

Palestine: A Quranic Lens

Educators'

notes

It is essential that educators read the speaker notes and research the topic BEFORE delivering the session.

Ask all participants to have a Mushaf/use an app/Quran.com etc.

If you are conducting this presentation to students who have a background in Arabic/Tafsir, you can make the session more interactive and meaningful by:

- Removing the English translations of the Qur'anic verses.
- Dividing the class into groups/pairs, giving them an ayah each and asking them to identify the key lessons which can be learned from these āyāt. If it is given as homework, they can be directed to relevant tafsir sources which will make the subsequent discussions more meaningful and richer.

If you are presenting via a projector, you can access the speaker notes if you extend the screen and click on present.

You can also print the slides with the notes. Go on print, then underneath slides, click the option of Notes Pages (Print slides with notes).

Resources required:

- Mushaf/Phone
- Speaker
- Projector

To make optimal use of this presentation, we recommend using the PowerPoint version which includes audio of the Qur'anic verses and visual elements.

Questions answered

01

**“WHY IS ALLAH ALLOWING
ALL THIS PAIN &
SUFFERING?”**

02

**WHAT LESSONS CAN WE
LEARN FROM THE
PALESTINIANS?**

03

**WHAT DOES ALLAH WANT
FROM US?**

04

**WHAT BRINGS VICTORY?
WHAT PREVENTS VICTORY?**

Qur'anic lens

The Qur'an always has the answers. The Qur'an is constant, perfect and timeless.

The purpose of the Qur'an is guidance. Just as it guided and strengthened the Prophet ﷺ and the Companions through difficult times, we too should make it our guide and anchor.

Let us develop a Qur'anic lens.



**Part I: “Why is
Allah allowing
this to happen to
the Palestinians?”**



How would you respond?



In groups/pairs discuss:

“Why is Allah allowing this to happen to the Palestinians?”

“WHY IS ALLAH ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN TO THE PALESTINIANS?”

There is no Jannah without tests

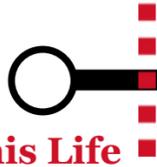
- This life is not Jannah. Everybody will be tested.
- Allah tests those whom He loves more.
- In order for victory to come, the tests before it will be very severe.

WE ARE NOT HERE FOR THIS LIFE.
OUR FOCUS IS THE AKHIRAH.

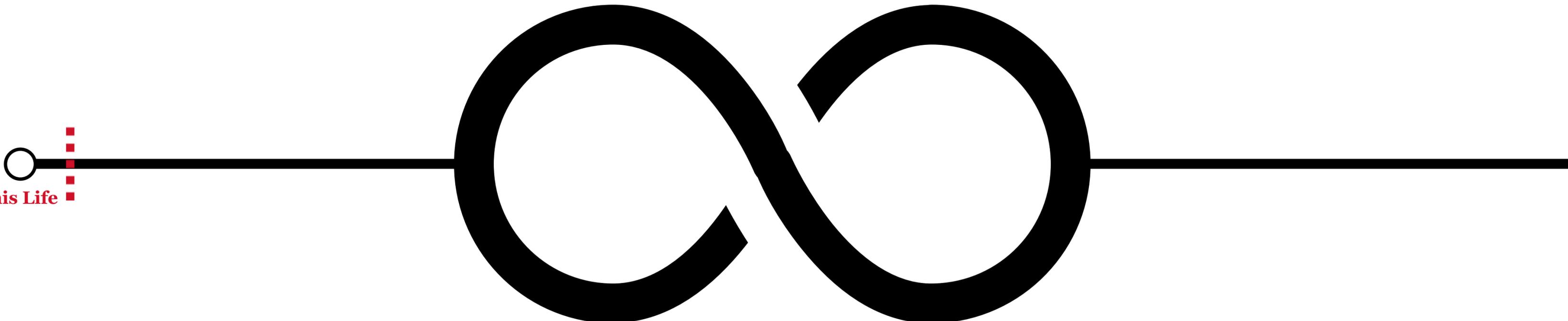
أَمْ حَسِبْتُمْ أَنْ تَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ وَلَمَّا يَأْتِكُمْ مَثَلُ
الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ مَسَّتْهُمُ الْبَأْسَاءُ
وَالضَّرَّاءُ وَزُلْزِلُوا حَتَّى يَقُولَ الرَّسُولُ
وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ مَتَى نَصُرُ اللَّهُ أَأَلَا إِنَّ نَصْرَ
اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ ﴿٢١٤﴾

*Do you think you will be admitted into Paradise without being tested like those before you? They were afflicted with suffering and adversity and were so (violently) **shaken** that (even) the Messenger and the believers with him cried out, “When will Allah’s help come?” Indeed, Allah’s help is near. (2:214)*

“WHY IS ALLAH ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN TO THE PALESTINIANS?”



