



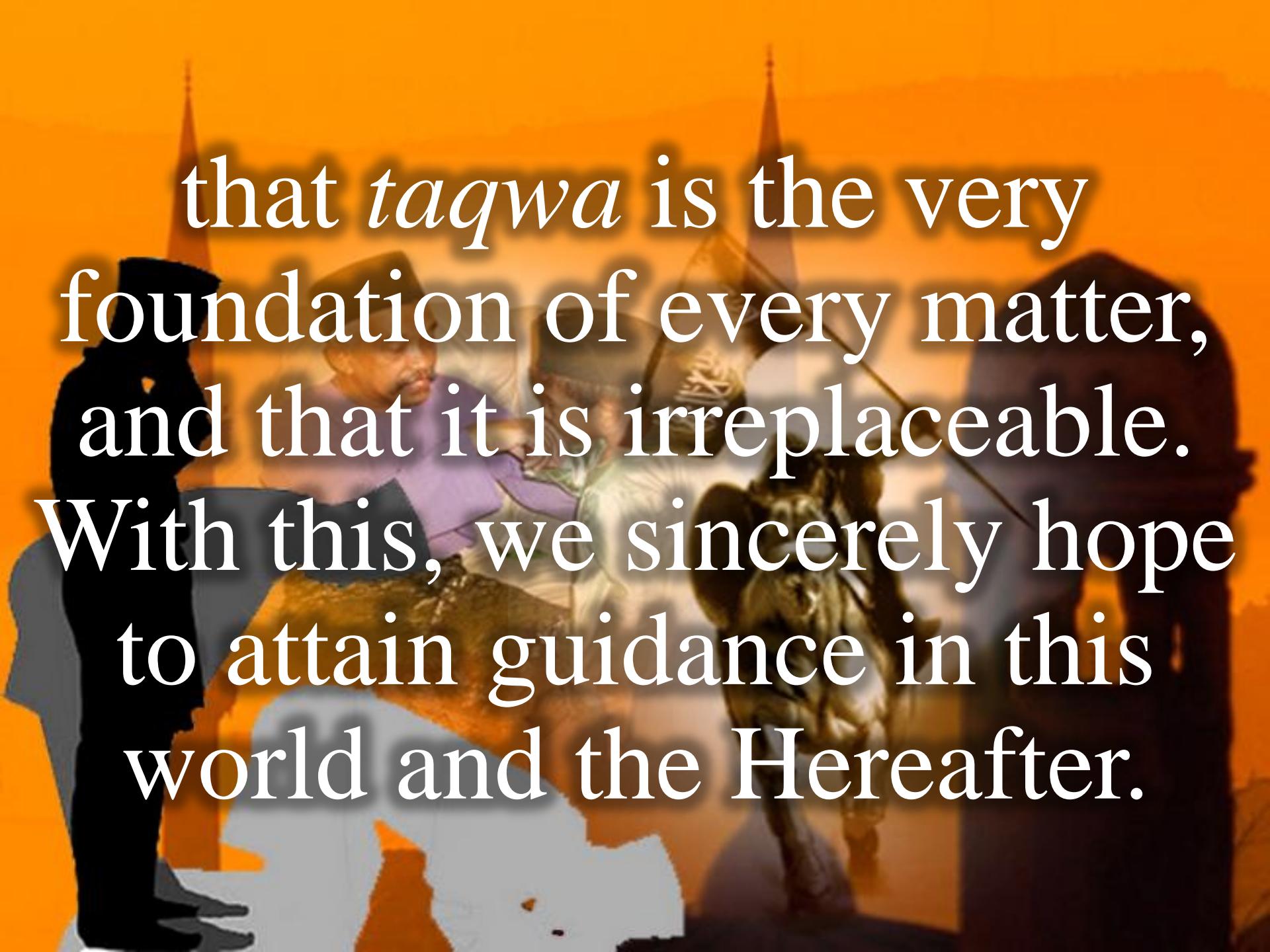
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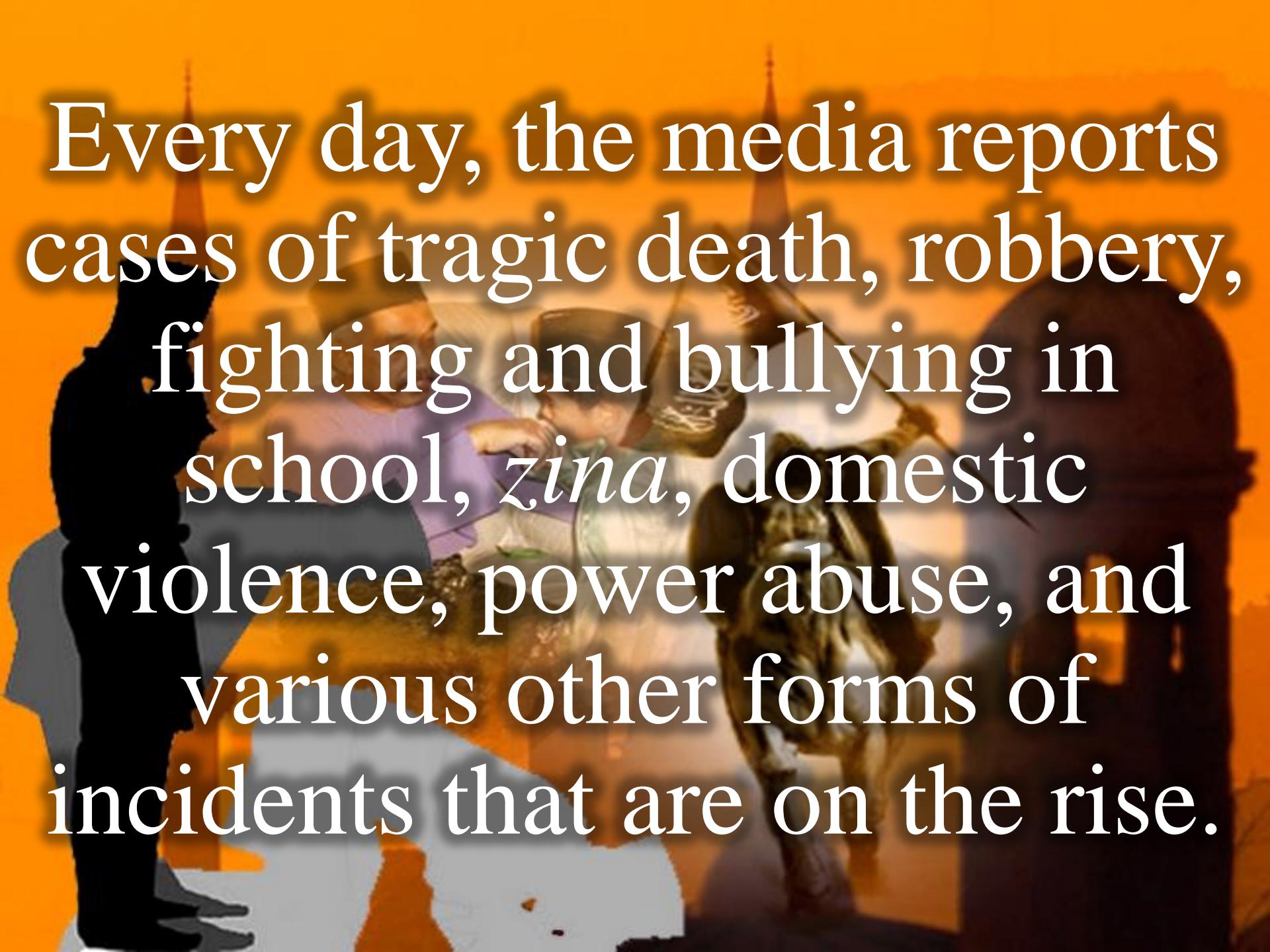
PROTECTION THROUGH RIGHTEOUS DEEDS



Let us increase our taqwa of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
by fulfilling all of His
Commands and avoiding all of
His prohibitions. 'Umar ibn
'Abdul 'Aziz had once
expounded

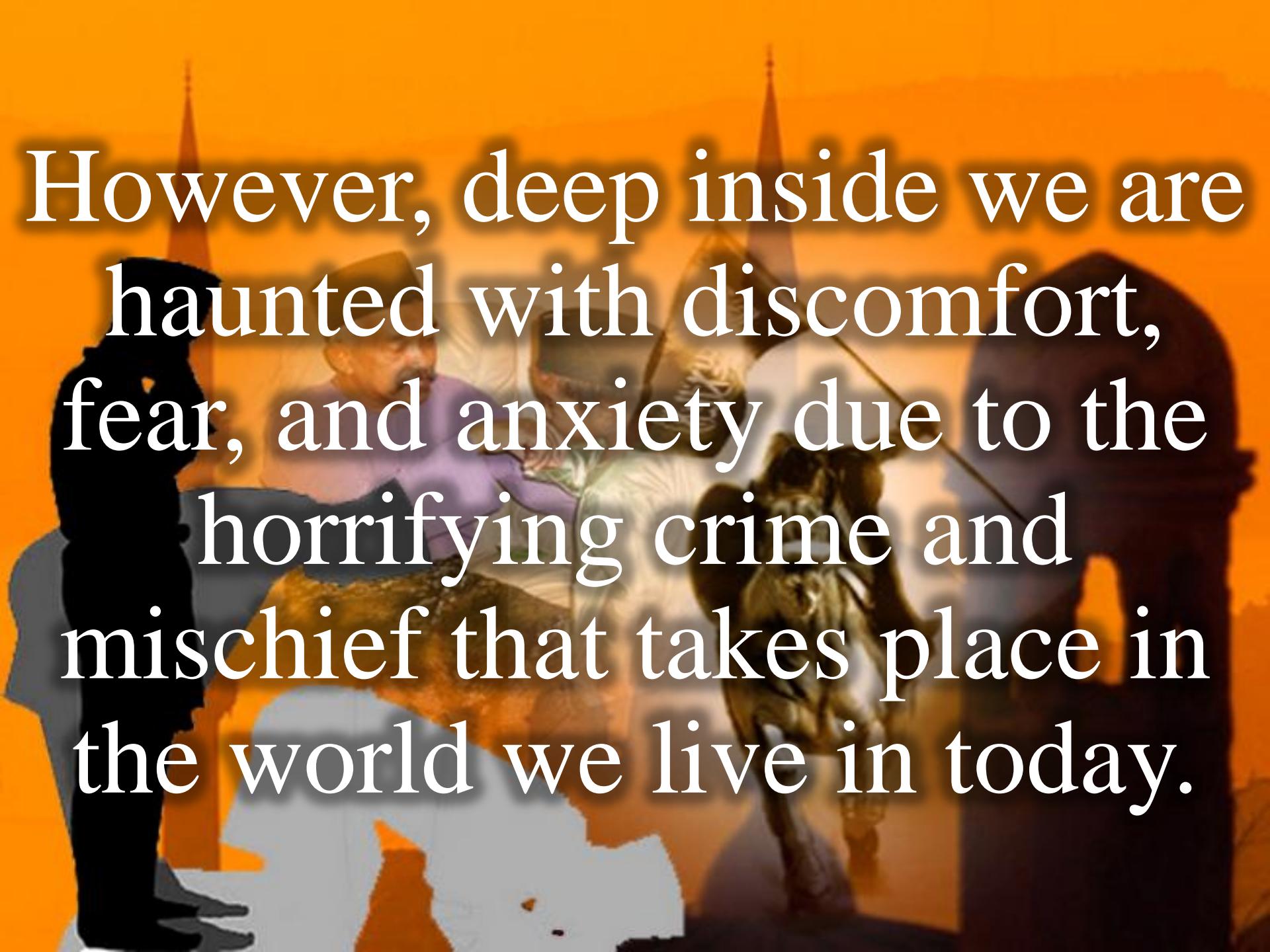
A blurry, warm-toned photograph of a mosque's exterior during sunset or sunrise. The image features several tall, slender minarets silhouetted against a bright sky. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a person's head and shoulders is visible, looking towards the mosque.

that *taqwa* is the very foundation of every matter, and that it is irreplaceable. With this, we sincerely hope to attain guidance in this world and the Hereafter.

