

the voice of donkeys."

20. Do you not see that Allāh has made subject to you whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth and amply bestowed upon you His favors, [both] apparent and unapparent? But of the people is he who disputes about Allāh without knowledge or guidance or an enlightening Book [from Him].
21. And when it is said to them, "Follow what Allāh has revealed," they say, "Rather, we will follow that upon which we found our fathers." Even if Satan was inviting them to the punishment of the Blaze?
22. And whoever submits his face [i.e., self] to Allāh while he is a doer of good – then he has grasped the most trustworthy handhold. And to Allāh will be the outcome of [all] matters.
23. And whoever has disbelieved – let not his disbelief grieve you. To Us is their return, and We will inform them of what they did. Indeed, Allāh is Knowing of that within the breasts.
24. We grant them enjoyment for a little; then We will force them to a massive punishment.
25. And if you asked them, "Who created the heavens and earth?" they would surely say, "Allāh." Say, "[All] praise is [due] to Allāh"; but most of them do not know.

لَمْ تَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ سَخَّرَ لَكُمْ مَّا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَأَسْبَغَ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعَمَهُ ظَهِيرَةً وَبَاطِنَةً وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَلَا هُدًى وَلَا كِتَابٍ مُّنِيرٍ ﴿٢٠﴾

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُم اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ نَتَّبِعُ مَا وَجَدْنَا عَلَيْهِ آبَاءَنَا أُولَٰئِكَ كَانَ الشَّيْطَانُ يَدْعُهُمْ إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ ﴿٢١﴾

﴿٢٢﴾ وَمَن يُسْلِمْ وَجْهَهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ ﴿٢٢﴾

وَمَن كَفَرَ فَلَا يَحْزُنكَ كُفْرُهُ ۚ إِلَيْنَا مَرْجِعُهُمْ فَنُنَبِّئُهُم بِمَا عَمِلُوا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ﴿٢٣﴾

نُمَتِّعُهُمْ قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ نَضْطَرُّهُمْ إِلَىٰ عَذَابٍ غَلِيظٍ ﴿٢٤﴾

وَلَٰئِن سَأَلْتَهُم مَّنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ ۚ قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ۚ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾

26. To Allāh belongs whatever is in the heavens and earth. Indeed, Allāh is the Free of need, the Praiseworthy.

لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ
الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ﴿٢٦﴾

27. And if whatever trees upon the earth were pens and the sea [was ink], replenished thereafter by seven [more] seas, the words¹¹⁶⁶ of Allāh would not be exhausted. Indeed, Allāh is Exalted in Might and Wise.

وَلَوْ أَنَّمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ أَقْلَمٌ وَالْبَحْرُ
يَمْدُهُ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ سَبْعَةُ أَنْهَارٍ مَا نَفَذْتُ
كَلِمَاتُ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٢٧﴾

28. Your creation and your resurrection will not be but as that of a single soul.¹¹⁶⁷ Indeed, Allāh is Hearing and Seeing.

مَا خَلَقْتُمْ وَلَا بَعَثْتُمْ إِلَّا كَفَافٍ
وَاحِدَةٍ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٢٨﴾

29. Do you not see [i.e., know] that Allāh causes the night to enter the day and causes the day to enter the night and has subjected the sun and the moon, each running [its course] for a specified term, and that Allāh, of whatever you do, is Aware?

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُؤَلِّجُ
النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ
كُلٌّ يَجْرِي إِلَى أَجَلٍ مُسَمًّى وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا
تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿٢٩﴾

30. That is because Allāh is the True Reality, and that what they call upon other than Him is falsehood, and because Allāh is the Most High, the Grand.

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنَّ مَا يَدْعُونَ
مِنْ دُونِهِ الْبَطْلُ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْعَلِيُّ
الْكَبِيرُ ﴿٣٠﴾

31. Do you not see that ships sail through the sea by the favor of Allāh that He may show you of His signs? Indeed in that are signs for everyone patient and grateful.

أَلَمْ تَرَ أَنَّ الْفُلَّكَ تَجْرِي فِي الْبَحْرِ بِنِعْمَتِ
اللَّهِ لِيُرِيَكُمْ مِنْ آيَاتِهِ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ
لِكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ ﴿٣١﴾

¹¹⁶⁶See footnote to 18:109.

¹¹⁶⁷The re-creation and resurrection of one or of all is accomplished with equal ease by Allāh (*subhānahu wa ta'ālā*).

32. And when waves come over them like canopies, they supplicate Allāh, sincere to Him in religion [i.e., faith]. But when He delivers them to the land, then [some] of them are moderate [in faith]. And none rejects Our signs except everyone treacherous and ungrateful.

وَإِذَا غَشِيَهُمْ مَوَّجٌ كَالظُّلَلِ دَعَوُا اللَّهَ
مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ فَلَمَّا نَجَّيْنَاهُمْ إِلَى الْبَرِّ
فَمِنْهُمْ مُّقْتَصِدٌ وَمَا يَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا
كُلُّ خَائِرٍ كَفُورٍ ﴿٣٢﴾

33. O mankind, fear your Lord and fear a Day when no father will avail his son, nor will a son avail his father at all. Indeed, the promise of Allāh is truth, so let not the worldly life delude you and be not deceived about Allāh by the Deceiver [i.e., Satan].