This Life



The Akhirah (Everlasting Life)

“WHY IS ALLAH ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN TO THE PALESTINIANS?”

Unfailing life patterns

- This conflict is not new. There will always be a struggle between the truth and falsehood.
- Allah will give respite to the disbelievers, but their eventual outcome and punishment will be severe.

قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ سُنَنٌ فَسِيرُوا فِي
الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُكْذِبِينَ
﴿١٣٧﴾

Similar situations came to pass before you, so travel throughout the land and see what was the fate of those who denied the truth. (3:137)

“WHY IS ALLAH ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN TO THE PALESTINIANS?”

Exposes the hypocrites & purifies the believers

- Tests are like a sieve: they make apparent who the true believer is and who the hypocrite is.
- Trials and difficulties purify the believers from their sins.

إِن يَمَسُّكُمْ قَرْحٌ فَقَدْ مَسَّ الْقَوْمَ قَرْحٌ مِّثْلُهُ ۗ وَتِلْكَ الْأَيَّامُ نَدَاوِلُهَا بَيْنَ النَّاسِ وَلِيَعْلَمَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَيَتَّخِذَ مِنْكُمْ شُهَدَاءَ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٤٠﴾ وَلِيُمَحِّصَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَيَمْحَقَ الْكٰفِرِينَ ﴿١٤١﴾

*If you have suffered injuries, they suffered similarly. We alternate these days (of victory and defeat) among people so that Allah may **reveal the (true) believers**, choose martyrs from among you —and Allah does not like the wrongdoers— and so that Allah may **purify those who believe** and destroy the disbelievers.*

(3:140-141)

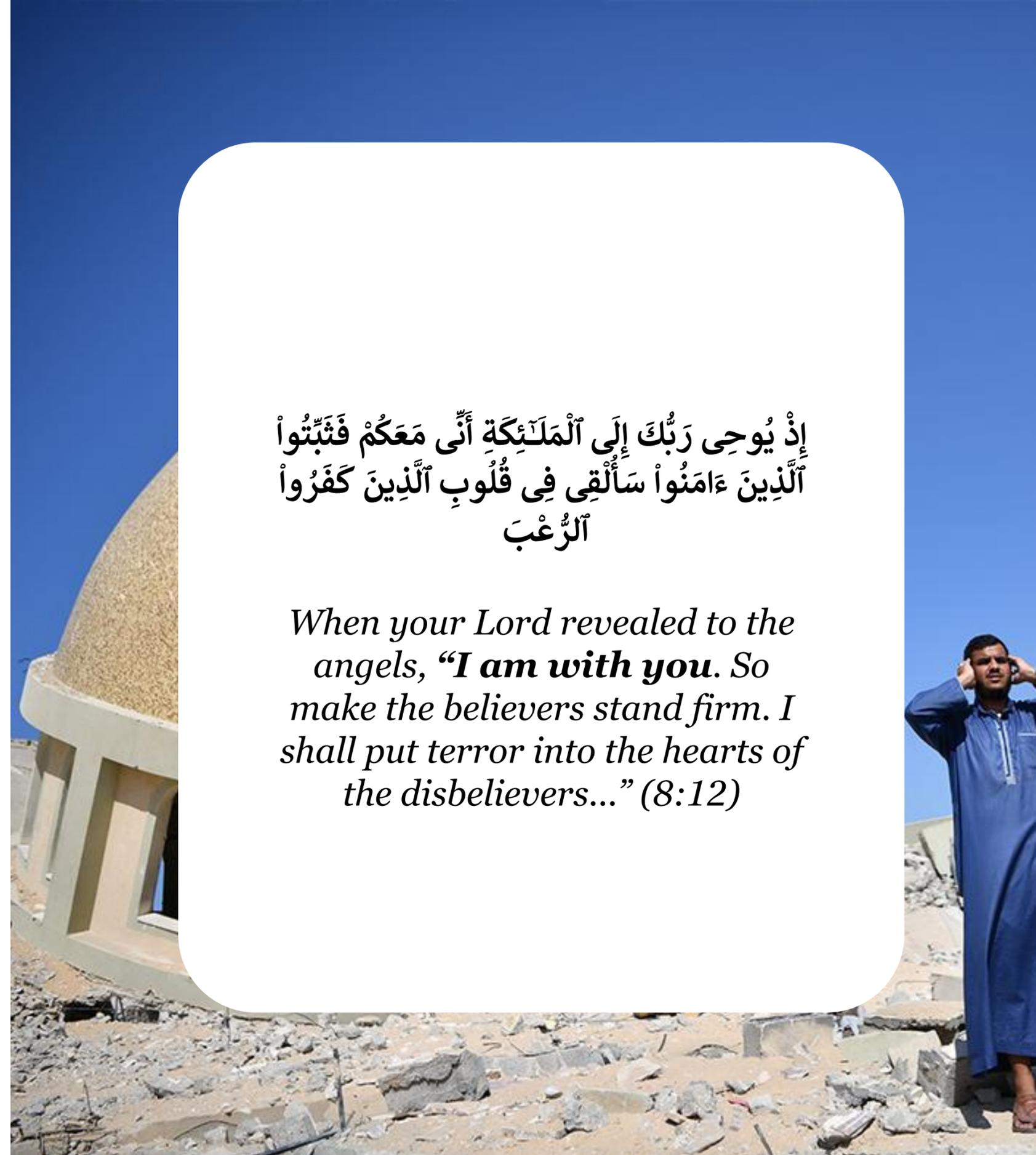
“WHY IS ALLAH ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN TO THE PALESTINIANS?”