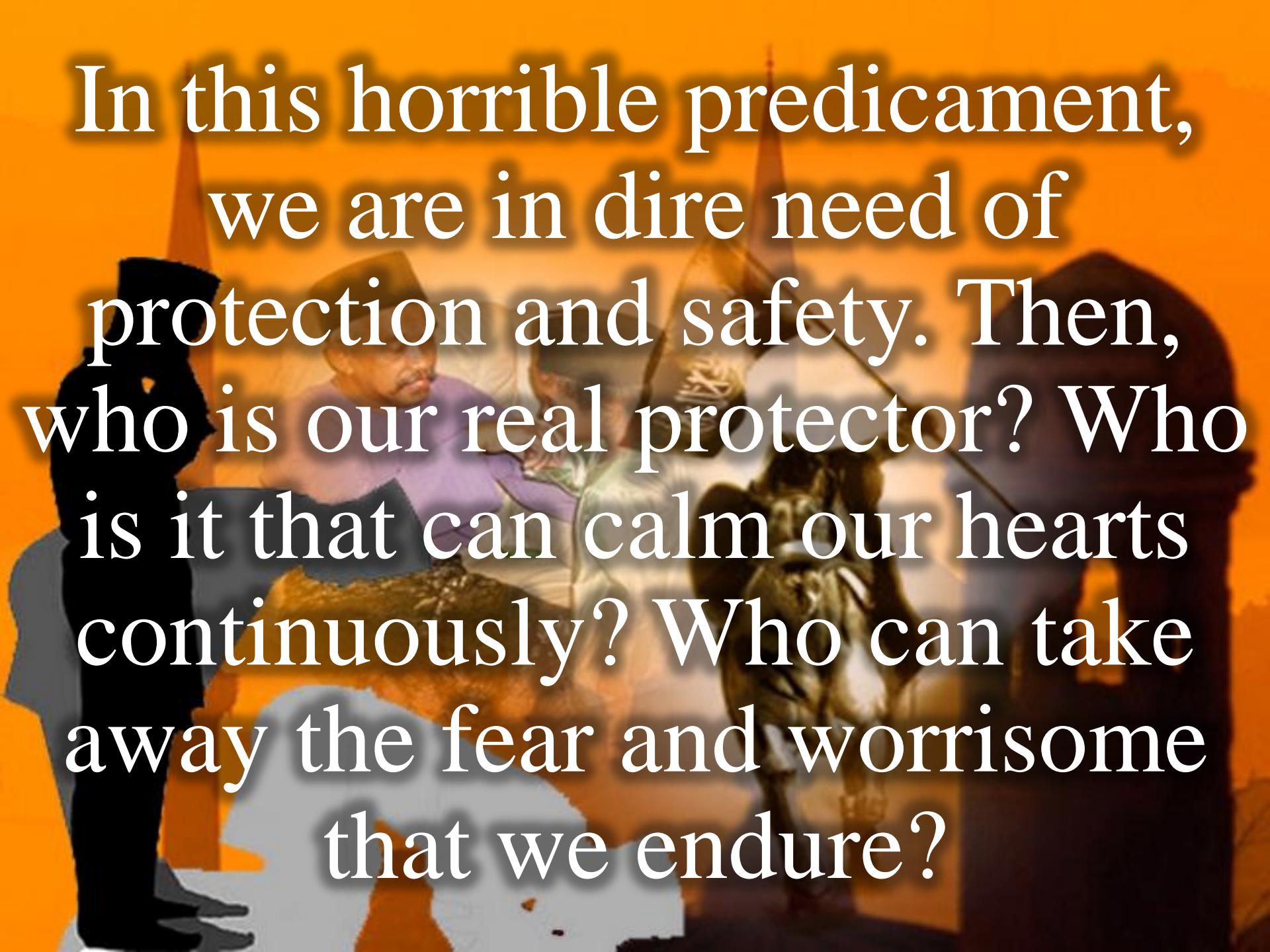


Every day, the media reports cases of tragic death, robbery, fighting and bullying in school, *zina*, domestic violence, power abuse, and various other forms of incidents that are on the rise.

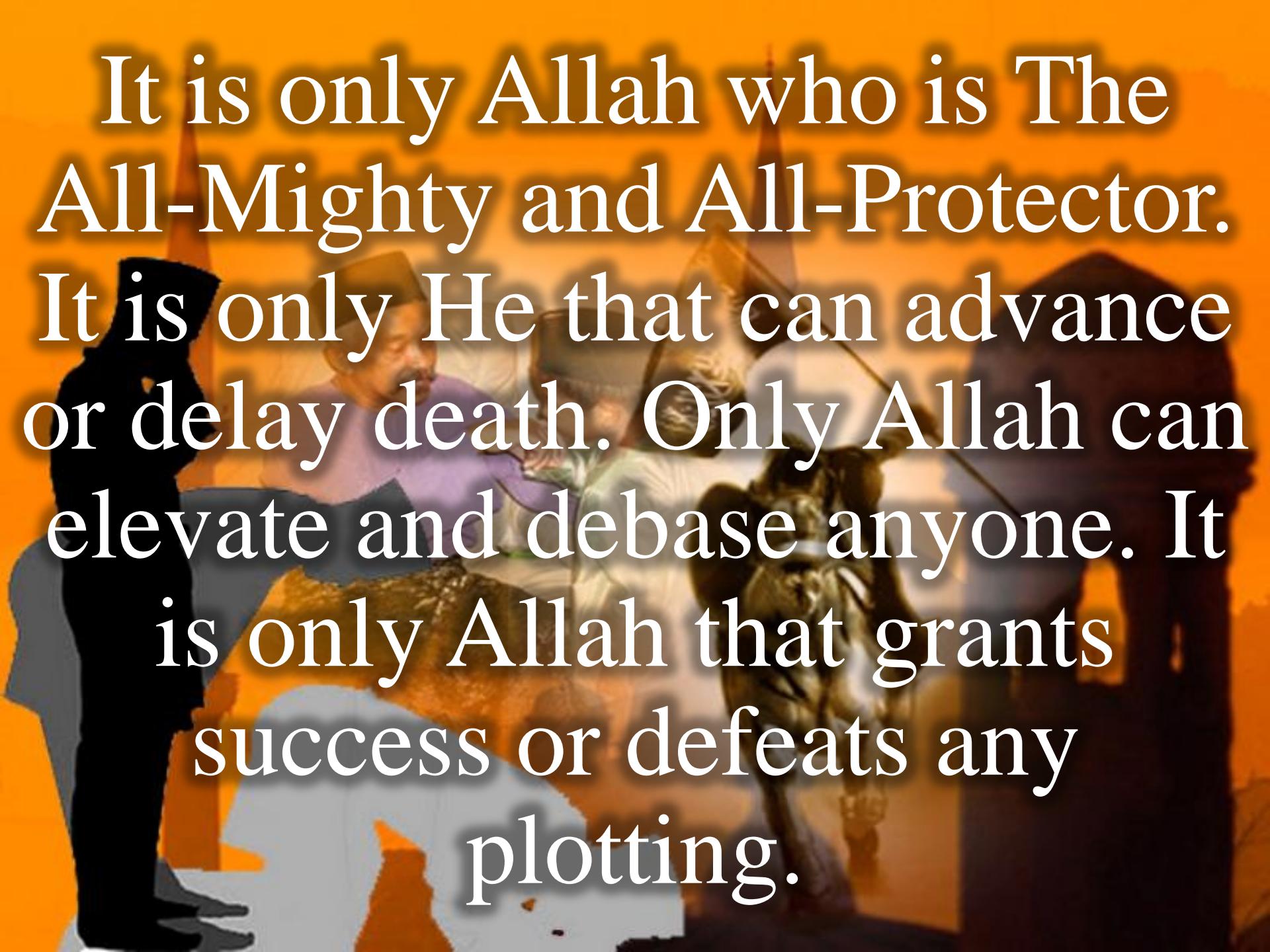
This increase is very worrisome and alarming though we are living in a nation with peace and harmony, rule of law established, sophisticated security system in place, utilizing the best communication system.

A photograph showing a group of people standing outdoors during sunset or sunrise. The scene is silhouetted, with the subjects appearing as dark shapes against a bright, orange and yellow sky. In the background, there are some buildings with visible spires, suggesting a cityscape. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

However, deep inside we are haunted with discomfort, fear, and anxiety due to the horrifying crime and mischief that takes place in the world we live in today.

A photograph showing a group of people, likely Sikhs, in traditional Indian attire. They are wearing turbans and colorful clothing, including shades of orange, blue, and white. The individuals are positioned in a close-knit group, possibly during a religious gathering or ceremony. The background is slightly blurred, focusing on the people in the foreground.

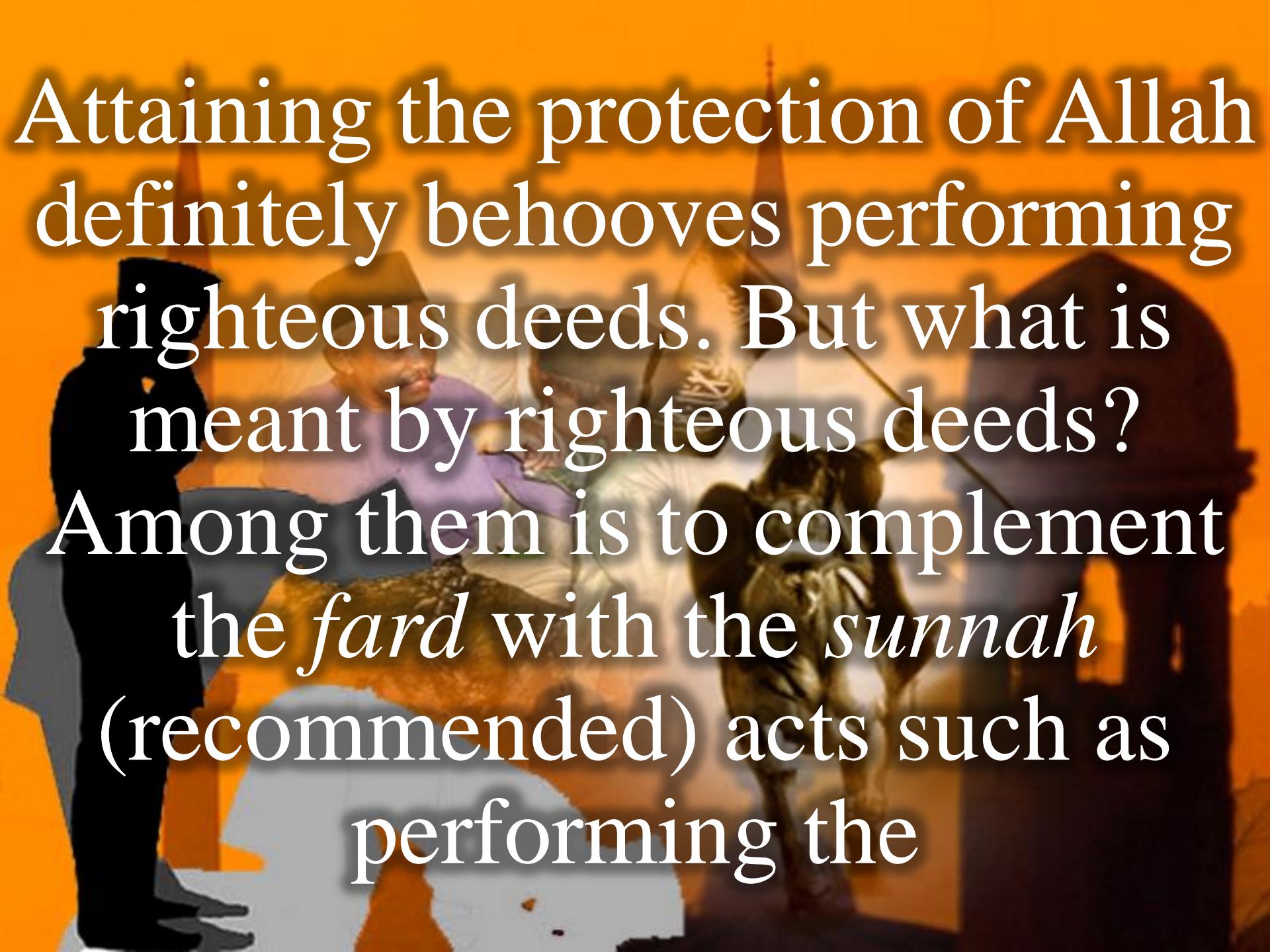
In this horrible predicament,
we are in dire need of
protection and safety. Then,
who is our real protector? Who
is it that can calm our hearts
continuously? Who can take
away the fear and worrisome
that we endure?

