

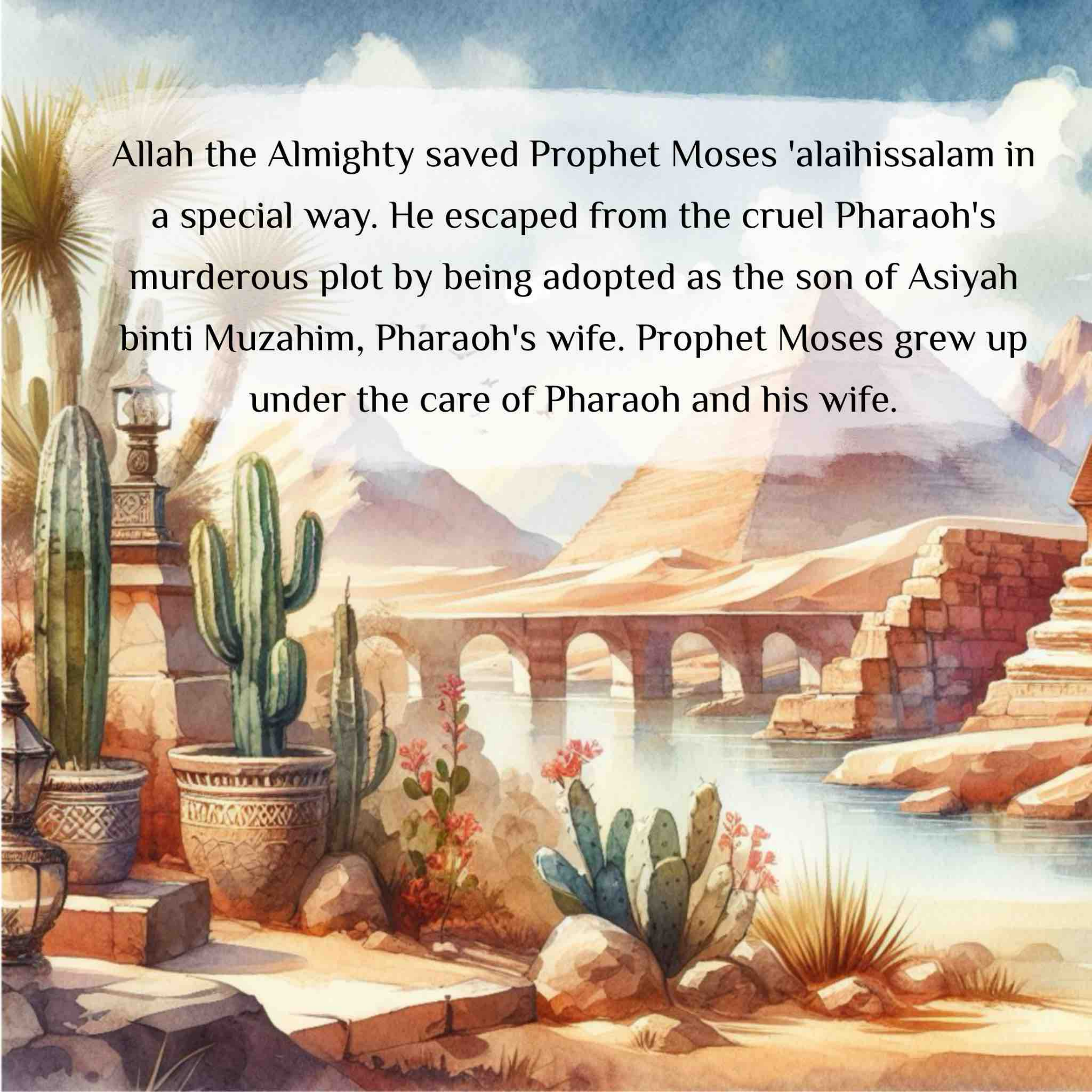
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Du'a of
Prophet Moses ﷺ