They are not alone

- Allah has not abandoned them.
- He is with them. He sends His angels who reassure the believers.
- The tranquility of the believers vs. the fear felt by the disbelievers.

إِذْ يُوحِي رَبُّكَ إِلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ أَنِّي مَعَكُمْ فَثَبَّتُوا
الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا سَأَلِقَى فِي قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا
الرُّعْبَ

*When your Lord revealed to the angels, “**I am with you.** So make the believers stand firm. I shall put terror into the hearts of the disbelievers...” (8:12)*



“WHY IS ALLAH ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN TO THE PALESTINIANS?”

Allah's unlimited reward

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: “The martyr does not feel the pain of being killed except as one of you feels the pinch of an insect bite.”
(Tirmidhī)

وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتًا ۚ بَلْ
أَحْيَاءٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ يُرْزَقُونَ ﴿١٦٩﴾ فَرِحِينَ بِمَا آتَاهُمُ
اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ وَيَسْتَبْشِرُونَ بِالَّذِينَ لَمْ يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ
مِّنْ خَلْفِهِمْ أَلَّا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ
﴿١٧٠﴾ يَسْتَبْشِرُونَ بِنِعْمَةِ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَفَضْلٍ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ
لَا يُضِيعُ أَجْرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٧١﴾

*Never think of those martyred in the cause of Allah as dead. In fact, they are alive **with their Lord**, well provided for — rejoicing in Allah's bounties and being delighted for those yet to join them. There will be no fear for them, nor will they grieve. They are joyful for receiving Allah's grace and bounty, and that Allah will not let the reward of the believers go to waste. (3:169-171)*



Don't cry man!
We're all Martyrs.
We're all Martyrs in the making.

 GAZA CITY

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“WHY IS ALLAH ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN TO THE PALESTINIANS?”

Ultimately...

“WHY IS ALLAH ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN TO THE PALESTINIANS?”

وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ

The future belongs to those who are
God-fearing.

(7:128)

فَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا قُطِّعَتْ لَهُمْ ثِيَابٌ مِّنْ نَّارٍ يُصَبُّ مِنْ فَوْقِ رُءُوسِهِمُ الْحَمِيمُ ﴿١٩﴾
يُصْهَرُ بِهِ مَا فِي بُطُونِهِمْ وَالْجُلُودُ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَلَهُمْ مَقَمِعٌ مِنْ حَدِيدٍ ﴿٢١﴾ كَلَّمَآ
أَرَادُوا أَنْ يَخْرُجُوا مِنْهَا مِنْ غَمٍّ أُعِيدُوا فِيهَا وَذُوقُوا عَذَابَ الْحَرِيقِ ﴿٢٢﴾

...As for the disbelievers, garments of Fire will be tailored for them and boiling water will be poured over their heads, whereby everything in their bellies, as well as the skins, will be melted. And awaiting them are hooked rods of iron. Whenever they try to escape from Hell—out of anguish—they will be forced back into it, (and will be told), ‘Taste the torment of burning!’

(22:19-22)

“We are not equal. Our dead go to Paradise, and your dead go to Hell.” - ‘Umar (ra)

**Part II: What
lessons can we
learn from the
Palestinians?**



How would you respond?