A photograph showing a group of people in traditional Islamic attire, including men in turbans and women in headscarves, gathered in what appears to be a public square or a mosque courtyard. They are standing in rows, some looking towards the camera and others looking away. The scene is set against a backdrop of buildings and trees under a clear sky.

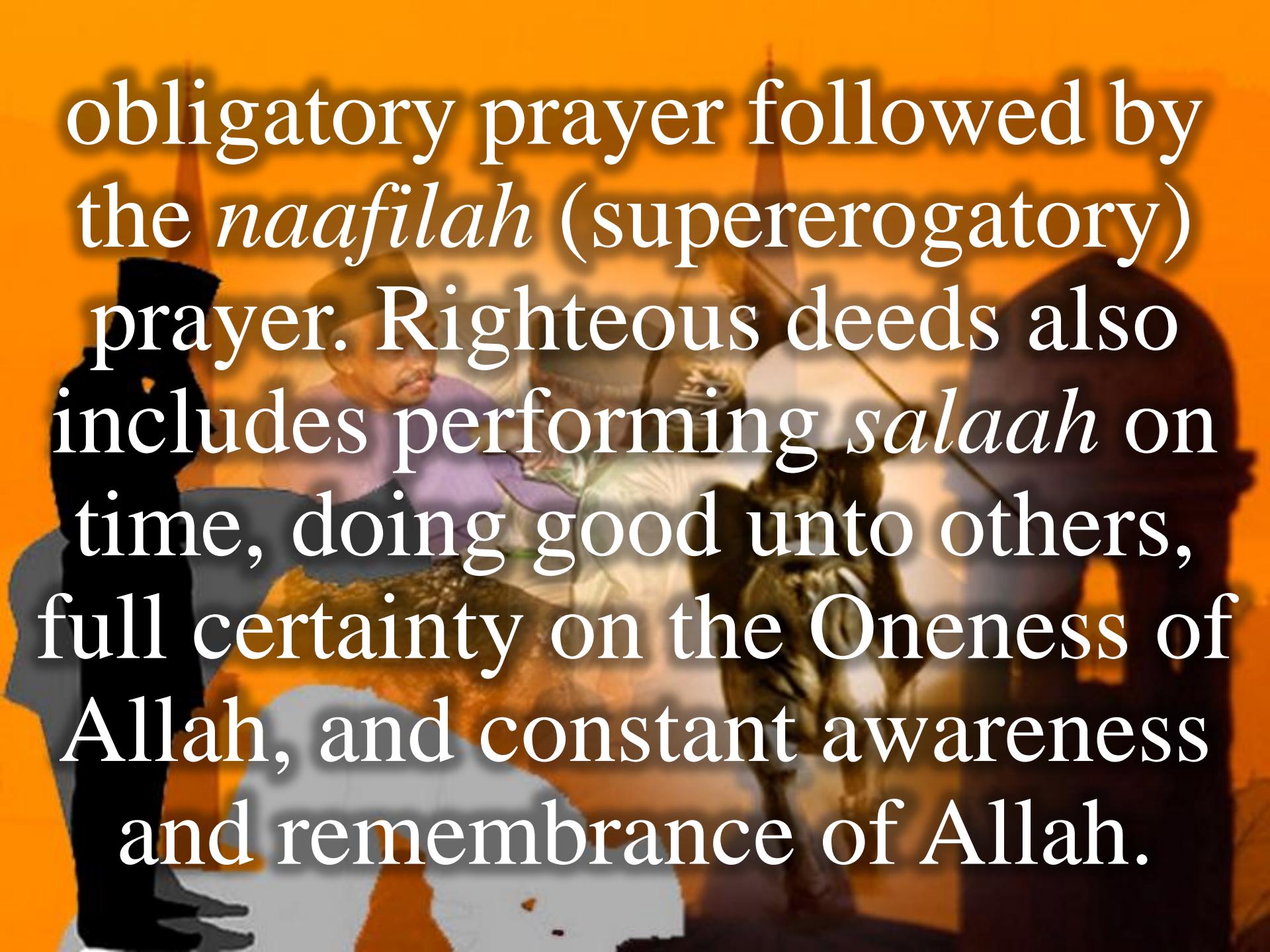
It is only Allah who is The All-Mighty and All-Protector. It is only He that can advance or delay death. Only Allah can elevate and debase anyone. It is only Allah that grants success or defeats any plotting.

It is only He that can transform
a situation into becoming better
through His Promise, as
mentioned in al-Qur'an:
“... and that He will surely
substitute for them, after their
fear, security...”

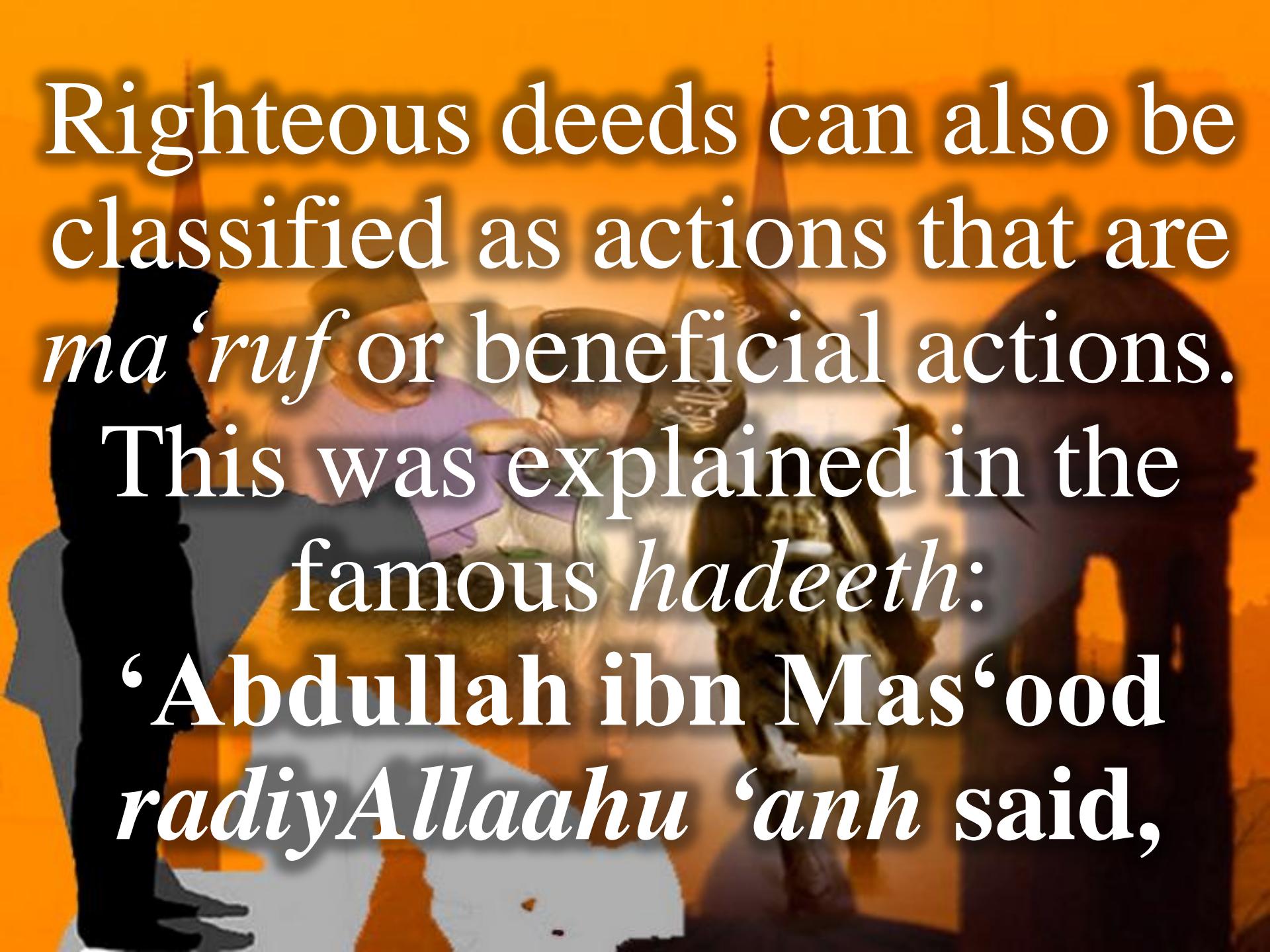
(an-Noor 24:55)



Attaining the protection of Allah definitely behooves performing righteous deeds. But what is meant by righteous deeds? Among them is to complement the *fard* with the *sunnah* (recommended) acts such as performing the

A blurry background image showing several people in a mosque, some wearing traditional Islamic headgear like ghutras and agals. They appear to be in the middle of a prayer session, with their heads bowed or hands raised. The colors are warm, with orange and yellow tones from what might be sunset or artificial lighting.

obligatory prayer followed by the *naafilah* (supererogatory) prayer. Righteous deeds also includes performing *salaah* on time, doing good unto others, full certainty on the Oneness of Allah, and constant awareness and remembrance of Allah.

A blurry background image showing several people in a mosque during a prayer session. Some individuals are in the foreground, while others are visible in the background. The scene is filled with warm, golden light, suggesting sunset or sunrise.

Righteous deeds can also be classified as actions that are *ma‘ruf* or beneficial actions.

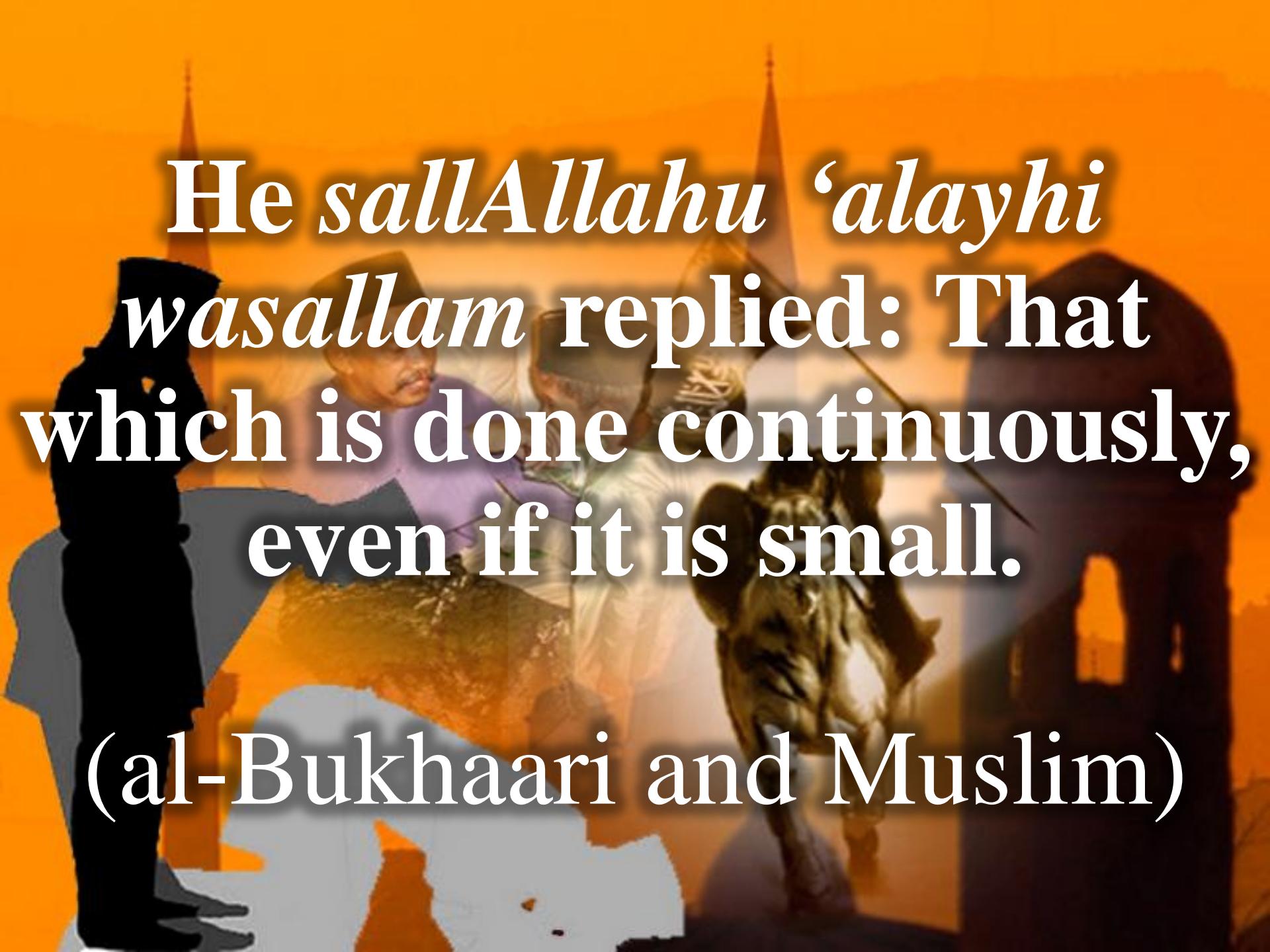
This was explained in the famous *hadeeth*:

‘Abdullah ibn Mas‘ood *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* said,

“I asked the Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*, “Which deed is most liked by Allah?” He *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said, “Prayer offered on time.” I asked him, “Then what?”