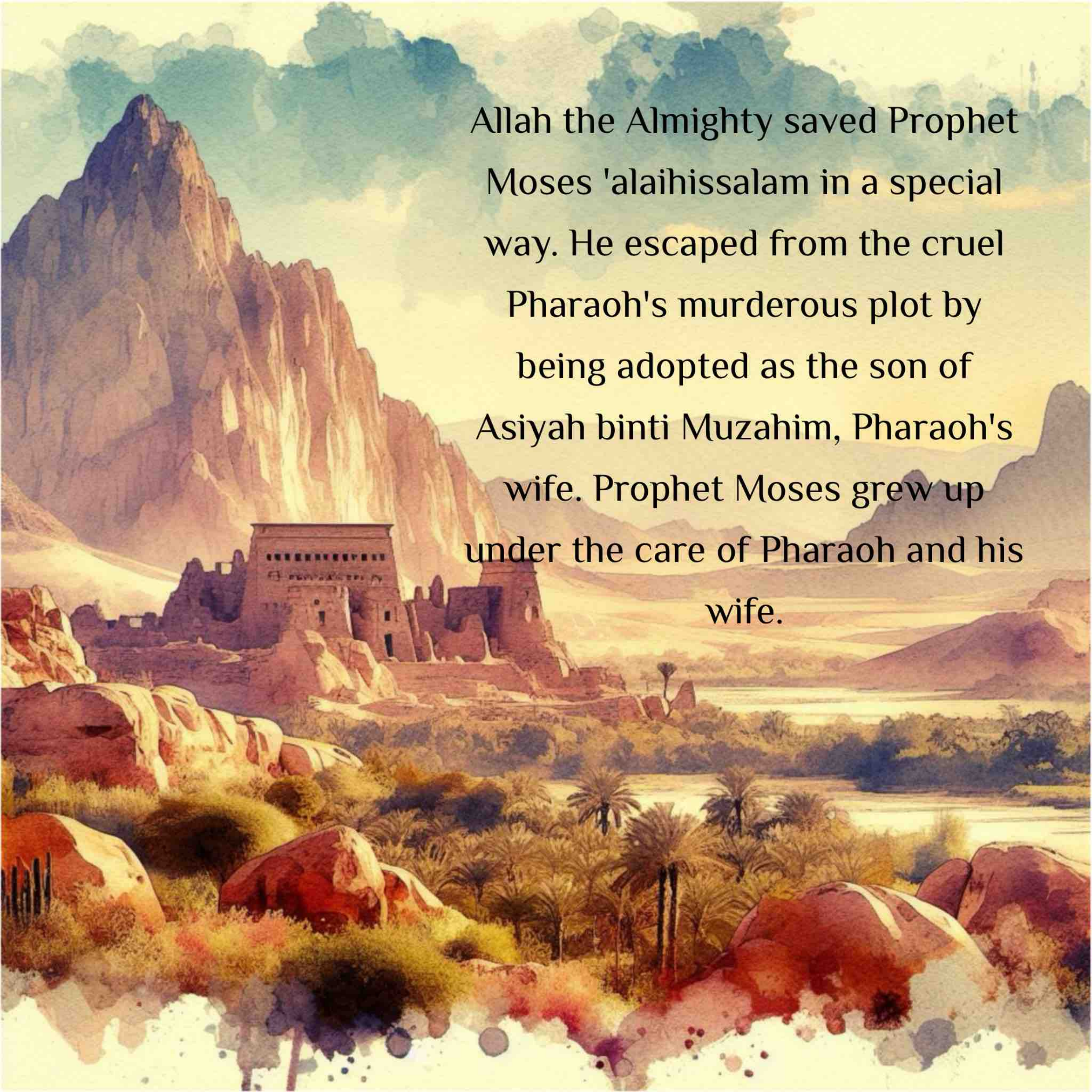
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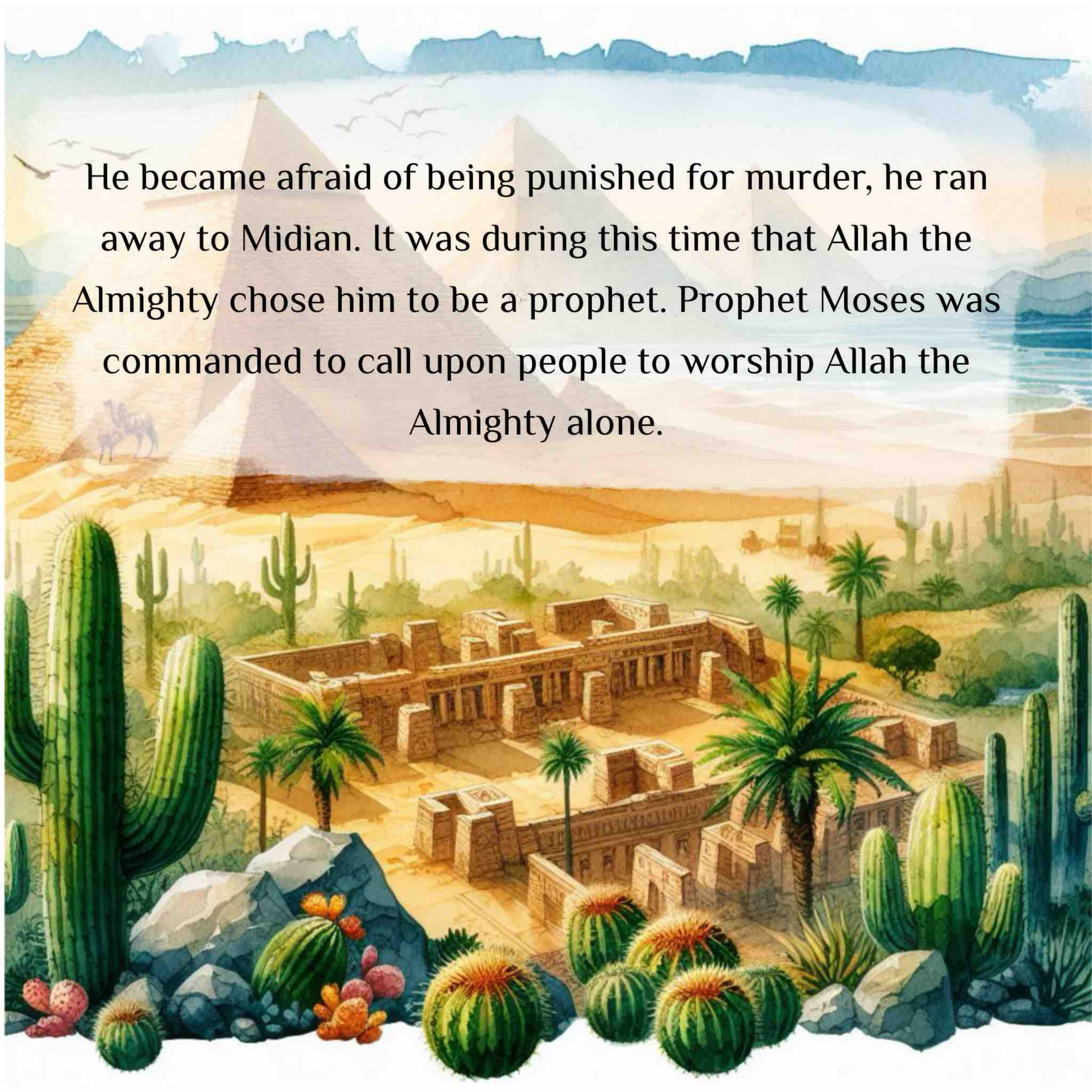
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He became afraid of being punished for murder, he ran away to Midian. It was during this time that Allah the Almighty chose him to be a prophet. Prophet Moses was commanded to call upon people to worship Allah the Almighty alone.

