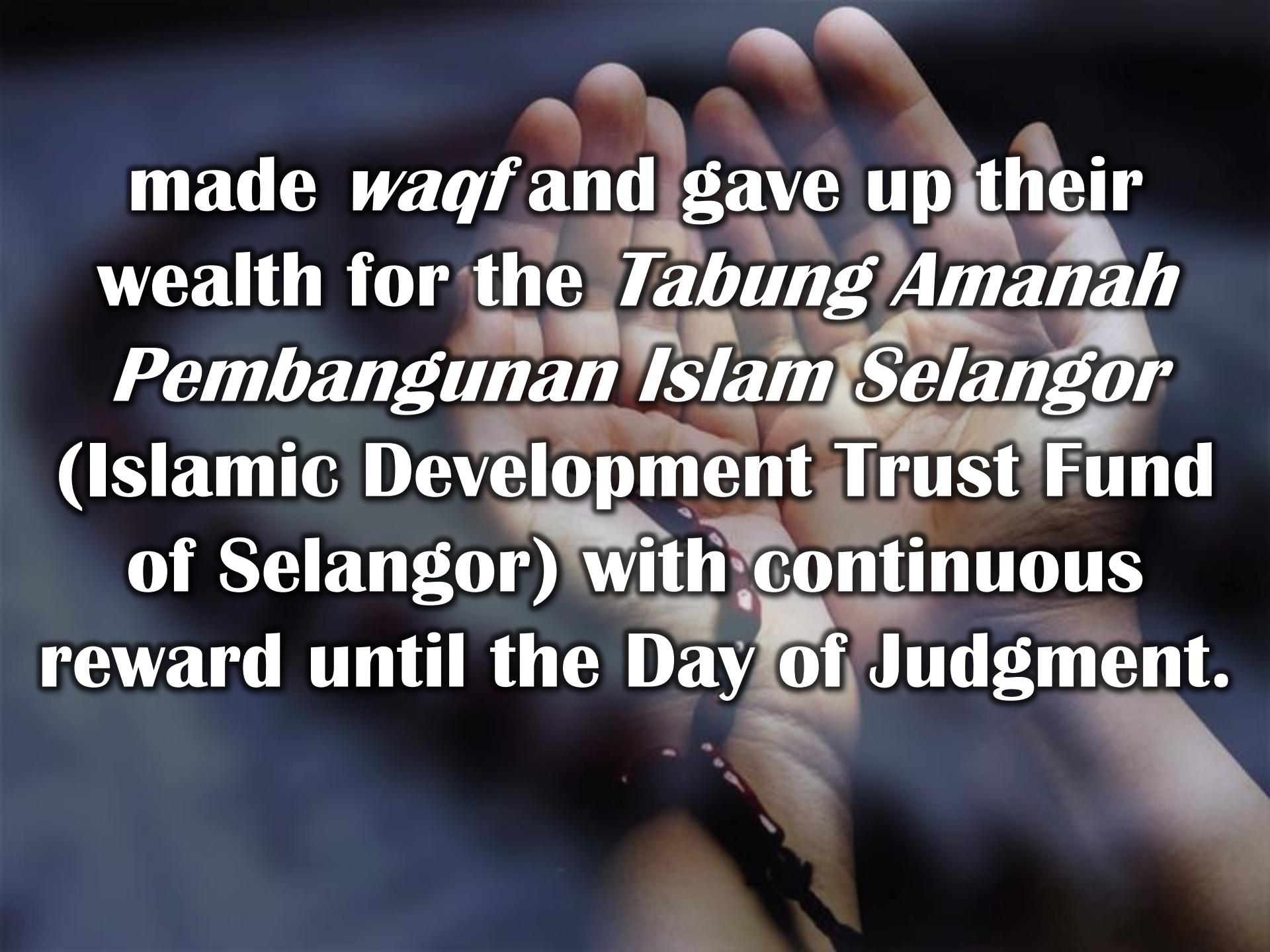


**return us to the path that you are
pleased with, protect us from
disasters and your severe trials, so
that our nation will become more
peaceful and filled with blessings.**

**O Allah, we sincerely beseech you,
strengthen our beliefs according to
the creed of *Ahlus Sunnah wal-*
Jamaa'ah, and protect us from
deeds and '*aqeedah* that are astray
such as the extreme *Shee'is*,
Qadiyani, and other ideologies.**



O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their *zakaat* and loving the *fuqaraa'* and *masaakin*, and those that have



made *waqf* and gave up their wealth for the *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor) with continuous reward until the Day of Judgment.



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