He *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said, “Kindness and respect towards parents.” I asked him, “Then what?” He *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said, “*Jihad* for the sake of Allah.”””
(Ahmad, al-Bukhaari, Muslim, Abu Dawood, an-Nasaa’i)

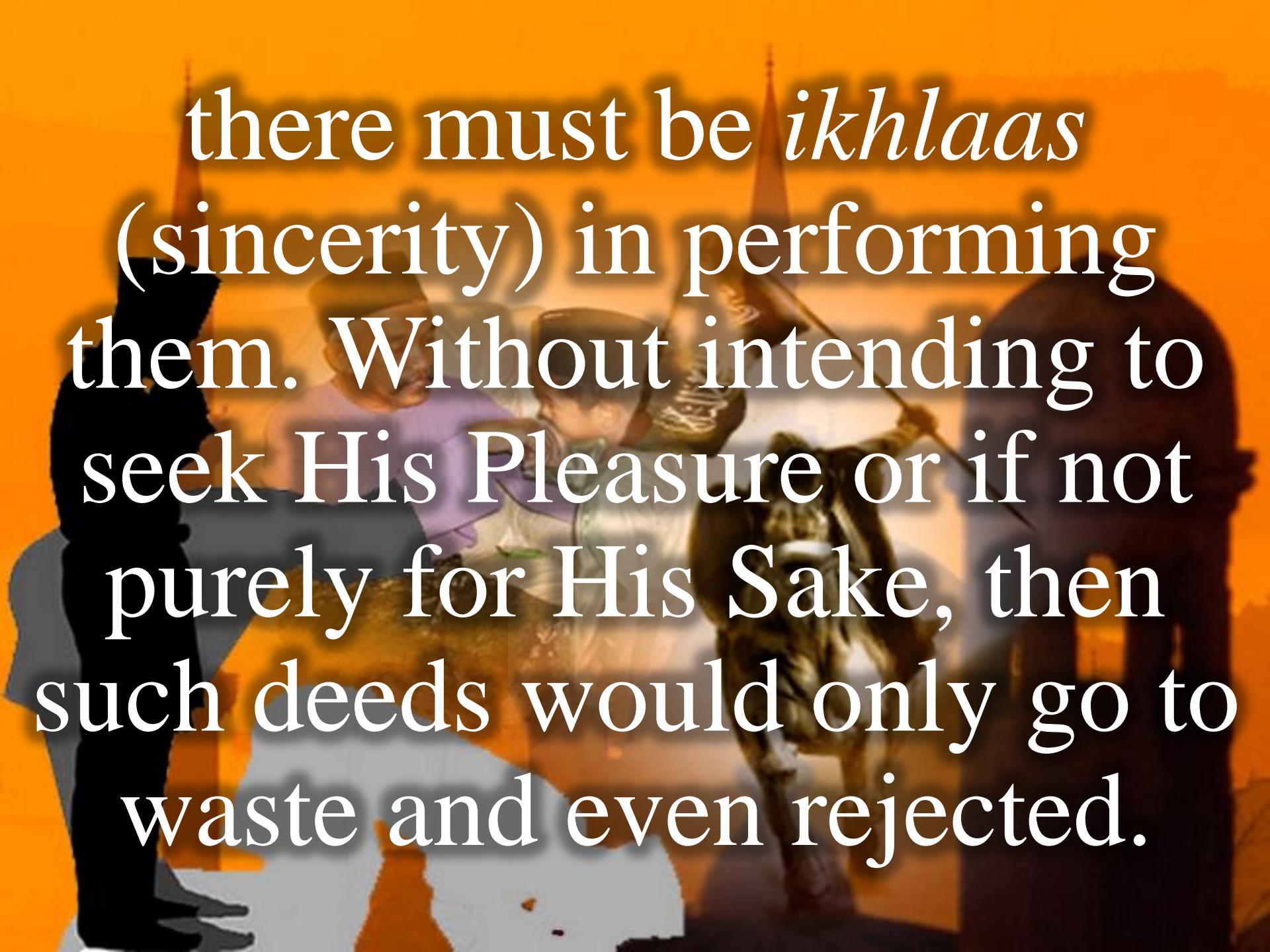
And in another *hadeeth*:
‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha*
is reported to have said that
the Messenger of Allah
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
was asked about the act
most pleasing to Allah.



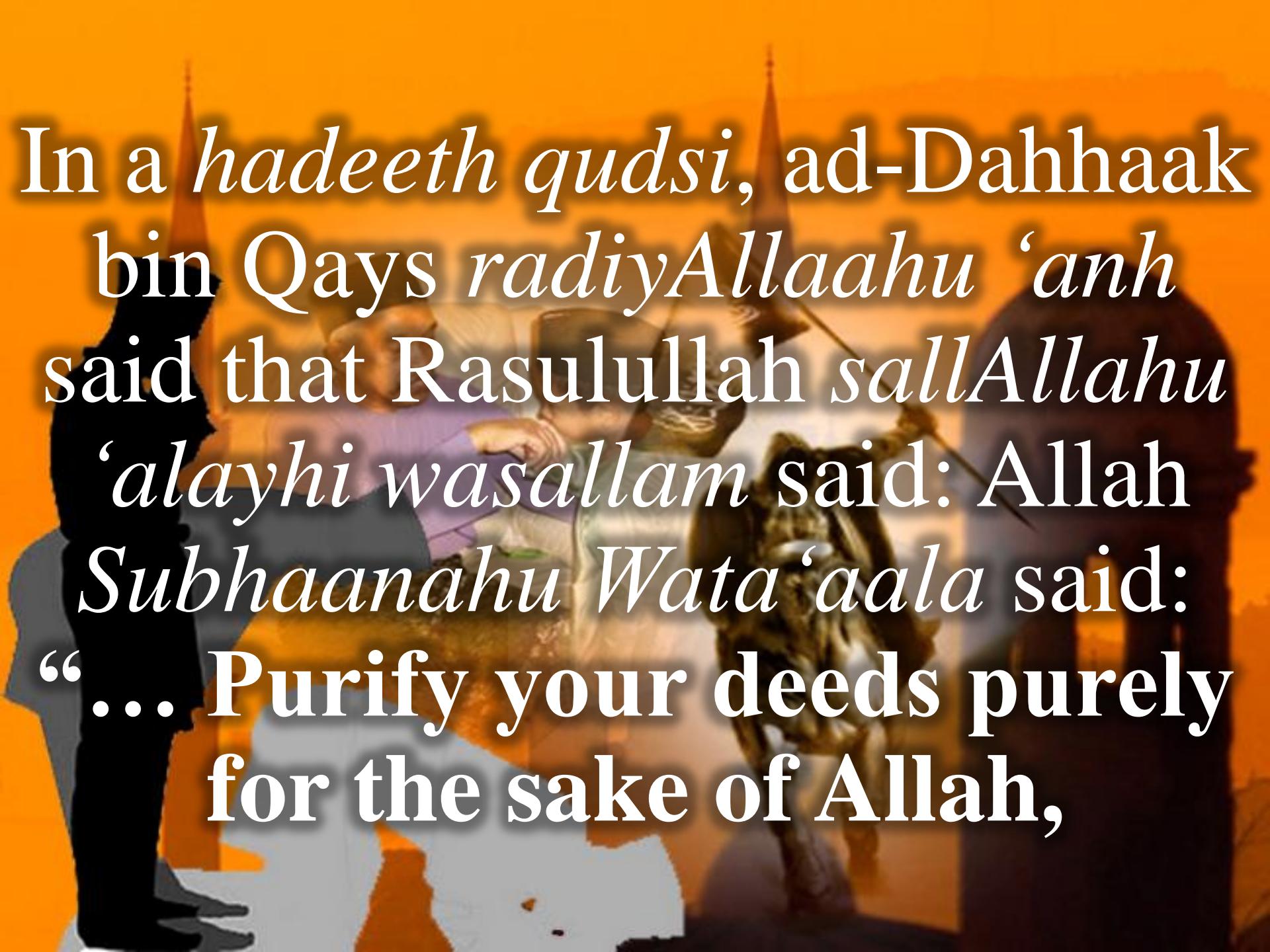
He *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* replied: That which is done continuously, even if it is small.

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

To ensure that our righteous deeds are accepted by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* requires continuity in performing them, no matter how small it may be. In addition to its importance,

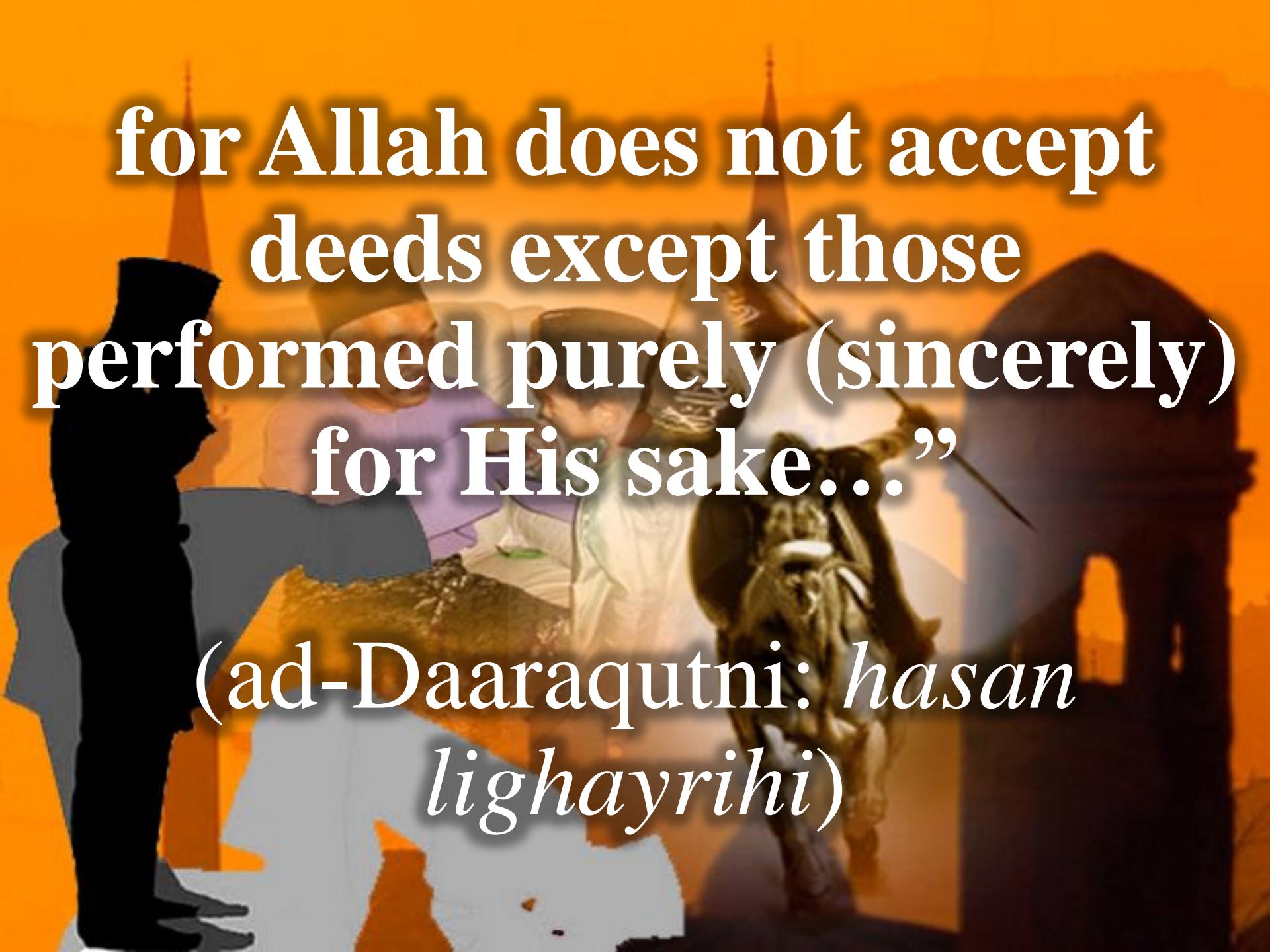


there must be *ikhlaas* (sincerity) in performing them. Without intending to seek His Pleasure or if not purely for His Sake, then such deeds would only go to waste and even rejected.