After that, Allah the Almighty sent Prophet Moses to confront Pharaoh, who had exceeded all limits in his disbelief. Prophet Moses understood the weight of the task he was given and prayed

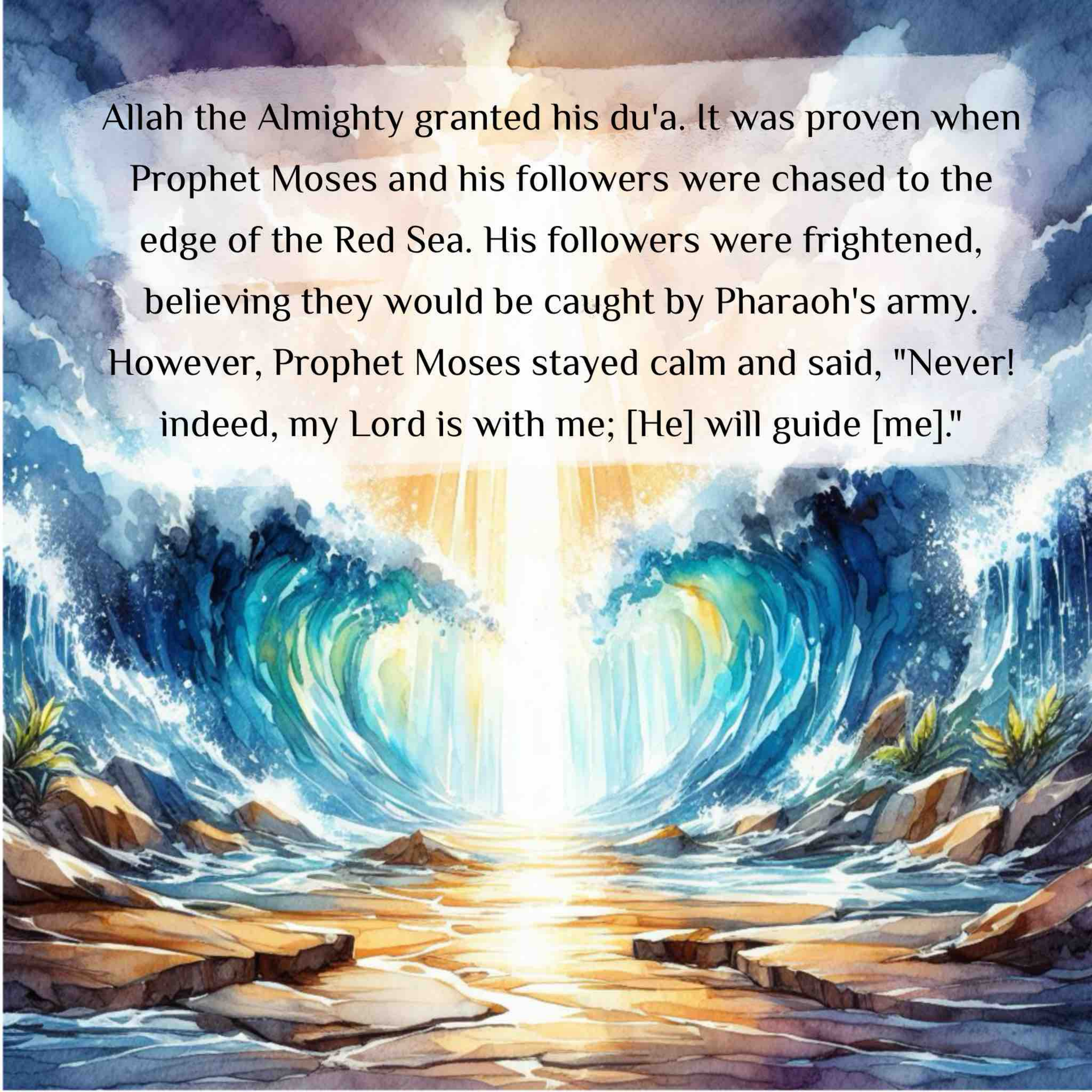
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"Oh my Lord, expand for me my chest."