In groups/pairs discuss:

What are the Palestinians teaching us?

Palestinians are teaching us
the true meaning of *iman*,
patience, and perseverance.



May your money
return to you.

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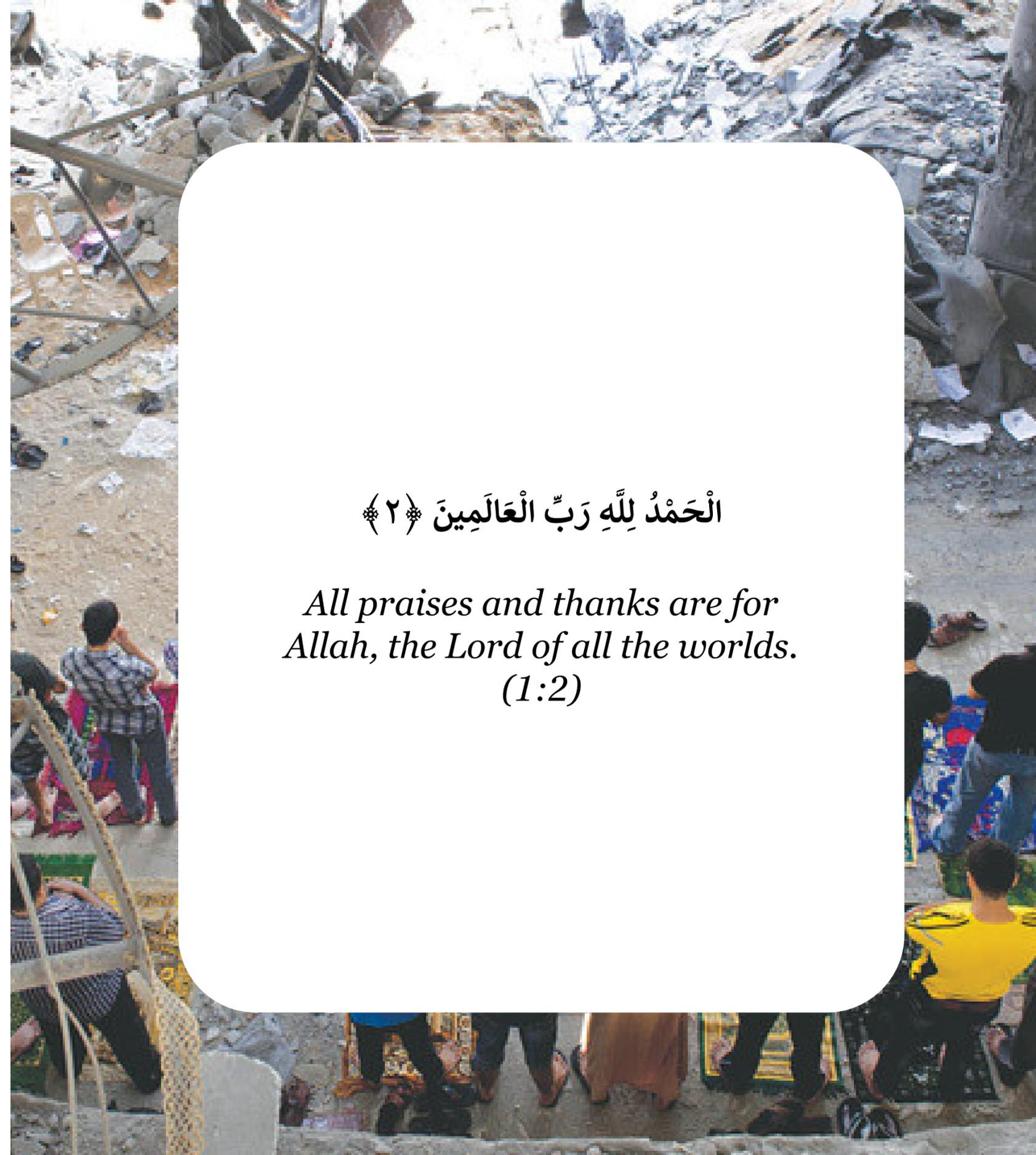
WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM THE PALESTINIANS?

