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SEEKING GOD'S PROTECTION & INVOKING HIS NAME

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THE WORDING FOR SEEKING GOD'S PROTECTION IS:



**A'udhu billahi min
ash-Shaytan ar-Rajim**

**I seek God's divine protection and
refuge from the accursed Satan.**



This can, at times, be shortened to
'A'udhu billah'

**I seek God's divine protection and
refuge.**



**Bismillah ar-Rahman
ar-Rahim**

**With God's Name, the All Gracious, All Merciful
I begin with God's name, seeking His help, His
protection and His blessings.**



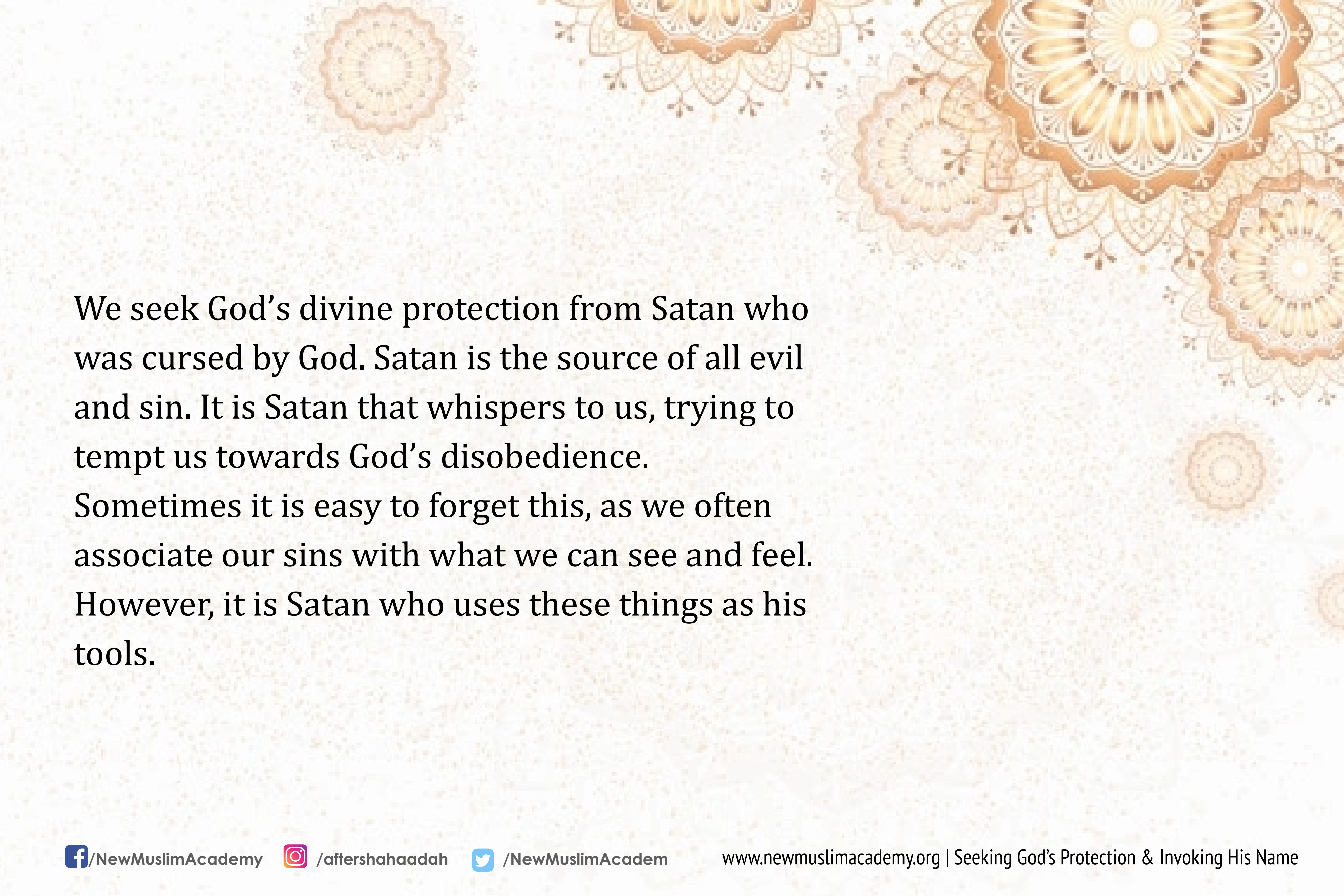
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With God's Name



WHAT DOES SEEKING GOD'S PROTECTION MEAN?

The first word, 'A'udhu,' is the present tense verb meaning to seek God's refuge and divine protection. The present tense verb is used because in the Arabic language it denotes a constant state of asking, as if the person seeking God's protection is continuously doing so. We seek said protection from God alone as the Creator of all things. He alone has all power over the universe and thus His protection is greater than any other type.