When someone's chest is expanded, they can face many challenges. Difficult situations and tasks can become easy and be faced with a calm mind.



Allah the Almighty granted his du'a. It was proven when Prophet Moses and his followers were chased to the edge of the Red Sea. His followers were frightened, believing they would be caught by Pharaoh's army. However, Prophet Moses stayed calm and said, "Never! indeed, my Lord is with me; [He] will guide [me]."



He continued his du'a,

وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي

"And make easy for me my affairs."

Prophet Moses had been commanded to deliver a difficult message. He was sent to his foster father, a tyrannical king who was the most violent in his disbelief and had a large army. Prophet Moses knew that no one could make his task easier except Allah the Almighty.

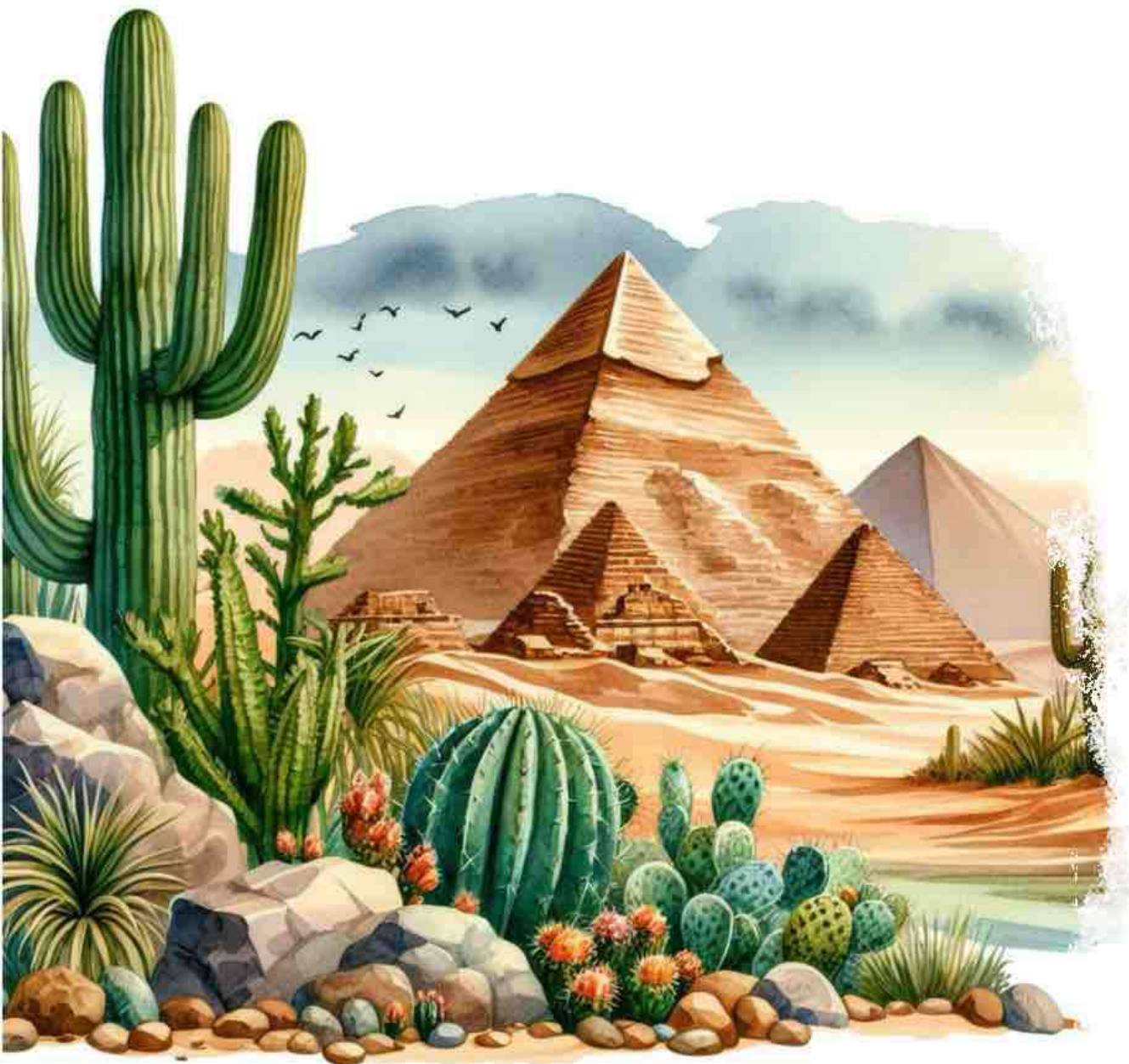


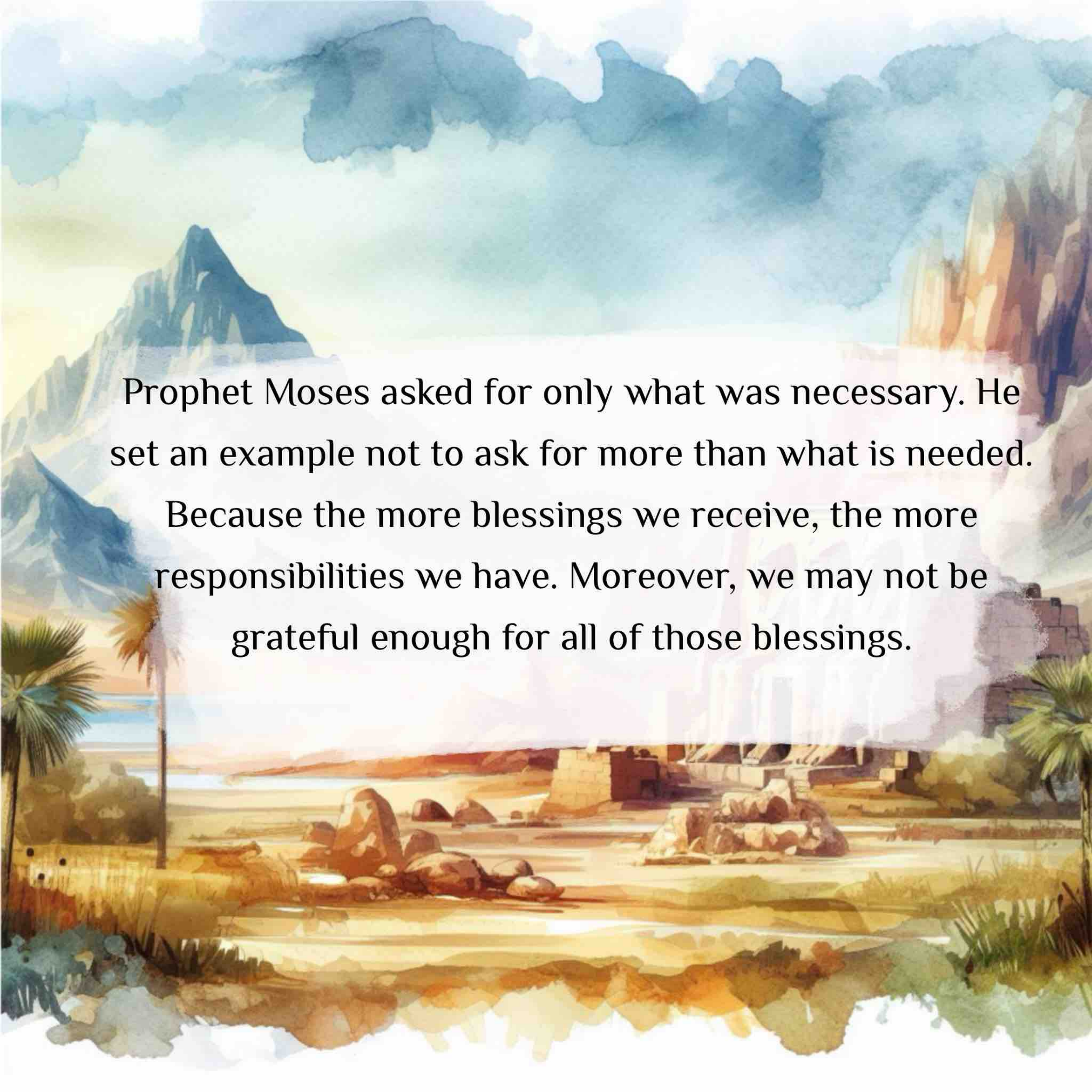
His du'a continued,

وَأَحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِّن لِّسَانِي
يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي

"And remove the stiffness from my tongue that they
may understand my words."