Patience & steadfastness

- True sabr: being patient at the first strike of calamity.
- Seeking strength through dhikr.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢﴾

*All praises and thanks are for
Allah, the Lord of all the worlds.
(1:2)*





Taking a shelter

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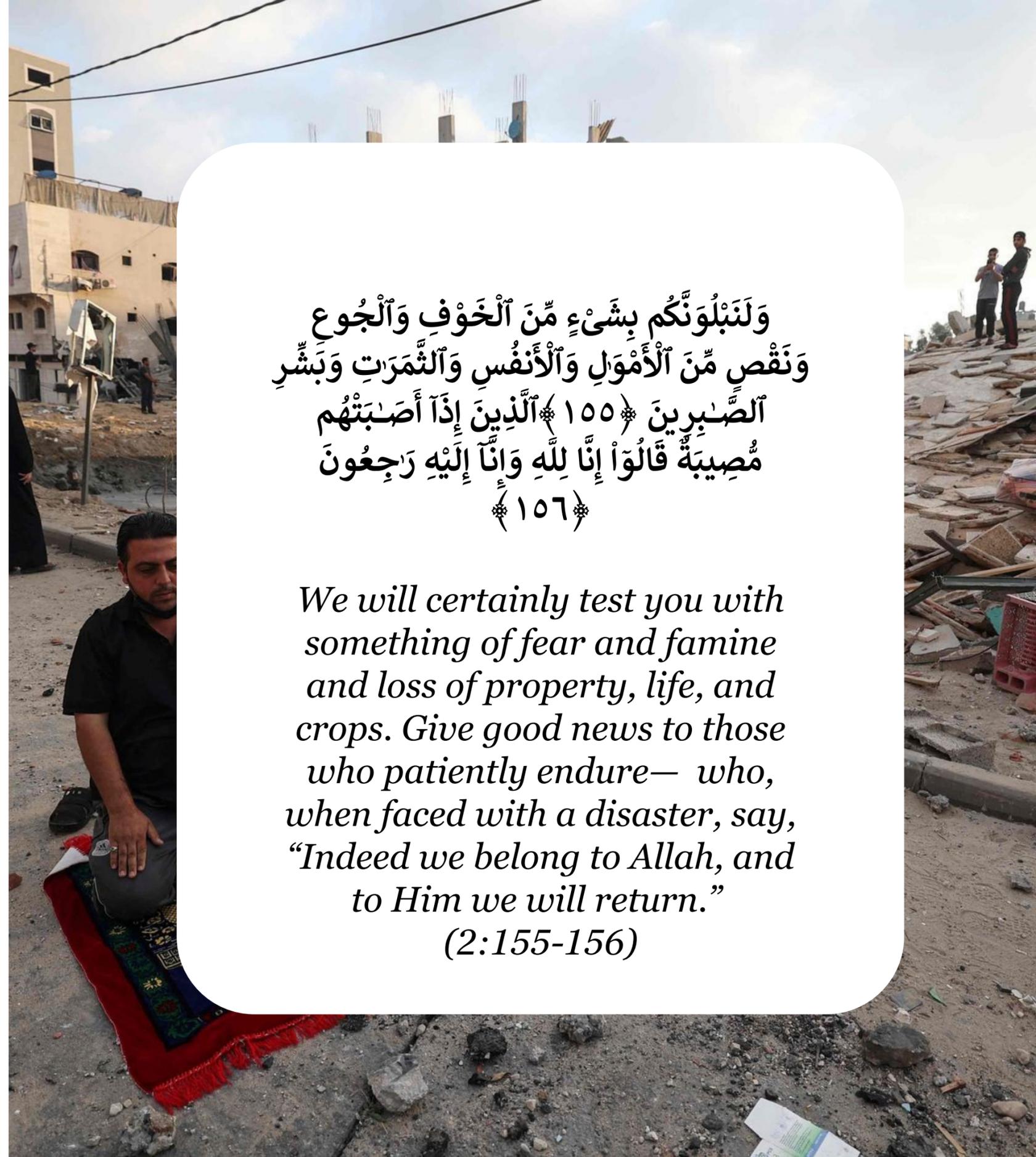
WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM THE PALESTINIANS?

Contentment with Allah's decree

- Iman in al-Qadr - Allah has already decreed everything that will happen.
- Allah's plan is perfect.

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ
وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ وَبَشِّرِ
الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٥﴾ الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ
مُّصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ
﴿١٥٦﴾

We will certainly test you with something of fear and famine and loss of property, life, and crops. Give good news to those who patiently endure— who, when faced with a disaster, say, “Indeed we belong to Allah, and to Him we will return.”
(2:155-156)





هبة أبو ندى

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If we die, know that we are content and steadfast, and tell others that we are the bearers of truth

😞 👍 ❤️ 14K

77 💬 4.6K ➡



هبة أبو ندى

1d · 🌐

In Gaza, we stand before God, between martyrs and witnesses to liberation, and we all await where we shall be. We all await, Oh God, Your true promise.