A person in traditional Islamic clothing, wearing a white agal and a grey agal, is seen from the side, holding an open book. In the background, a mosque with two minarets is visible against a clear blue sky.

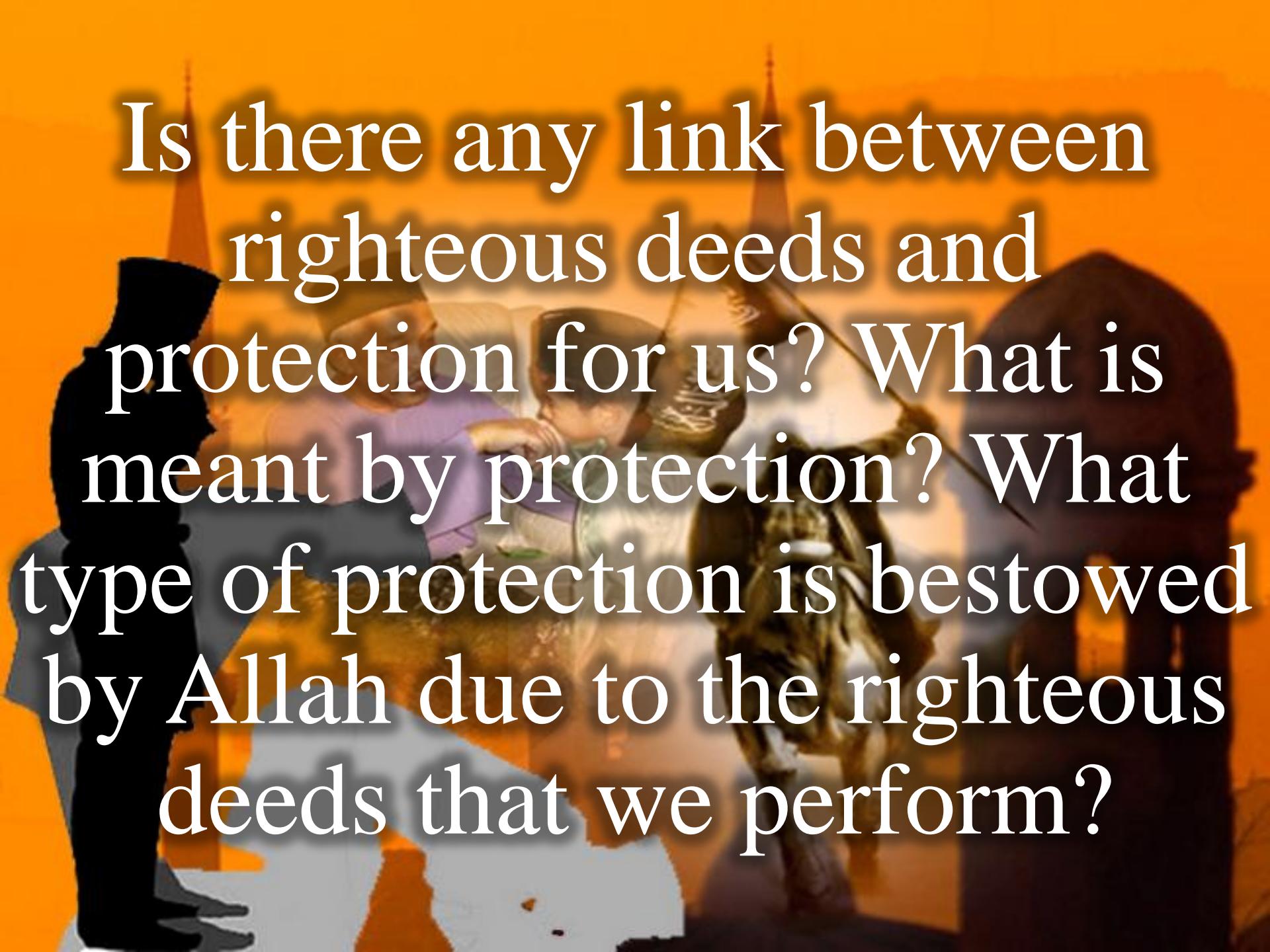
In a *hadeeth qudsi*, ad-Dahhaak bin Qays *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* said that Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* said: Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala said:

“... Purify your deeds purely for the sake of Allah,

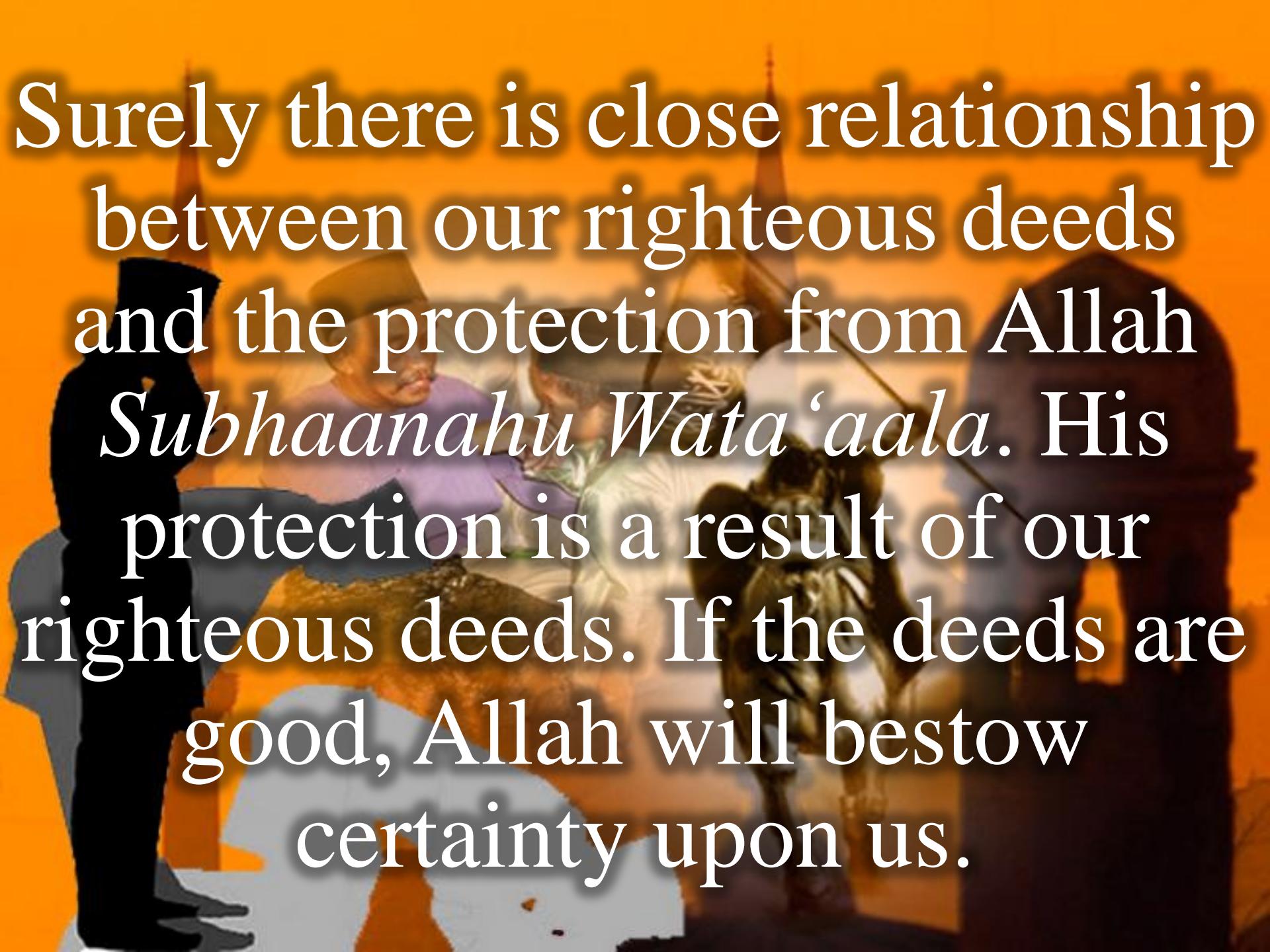


for Allah does not accept
deeds except those
performed purely (sincerely)
for His sake...”

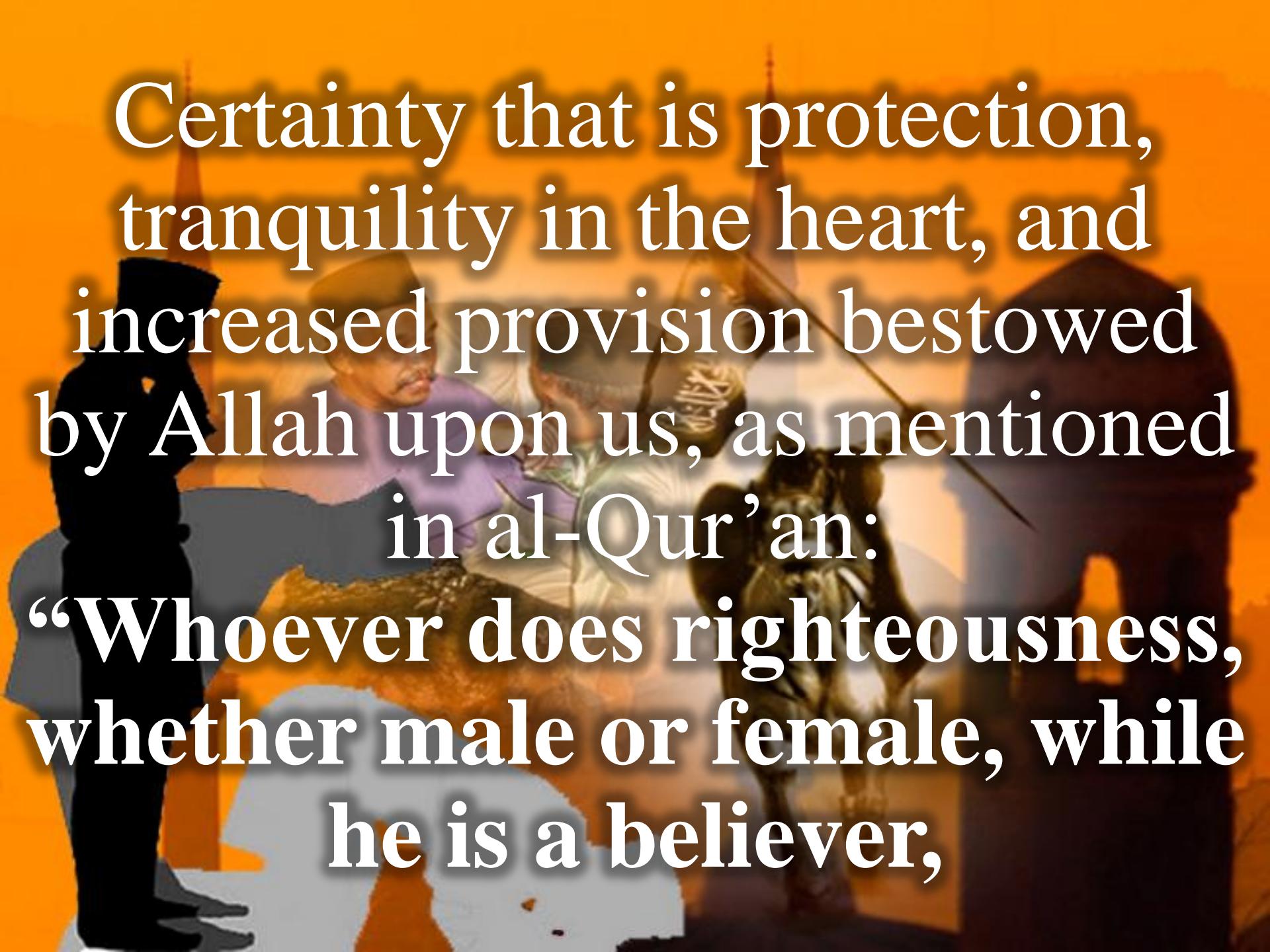
(ad-Daaraqutni: *hasan
lighayrihi*)



Is there any link between righteous deeds and protection for us? What is meant by protection? What type of protection is bestowed by Allah due to the righteous deeds that we perform?