He asked Allah to remove the difficulty from his speech. Some scholars believe that Prophet Moses had trouble speaking, so his words were not easily understood by others.

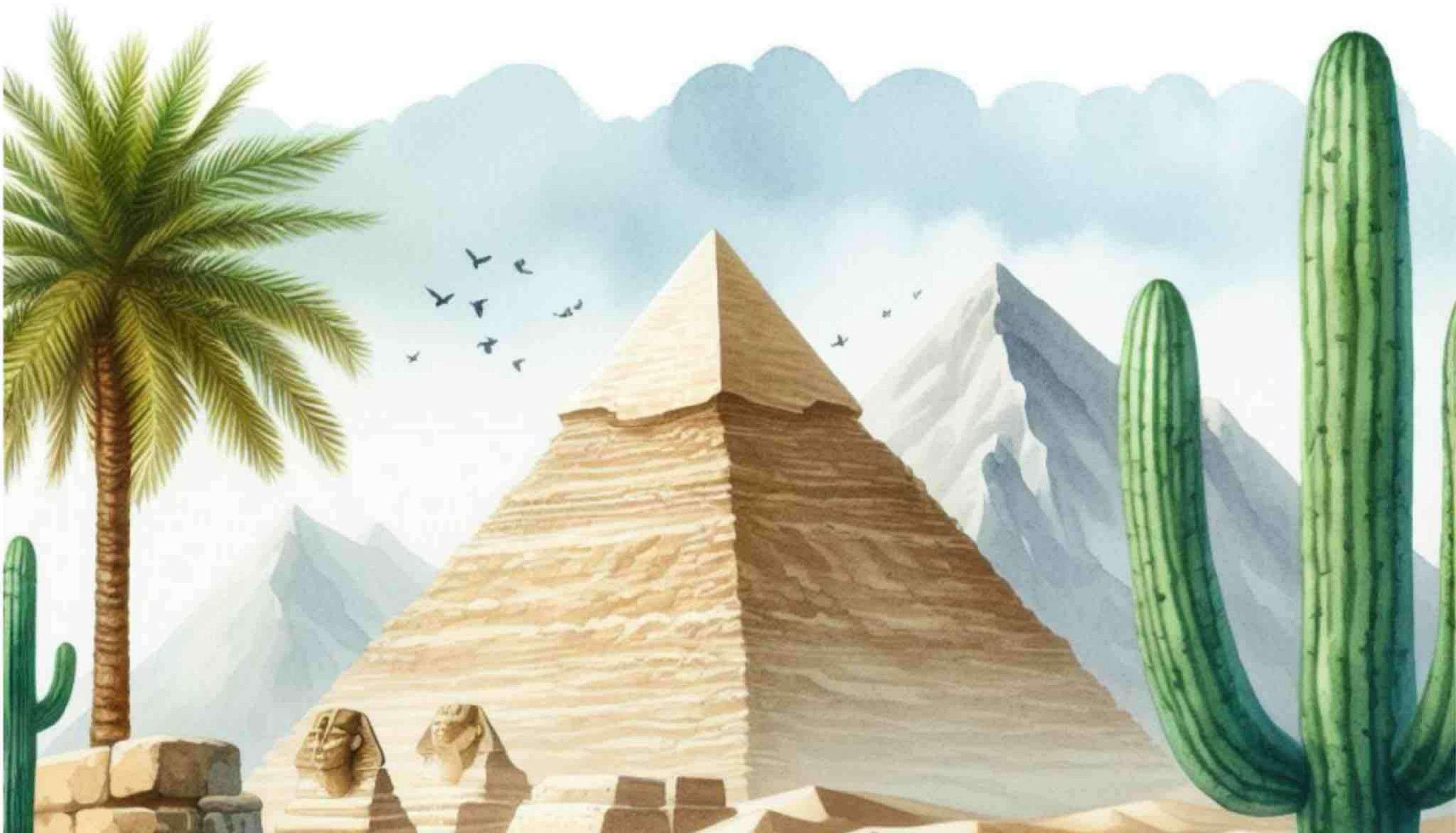


A watercolor illustration of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there is a body of water reflecting the sky and the surrounding environment. The middle ground features a sandy area with several large, reddish-brown rocks and a few palm trees. In the background, there are mountains and a large, multi-story building with a flat roof. The sky is filled with soft, blue and white clouds. The overall style is soft and artistic, with a focus on natural elements and a sense of tranquility.

Prophet Moses asked for only what was necessary. He set an example not to ask for more than what is needed.

Because the more blessings we receive, the more responsibilities we have. Moreover, we may not be grateful enough for all of those blessings.