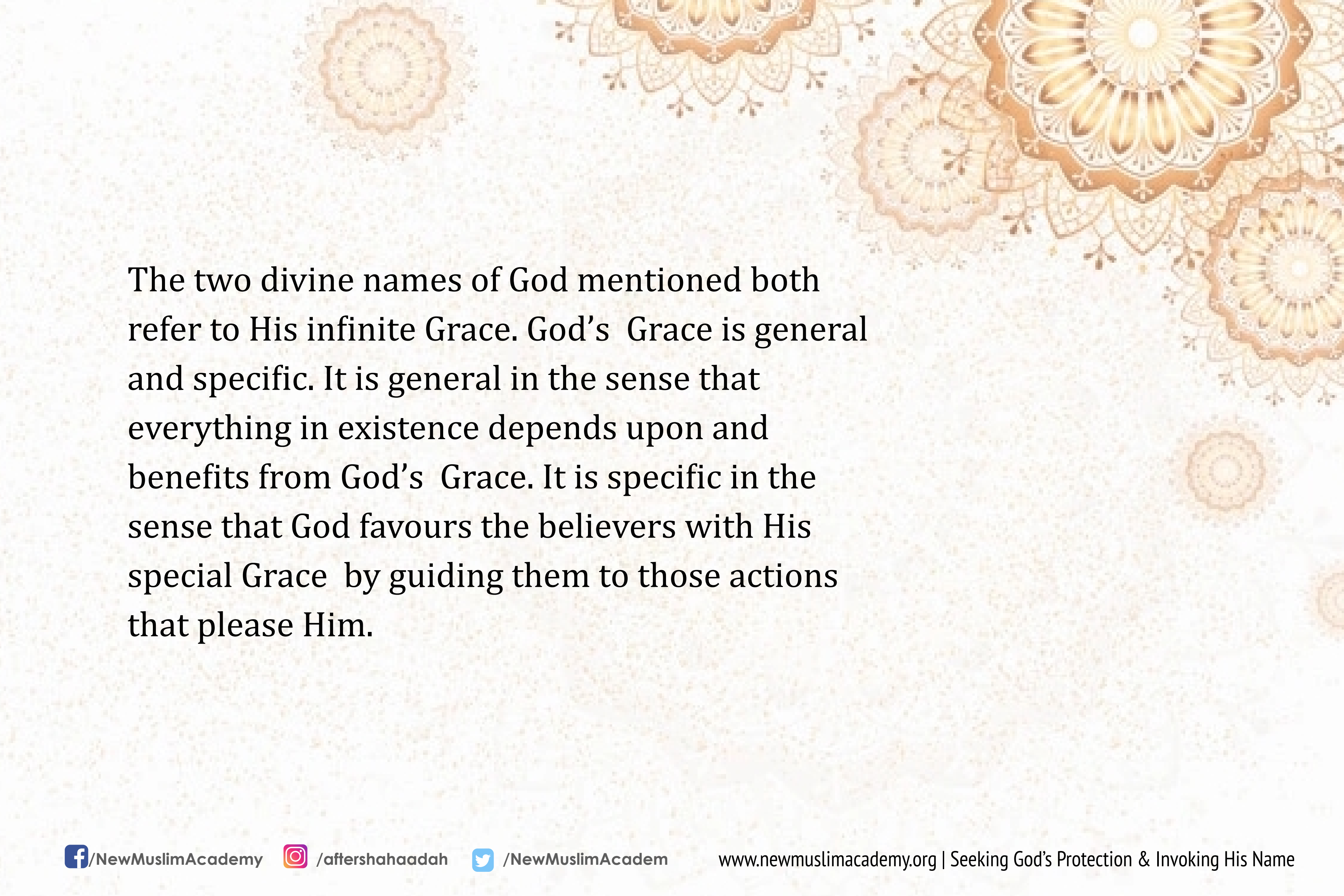


We seek God's divine protection from Satan who was cursed by God. Satan is the source of all evil and sin. It is Satan that whispers to us, trying to tempt us towards God's disobedience.

Sometimes it is easy to forget this, as we often associate our sins with what we can see and feel. However, it is Satan who uses these things as his tools.

WHAT DOES INVOKING GOD'S NAME MEAN?

The 'ba' at the beginning of the word is to seek divine assistance and blessings. We seek that divine assistance and blessing by invoking God's name. The matter for which divine assistance is being sought depends on the situation. For example, when said before eating or drinking, divine assistance and blessings are being sought in that context. Likewise, when said before reading the Quran, it is being sought in that context, and so on.



The two divine names of God mentioned both refer to His infinite Grace. God's Grace is general and specific. It is general in the sense that everything in existence depends upon and benefits from God's Grace. It is specific in the sense that God favours the believers with His special Grace by guiding them to those actions that please Him.