A blurry background image of a mosque with a minaret at sunset. The sky is orange and yellow, and the mosque's architecture is visible through the haze.

Surely there is close relationship
between our righteous deeds
and the protection from Allah
Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. His
protection is a result of our
righteous deeds. If the deeds are
good, Allah will bestow
certainty upon us.

A photograph showing a group of people in traditional Islamic attire, including men in turbans and women in headscarves, gathered in what appears to be a public space like a mosque courtyard or a market. They are dressed in various colors like white, blue, and purple. In the background, there are buildings and a minaret under a clear sky.

Certainty that is protection,
tranquility in the heart, and
increased provision bestowed
by Allah upon us, as mentioned
in al-Qur'an:

**“Whoever does righteousness,
whether male or female, while
he is a believer,**

We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do.”

(an-Nahl 16:97)

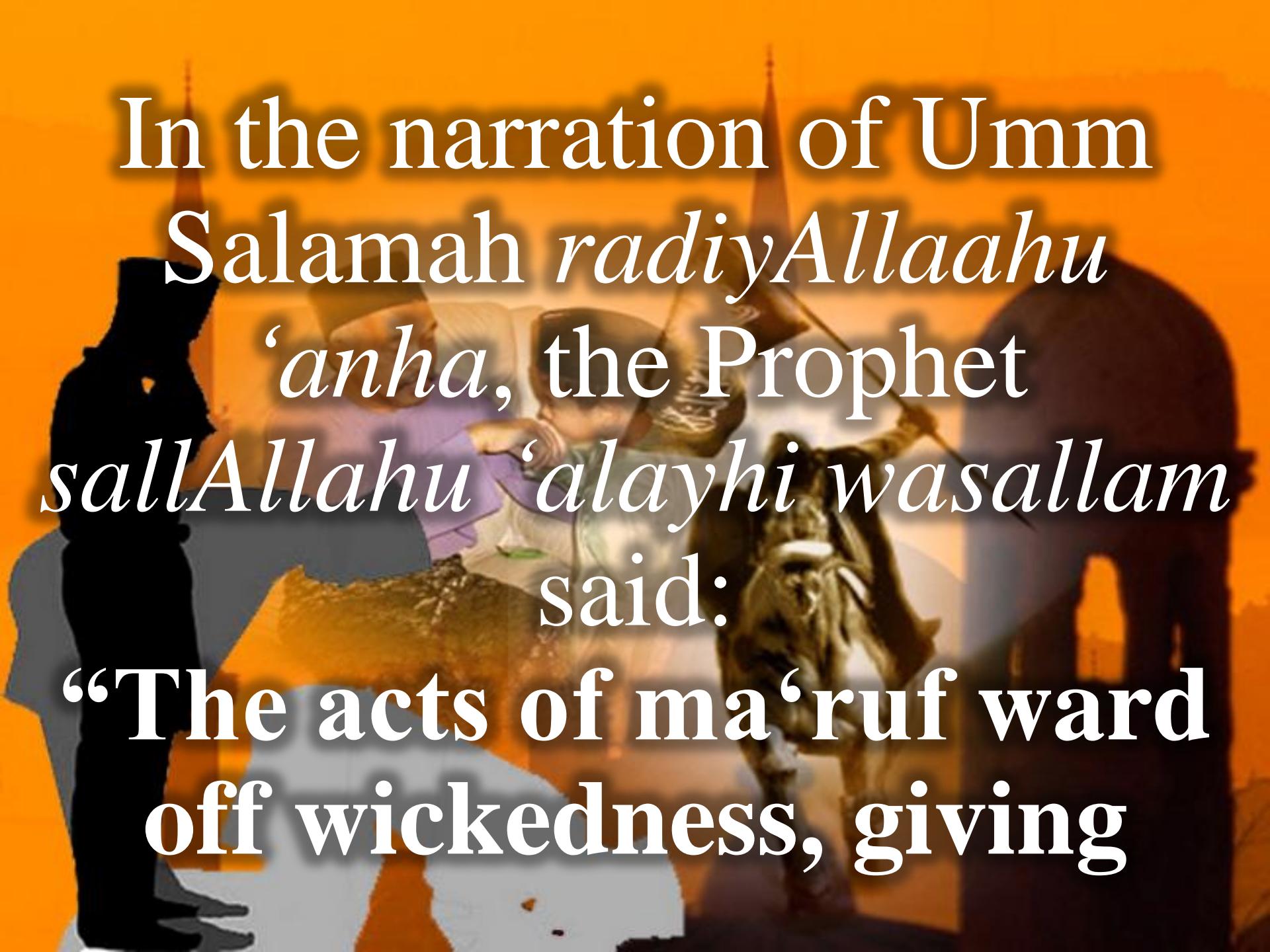
Narrated Abu Hurayrah
radiyAllaahu ‘anh: The
Messenger of Allah *sallAllaahu*
‘alayhi wasallam said:
**“No people gather in one of
the houses of Allah, reciting
the Book of Allah and
studying it together,**

but tranquility descends upon them and mercy encompasses them, and the angels surround them, and Allah mentions them to those who are with Him.”

(Muslim)

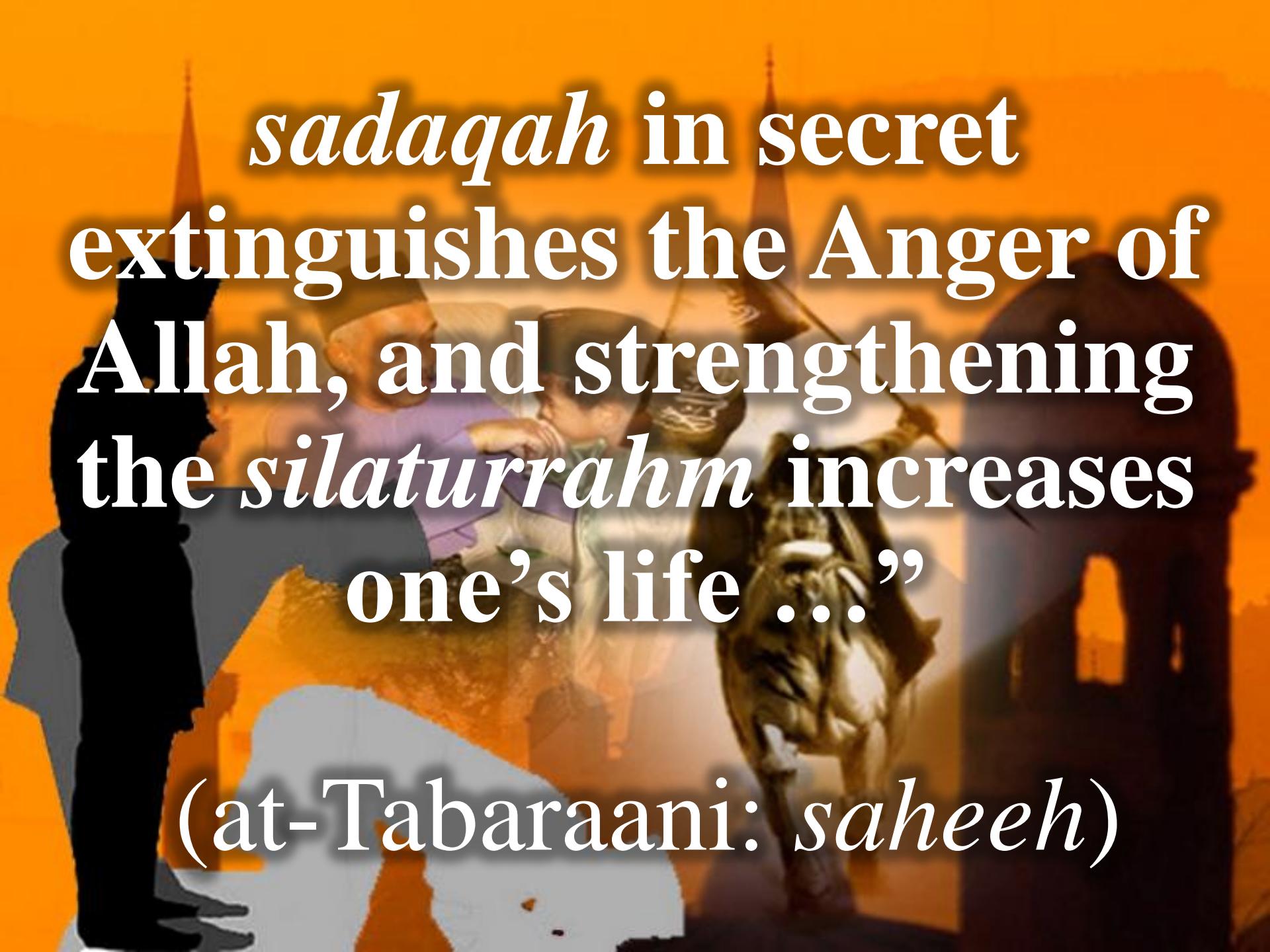
Verily, good deeds will result in the much needed protection including unexpected benefits.

Good deeds such as giving *sadaqah* and strengthening the *silaturrahm* (kinship) will help hinder calamities from occurring in one's lives.

A photograph showing a group of people, mostly men in traditional Islamic attire like turbans and robes, gathered around a central figure who is holding and reading from an open book, likely the Quran. The scene is set outdoors with a clear blue sky and some trees in the background.

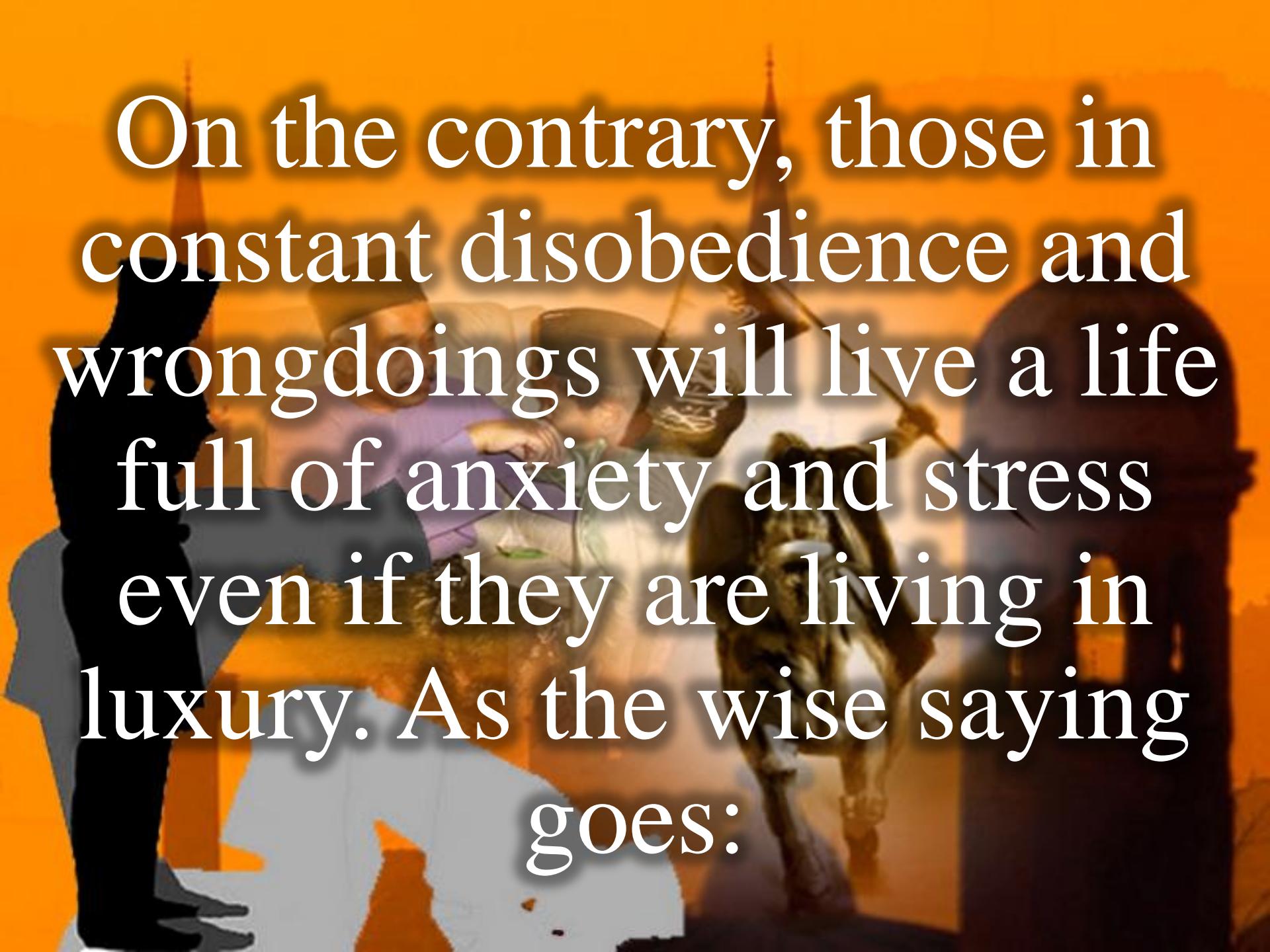
In the narration of Umm Salamah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*, the Prophet *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:

“The acts of ma‘ruf ward off wickedness, giving

A photograph showing a person in traditional Islamic clothing (a white agal and agal) pouring water from a silver bowl onto the face of a camel. The camel is brown and appears to be kneeling or resting. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting like a mosque courtyard.

sadaqah in secret
extinguishes the Anger of
Allah, and strengthening
the *silaturrahm* increases
one's life ...”