Prophet Moses wanted his words to be understood, so that people could accept what he preached.



He continued his prayer,

وَأَجْعَلْ لِي وَزِيرًا مِّنْ أَهْلِي

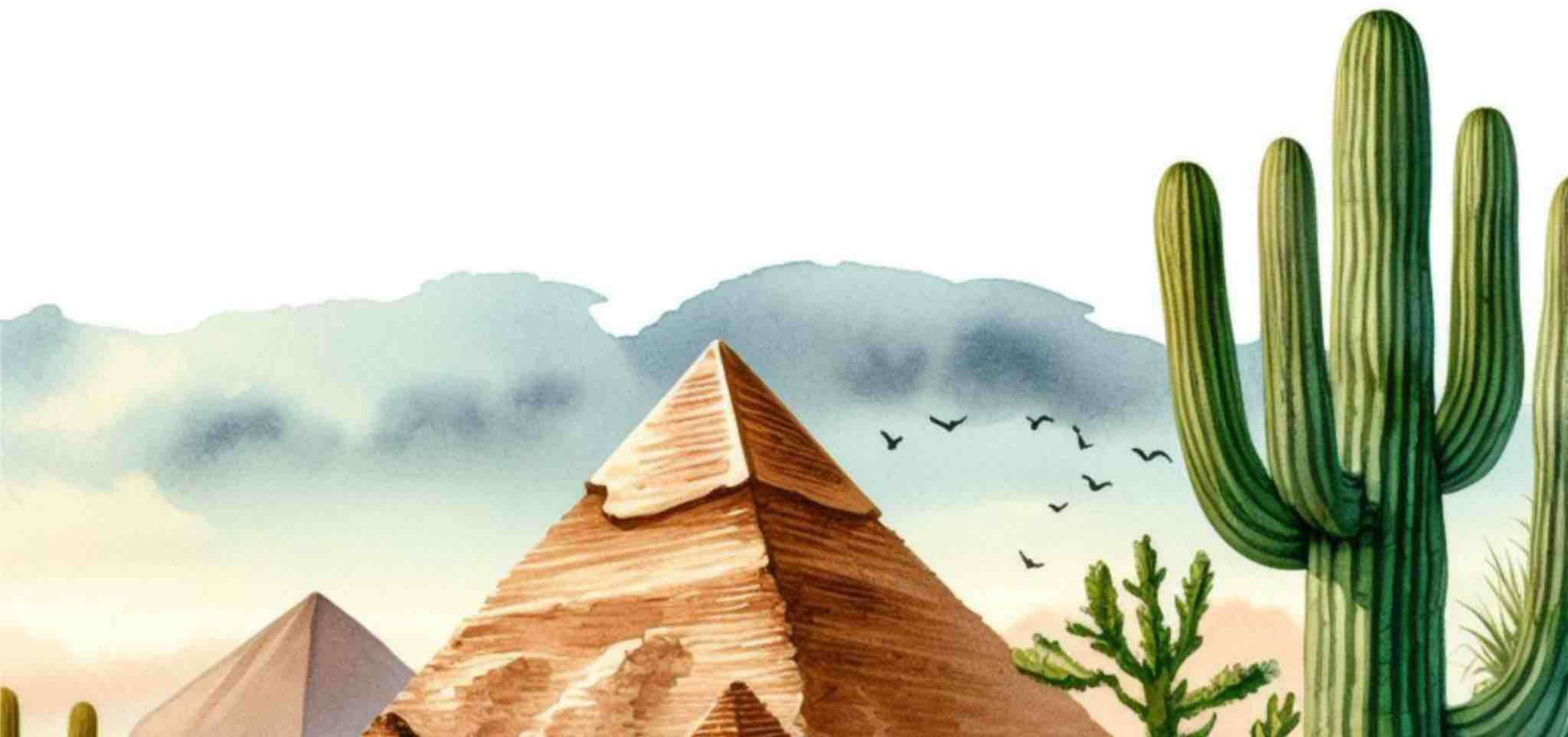
هَارُونَ أَخِي

أَشُدُّ بِهِ أَزْرِي

وَأَشْرِكُهُ فِي أَمْرِي

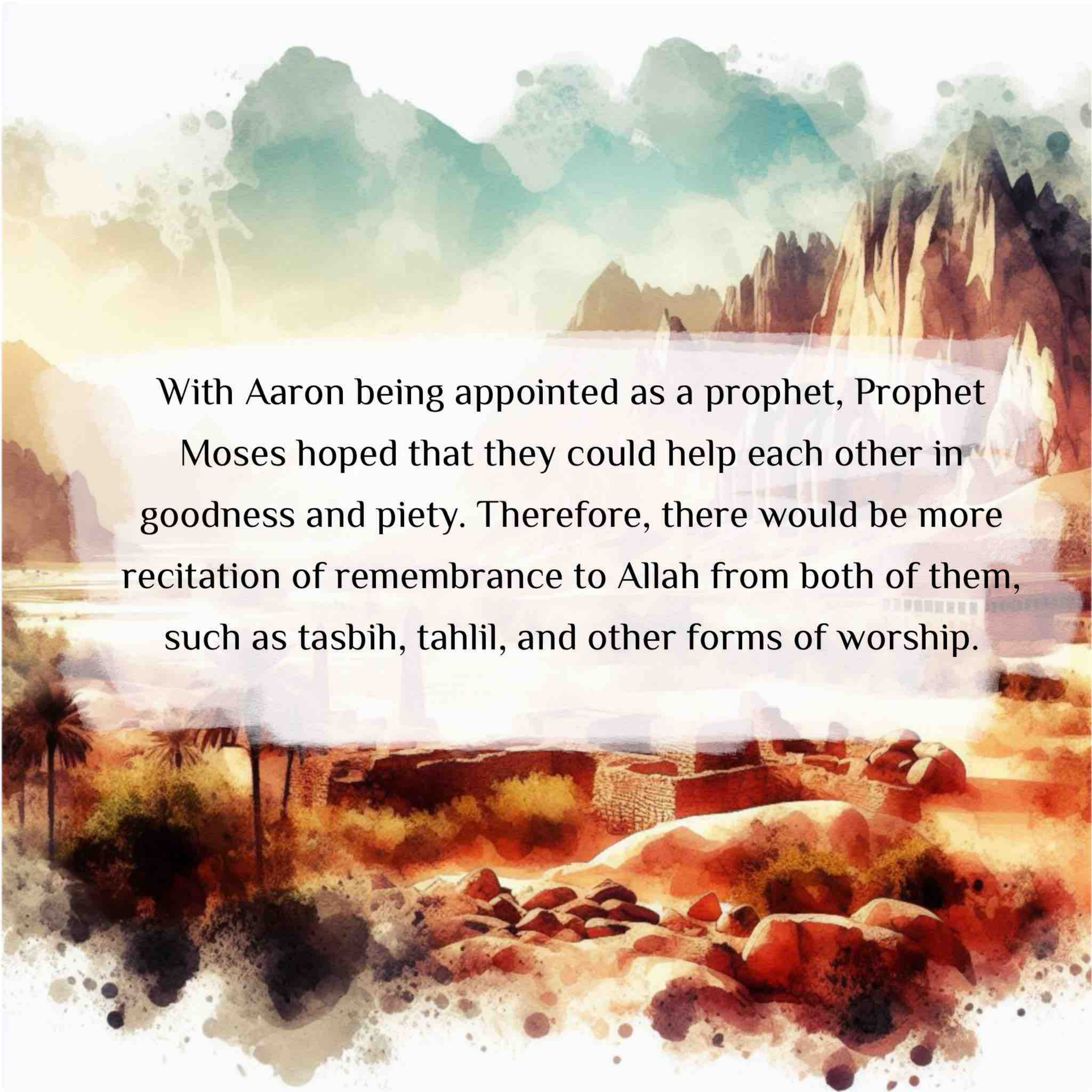
"And appoint for me a helper from my family, Aaron, my brother. Strengthen my back with him and let him share my tasks."

Prophet Moses asked for his brother, Aaron, to also be appointed as a prophet. Allah the Almighty granted his request. Aaron was appointed as a prophet to accompany and strengthen the message of Prophet Moses. Aaron was older than Prophet Moses, as he was his elder brother.



كِي نُسَبِّحَكَ كَثِيرًا
وَنَذْكُرَكَ كَثِيرًا

"So that we may abundantly glorify You and remember
You."

A watercolor illustration of a desert landscape. In the background, there are green and blue mountains. In the middle ground, a river flows through a valley with brown and orange hills. In the foreground, there are large, reddish-brown rocks and several palm trees. The overall style is soft and artistic, with a warm color palette.

With Aaron being appointed as a prophet, Prophet Moses hoped that they could help each other in goodness and piety. Therefore, there would be more recitation of remembrance to Allah from both of them, such as tasbih, tahlil, and other forms of worship.

إِنَّكَ كُنْتَ بِنَا بَصِيرًا

"Indeed, You are the All-Seeing of us."

Prophet Moses concluded his prayer by seeking Allah's help and mentioning His attribute as the All-Seeing. Allah sees the condition of Prophet Moses, knows his weaknesses, and understands how much he needs Allah's assistance. Therefore, Prophet Moses asked Allah to grant his prayer. This is one of the etiquettes of du'a, which is praising Allah using His names and attributes, with the heart always realizing how much we need His help, and acknowledging that we have no power or ability except with His assistance.

Such is the beautiful du'a from Prophet Moses 'alaihissalam. May we learn valuable lessons from it. May Allah bless you all.