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Hiba Abu Nada, martyred on 20 Oct.

WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM THE PALESTINIANS?



The true colours of those who cry 'freedom/liberalism/feminism/human rights' are being exposed.

The iman of so many in the Ummah has been revived.

The crisis has brought about unity amongst the believers.

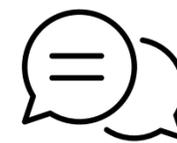
Many people have been inspired to serve the dīn of Allah.

Many non-Muslims are inspired by the courage and resilience of the Palestinians and want to know about the source of their faith.

**Part III: What
does Allah
want from us?**



How does Allah want us to respond?



In groups/pairs, identify 5 essential actions from these two verses:

8:45-46



5 action points

1. Stand firm
2. Remember Allah
3. Follow the Qur'an & Sunnah - moral compass
4. Don't dispute - be united
5. Sabr

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا لَقِيتُمْ فِئَةً فَاثْبُتُوا
وَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَّعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٤٥﴾
وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ ۖ وَلَا تَنَازَعُوا
فَتَفْشَلُوا وَتَذْهَبَ رِيحُكُمْ ۗ وَأَصْبِرُوا ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ
مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾

*Believers! When you encounter a group (in battle), **stand firm** and **remember Allah abundantly**, so you may triumph. **Obey Allah and His Messenger** and do **not quarrel with one another**, lest you lose heart and your moral courage. And **persevere**, for surely Allah is with those who persevere.*
(8:45-46)

Iman & good deeds

- Strengthening iman and becoming true believers: a lifelong mission.
- Work everyday on becoming closer to Him.

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا
الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا
أَسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ
دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ
خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا

*Allah has promised those of you who **believe** and **do good deeds** that He will certainly make them successors in the land, as He did with those before them; and will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and will indeed change their fear into security—(provided that) **they worship Me, associating nothing with Me...***
(24:55)

Stop sinning

- Just as collective obedience leads to victory, collective disobedience leads to Allah removing the peace and prosperity of a nation.
- Sincere tawbah and istighfar.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا مَا
بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ

*...Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves...
(13:11)*

WHAT DOES ALLAH WANT FROM US?

Never lose hope



حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ

وَلَا تَهِنُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَأَنْتُمْ الْأَعْلَوْنَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ
مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٣٩﴾

*Do not lose heart, and do not grieve,
for you will have the upper hand, if
you are (true) believers. (3:139)*



Tidak ada Tuhan selain Allah

There is no God
but Allah!

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WHAT DOES ALLAH WANT FROM US?

Be brave & strong

- Don't be scared.
- Don't be psychologically defeated.
- Be confident in your identity.

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

أَتَخْشَوْنَهُمْ فَأَلَّ اللَّهُ أَحَقُّ أَنْ تَخْشَوْهُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ
مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٣﴾