(at-Tabaraani: *saheeh*)

A photograph of a person sitting on a bench in a park at sunset. The person is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants, and is looking down at their smartphone. The background shows a blurred view of trees and a building, with warm orange and yellow hues from the setting sun.

On the contrary, those in constant disobedience and wrongdoings will live a life full of anxiety and stress even if they are living in luxury. As the wise saying goes:

“Indeed, neglecting Allah and putting trust in other than He is a very severe evil deed. In result, no protection and helper will avail in releasing one from the shackles of this world and the Hereafter.”

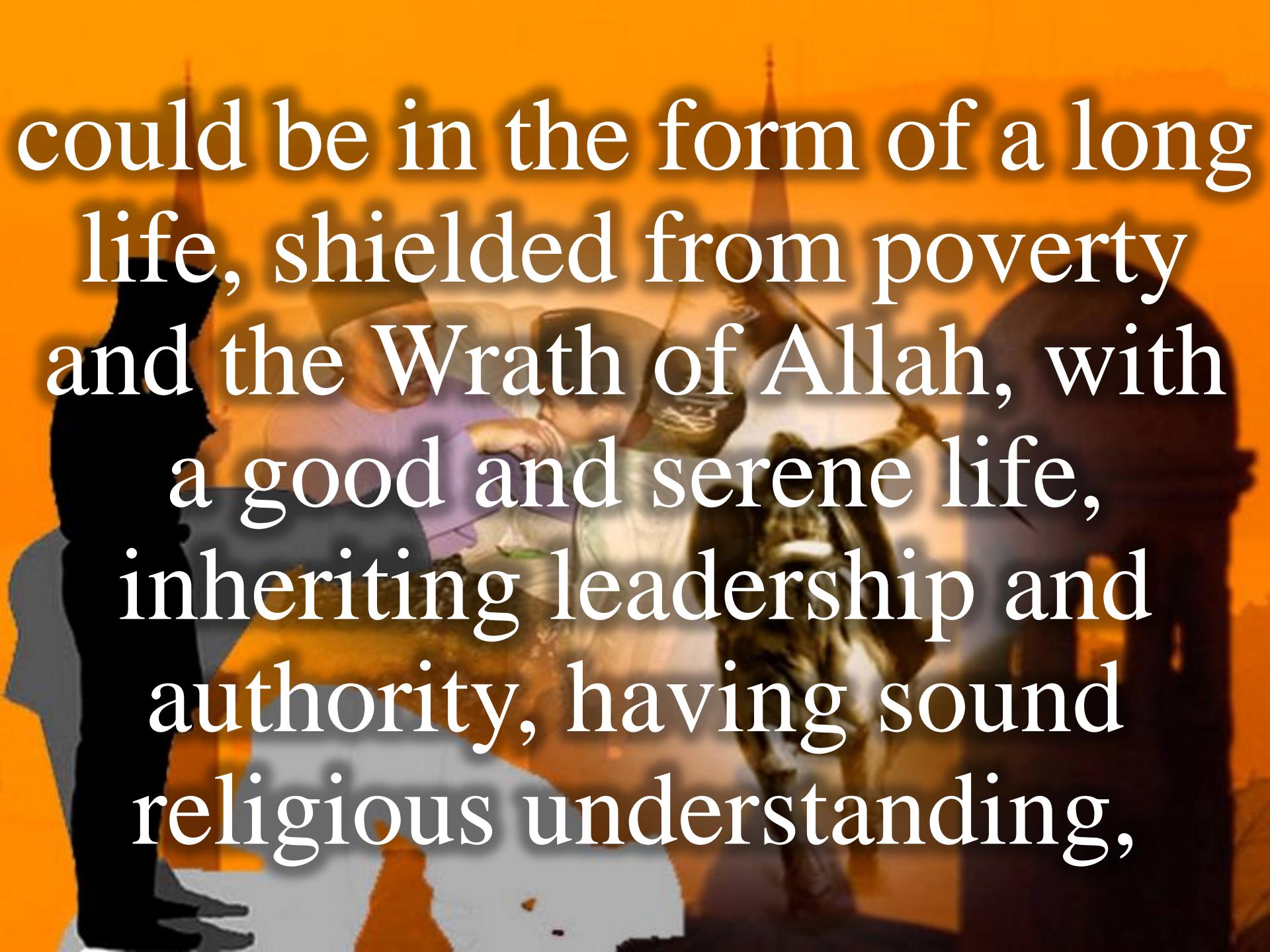
Allah has mentioned in al-Qur'an:

“... Whoever does a wrong will be recompensed for it, and he will not find besides Allah a protector or a helper.”

(an-Nisaa' 4:123)

Erudite Muslim scholars including Imam an-Nawawi have concluded regarding such protection based on the verses of al-Qur'an and *ahadeeth*. They have expounded that protection bestowed by Allah

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could be in the form of a long life, shielded from poverty and the Wrath of Allah, with a good and serene life, inheriting leadership and authority, having sound religious understanding,



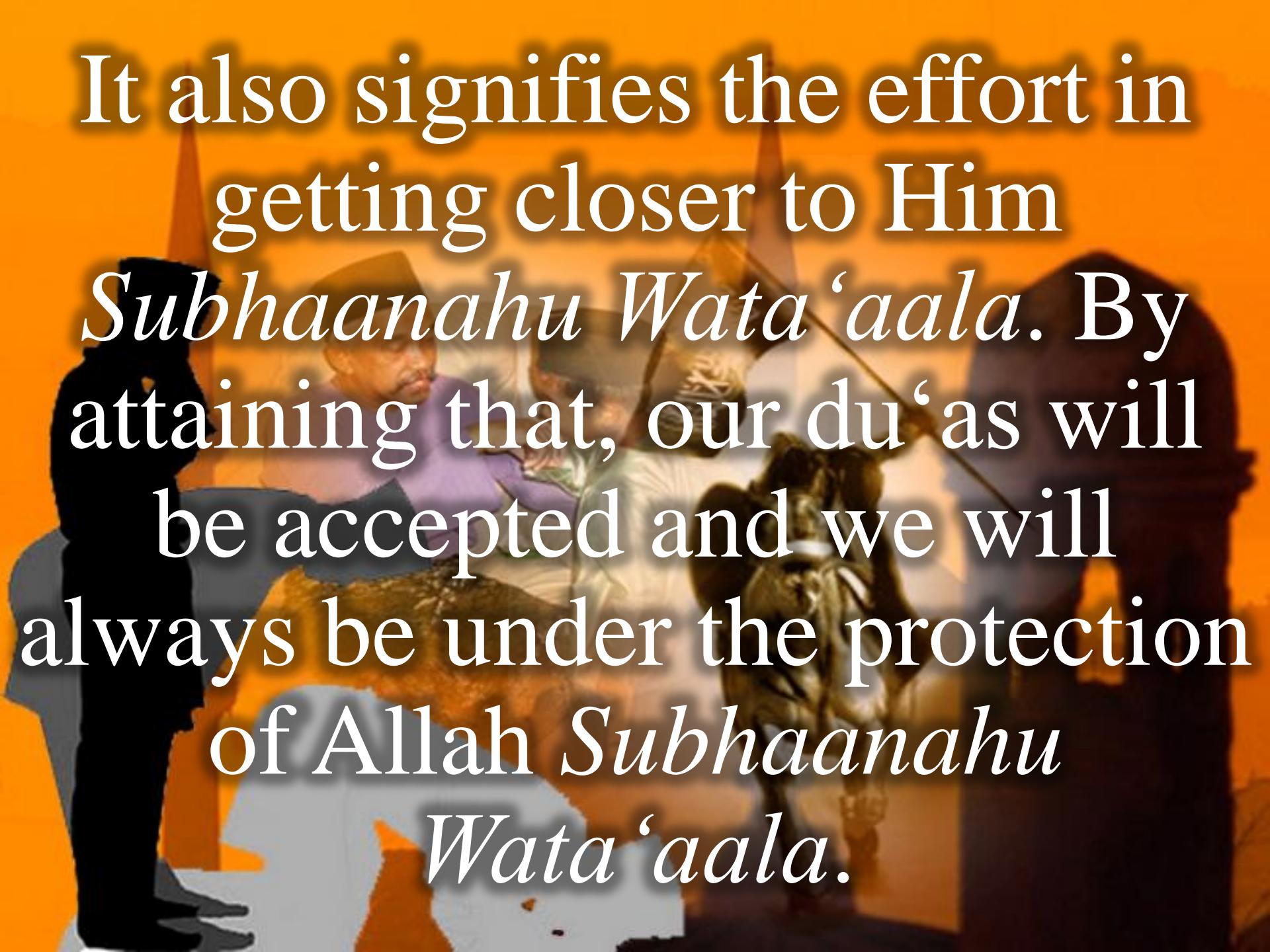
caring amongst each other,
accompanied by the noble
angels, showered with the
Mercy of Allah, and
protection from evil deeds.

A blurry background image showing the silhouette of a person in the foreground against a bright, orange-hued sky. In the middle ground, there's a faint, out-of-focus view of a mosque with its distinctive architecture and minarets visible.