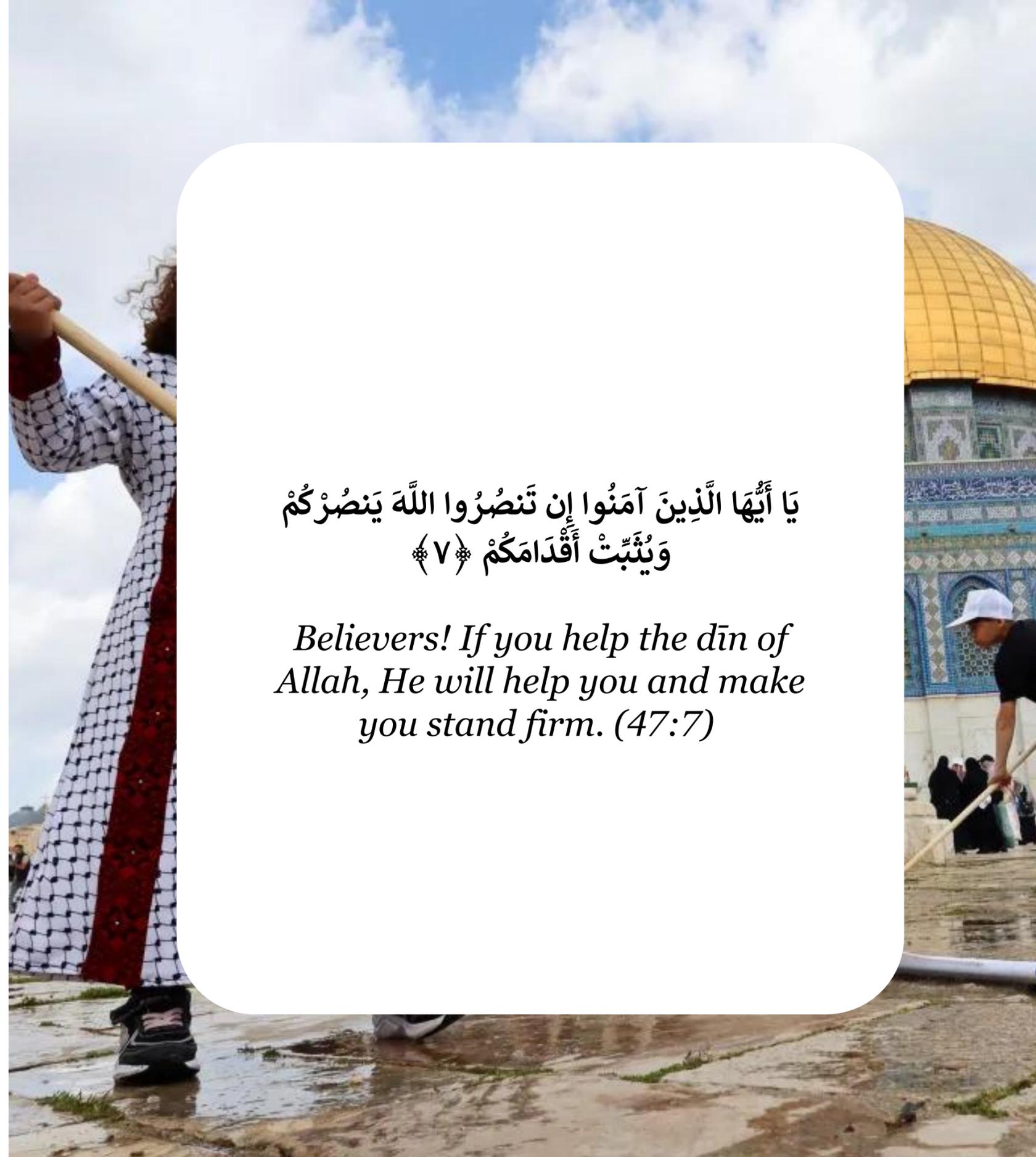
...Do you fear them? Allah is more deserving of your fear, if you are (true) believers. (9:13)

Help Allah's deen

- A command from Allah to the believers to support the cause of Allah by establishing His deen, doing da'wah, and striving in His Path.
- To cultivate good in people and in society; and to end evil, injustice and corruption.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنصُرْكُمْ
وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ ﴿٧﴾

Believers! If you help the dīn of Allah, He will help you and make you stand firm. (47:7)