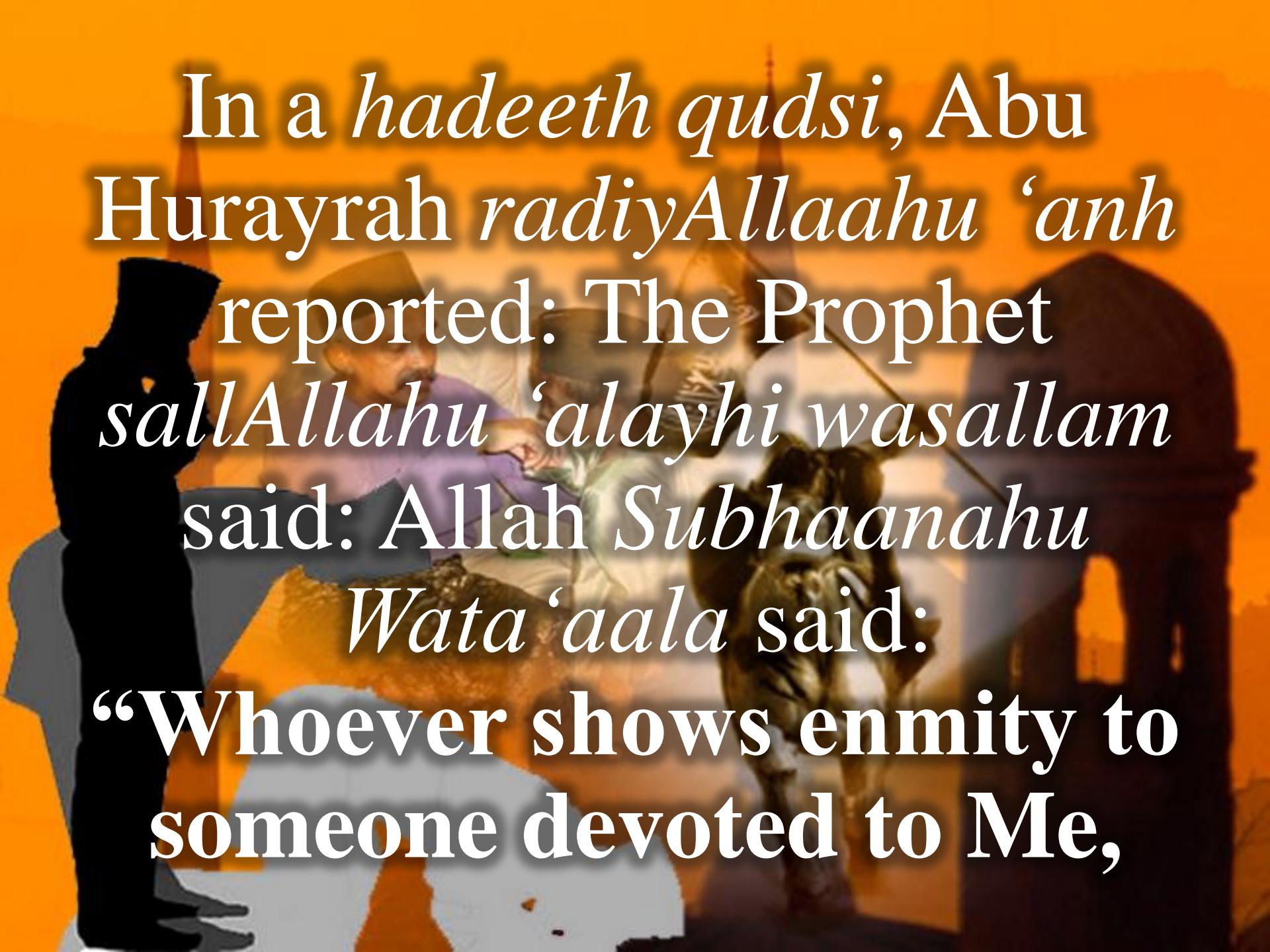
From what has been mentioned above, it clearly indicates the importance of sincere righteous deeds, *iltizam* (commitment), and *istiqaamah* (steadfastness) to all of us. May Allah grant *tawfeeq* and *hidaayah* upon us all so that we will continue

A photograph showing a person in traditional Islamic clothing, including a white agal and a grey agal, performing ablution (Wudu) in a mosque. They are standing in front of a stone wall with a large, ornate wooden door. The background features a golden sunset or sunrise over a city skyline with several minarets. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and spiritual.

to perform righteous deeds. Indeed, righteous deeds can guarantee continuous protection that is all-encompassing and everlasting.

A photograph showing a group of people in traditional Islamic attire, such as men in turbans and women in headscarves, gathered in what appears to be a mosque or a similar setting. They are looking towards the right side of the frame, where a person in a white robe, likely an Imam, is standing. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, creating a solemn and reverent atmosphere.

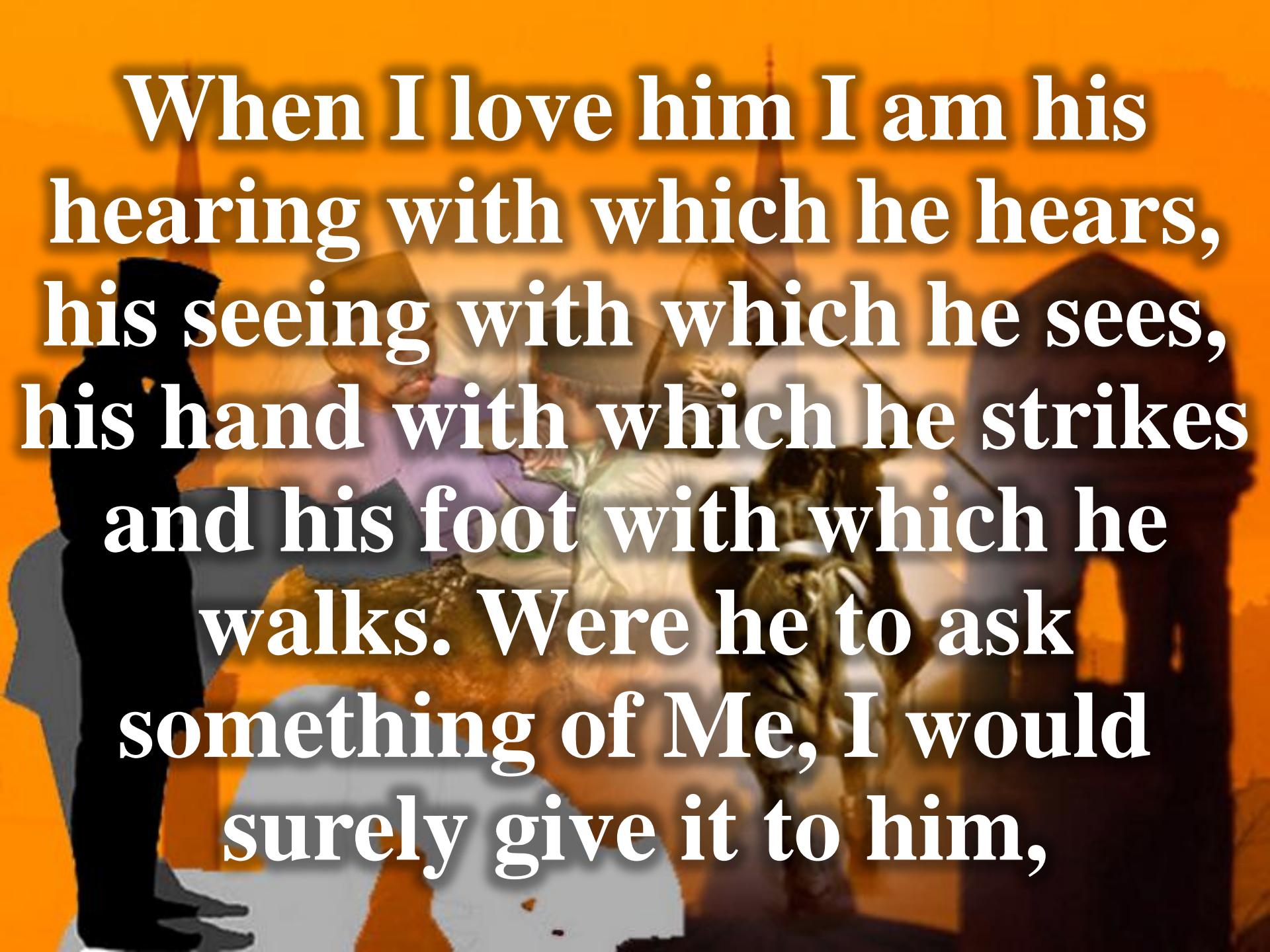
It also signifies the effort in
getting closer to Him
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala. By
attaining that, our du‘as will
be accepted and we will
always be under the protection
of Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata‘aala*.



In a *hadeeth qudsi*, Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* reported: The Prophet *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* said: Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* said:

“Whoever shows enmity to someone devoted to Me,

I shall be at war with him. My slave draws not near to Me with anything more beloved to Me than the religious duties I have enjoined on him, and My slave continues to draw near to Me with supererogatory works so that I shall love him.

A photograph of a person sitting on a bench in a park at sunset. The person is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants, and is looking down with their hands clasped. The background shows trees and a building with warm sunlight filtering through.

When I love him I am his
hearing with which he hears,
his seeing with which he sees,
his hand with which he strikes
and his foot with which he
walks. Were he to ask
something of Me, I would
surely give it to him,

and were he to ask Me for refuge, I would surely grant him it. I do not hesitate about anything so much as I hesitate about [seizing] the soul of My faithful slave: he hates death and I hate hurting him.”

(al-Bukhaari)

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

“But Allah is the best
guardian, and He is the
Most Merciful of the
merciful.”

(Yusuf 12:64)

“And whoever turns away
from My remembrance –
indeed, he will have a
depressed life, and We will
gather him on the Day of
Resurrection blind.”

(Ta-ha 20:124)

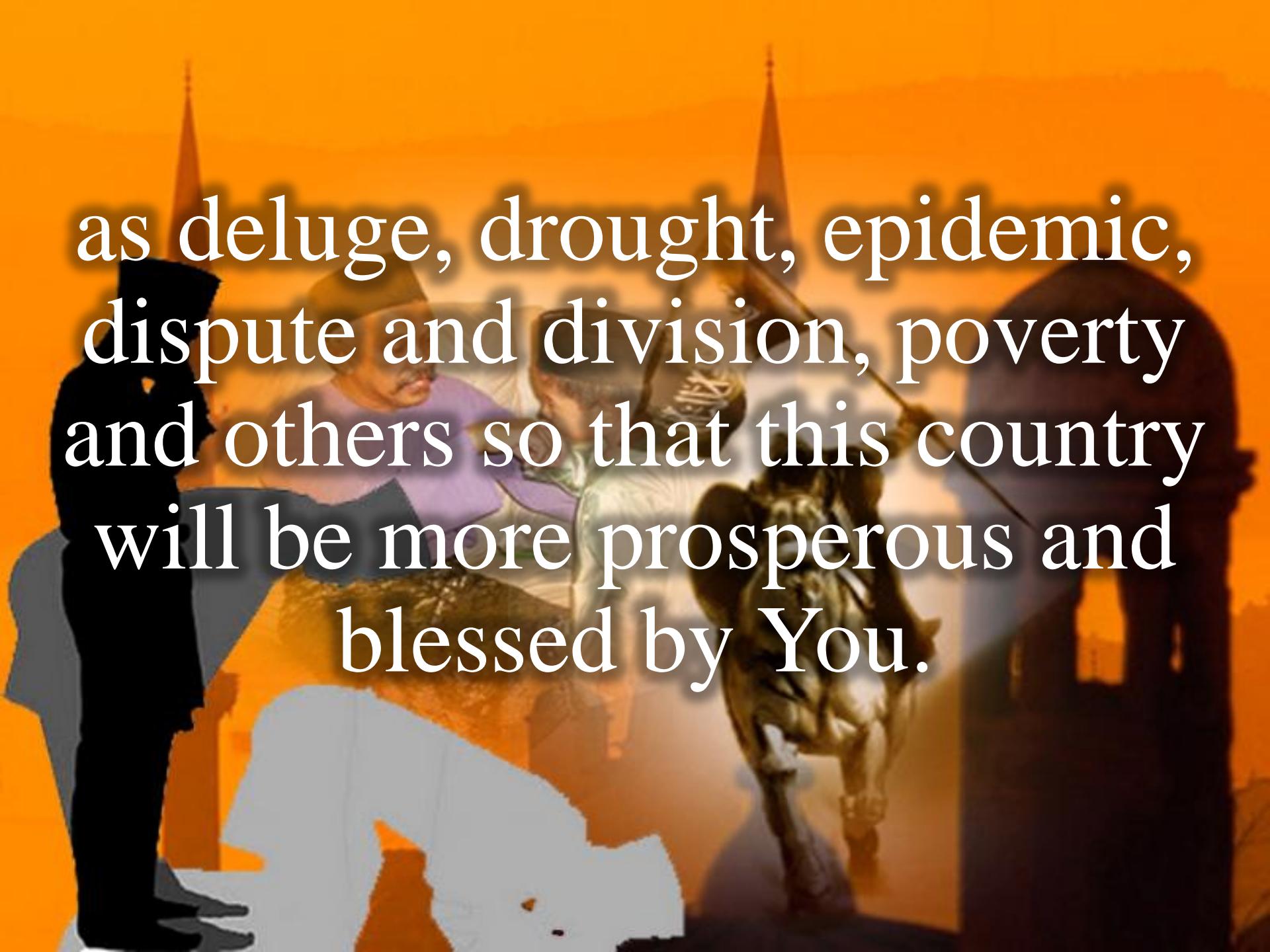
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إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

O Allah,

The Most Merciful, we thank You for all Your Mercy and Pleasure that enable us to enhance and strengthen our Islamic states, especially Selangor, as a developed and peaceful state.

O Allah,

We beg you to increase our good practice, strengthen our unity, grant us prosperous life, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, flourish our souls with noble character, return our youngsters to the right path, save us from Your biggest test such

A photograph of a group of people gathered outdoors at sunset. In the background, the minarets of a mosque are visible against a bright orange sky. The people in the foreground are silhouetted against the light, with one person in a purple shirt and another in a grey shirt clearly visible.

as deluge, drought, epidemic,
dispute and division, poverty
and others so that this country
will be more prosperous and
blessed by You.



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