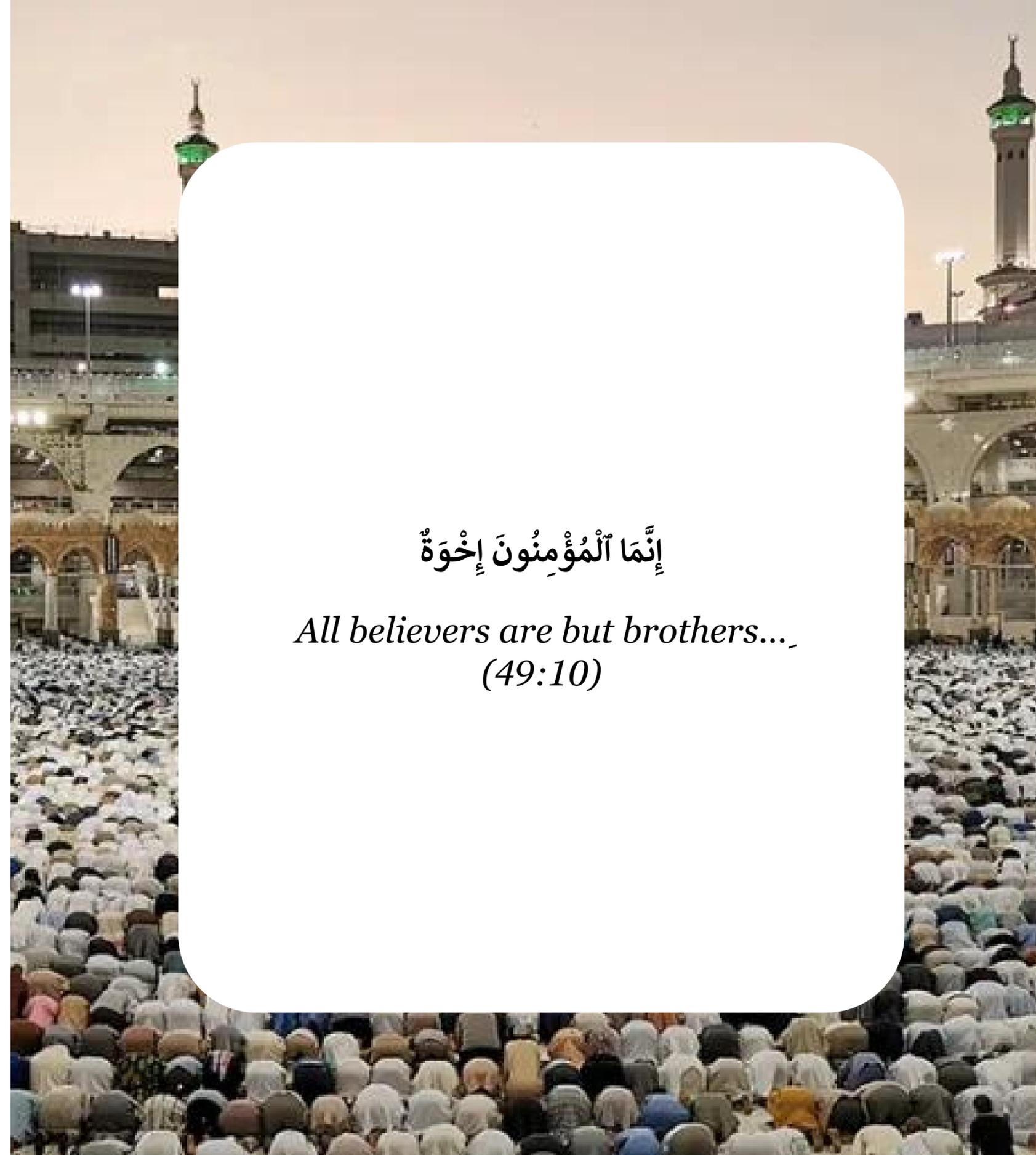
WHAT DOES ALLAH WANT FROM US?

Feel the Ummah's pain

- The Ummah is like one body.
- We should feel the pain of our brothers and sisters, wherever they may be in the world.
- We are tied and united by لا إله إلا الله.

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ

*All believers are but brothers...
(49:10)*



اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَجْعَلُكَ فِي نُحُورِهِمْ
وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شُرُورِهِمْ

**O Allah, we make You our shield against them,
and we seek Your protection from their evil.**

Reflection & action

01

Which ONE sin am I going to give up today for the sake of Allah?

02

Which ONE Surah am I going to read the explanation of and reflect on?

03

What ONE thing am I going to start doing to strengthen the dīn of Allah?

Recommended Surahs

Aal 'Imrān

al-Anfāl

al-Tawbah

al-Ahzāb

Muhammad

al-Fath

al-Burūj

al-Nasr

Āyāt about the Prophets

Āyāt about Jannah and Jahannam

Further resources

English:

In The Shade of The Qur'an (PDF available online)

Maarif-ul-Quran (Available on Quran.com)

<https://quranreflect.com/>

The Noble Life of The Prophet ﷺ by Dr Ali M. Sallabi

Arabic:

<https://tafsir.app/>

Any questions?

اللَّهُمَّ اقْسِمْ لَنَا مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ مَا يَحُولُ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ مَعَاصِيكَ ، وَمِنْ طَاعَتِكَ مَا تُبَلِّغُنَا بِهِ جَنَّتِكَ ،
وَمِنَ الْيَقِينِ مَا تَهْوُونَ عَلَيْنَا مِصِيبَاتِ الدُّنْيَا ، وَمَتَّعْنَا بِأَسْمَاعِنَا ، وَأَبْصَارِنَا ، وَقُوتِنَا مَا أَحْيَيْتَنَا ،
وَاجْعَلْهُ الْوَارِثَ مِنَّا ، وَاجْعَلْ ثَأْرَنَا عَلَى مَنْ ظَلَمَنَا ، وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى مَنْ عَادَانَا ، وَلَا تَجْعَلْ مُصِيبَتَنَا
فِي دِينِنَا ، وَلَا تَجْعَلِ الدُّنْيَا أَكْبَرَ هَمِّنَا ، وَلَا تَسْلُطْ عَلَيْنَا مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُنَا



Life With Allah