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي لَا
يَخْزِي وَالِدٌ عَنْ وَلَدِهِ وَلَا مَوْلُودٌ هُوَ
جَازٍ عَنْ وَالِدِهِ شَيْئًا إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ
فَلَا تُغْنِكُمْ أَلْحِيُوهُ الدُّنْيَا وَلَا
يُغْنِيَكُمُ بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ ﴿٣٣﴾

34. Indeed, Allāh [alone] has knowledge of the Hour and sends down the rain and knows what is in the wombs.¹¹⁶⁸ And no soul perceives what it will earn tomorrow, and no soul perceives in what land it will die. Indeed, Allāh is Knowing and Aware.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ عِلْمُ السَّاعَةِ وَيُنَزِّلُ
الْغَيْثَ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي الْأَرْحَامِ وَمَا تَدْرِي
نَفْسٌ مَّاذَا تَكْسِبُ غَدًا وَمَا تَدْرِي
نَفْسٌ بِأَيِّ أَرْضٍ تَمُوتُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ
خَبِيرٌ ﴿٣٤﴾

¹¹⁶⁸i.e., every aspect of the fetus' present and future existence.

Sūrah as-Sajdah¹¹⁶⁹**Bismillāh-ir-Raḥmān-ir-Raḥeem****سُورَةُ السَّجْدَةِ****بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ**1. Alif, Lām, Meem.¹¹⁷⁰

الْأَم

2. [This is] the revelation of the Book about which there is no doubt from the Lord of the worlds.

تَنْزِيلُ الْكِتَابِ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ مِنْ رَبِّ
الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١﴾

3. Or do they say, "He invented it"? Rather, it is the truth from your Lord, [O Muḥammad], that you may warn a people to whom no warner has come before you [so] perhaps they will be guided.

أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ بَلْ هُوَ الْحَقُّ مِنْ
رَبِّكَ لِتُنذِرَ قَوْمًا مَّا أَتَتْهُمْ مِنْ نَذِيرٍ
مِّن قَبْلِكَ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَهْتَدُونَ ﴿٢﴾4. It is Allāh who created the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them in six days; then He established Himself above the Throne.¹¹⁷¹ You have not besides Him any protector or any intercessor; so will you not be reminded?اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا
بَيْنَهُمَا فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَى عَلَى
الْعَرْشِ مَا لَكُمْ مِّن دُونِهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا
شَفِيعٍ أَفَلَا تَتَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٣﴾

5. He arranges [each] matter from the heaven to the earth; then it will ascend to Him in a Day, the extent of which is a thousand years of those which you count.

يُدِيرُ الْأَمْرَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ ثُمَّ
يَعْرُجُ إِلَيْهِ فِي يَوْمٍ كَانَ مِقْدَارُهُ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ
مِّمَّا تَعُدُّونَ ﴿٤﴾

6. That is the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, the Exalted in Might, the Merciful,

ذَٰلِكَ عَلِيمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ الْعَزِيزُ
الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٥﴾

7. Who perfected everything which He created and began the creation of man from clay.

الَّذِي أَحْسَنَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلَقَهُ وَبَدَأَ خَلْقَ
الْإِنْسَنِ مِن طِينٍ ﴿٦﴾¹¹⁶⁹As-Sajdah: Prostration.¹¹⁷⁰See footnote to 2:1.¹¹⁷¹See footnotes to 2:19 and 7:54.

8. Then He made his posterity out of the extract of a liquid disdained.
9. Then He proportioned him and breathed into him from His [created] soul¹¹⁷² and made for you hearing and vision and hearts [i.e., intellect]; little are you grateful.
10. And they say, "When we are lost [i.e., disintegrated] within the earth, will we indeed be [recreated] in a new creation?" Rather, they are, in the meeting with their Lord, disbelievers.
11. Say, "The angel of death who has been entrusted with you will take you. Then to your Lord you will be returned."
12. If you could but see when the criminals are hanging their heads before their Lord, [saying], "Our Lord, we have seen and heard, so return us [to the world]; we will work righteousness. Indeed, we are [now] certain."
13. And if We had willed, We could have given every soul its guidance, but the word¹¹⁷³ from Me will come into effect [that] "I will surely fill Hell with jinn and people all together.
14. So taste [punishment] because you forgot the meeting of this, your Day; indeed, We have [accordingly] forgotten you. And taste the punishment of eternity for what you used to do."

ثُمَّ جَعَلَ نَسْلَهُ مِنْ سُلَالَةٍ مِّن مَّاءٍ مَّهِينٍ ﴿٨﴾

ثُمَّ سَوَّاهُ وَنَفَخَ فِيهِ مِن رُّوحِهِ ۖ وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَرَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ ۚ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٩﴾

وَقَالُوا أَإِذَا ضَلَلْنَا فِي الْأَرْضِ أَإِنَّا لَفِي خَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ ۚ بَلْ هُمْ بِلِقَاءِ رَبِّهِمْ كَافِرُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

﴿١١﴾ قُلْ يَتَوَفَّنَكُم مَّلَكُ الْمَوْتِ الَّذِي وُكِّلَ بِكُمْ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذِ الْمُجْرِمُونَ نَاكِسُوا رُءُوسِهِمْ عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ رَبَّنَا أَبْصَرْنَا وَسَمِعْنَا فَارْجِعْنَا نَعْمَلْ صَالِحًا إِنَّا مُوقِنُونَ ﴿١٣﴾

وَلَوْ شِئْنَا لَآتَيْنَا كُلَّ نَفْسٍ هُدًى وَلَٰكِن حَقَّ الْقَوْلُ مِنِّي لَأَمْلَأَنَّ جَهَنَّمَ مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿١٤﴾

فَذُوقُوا بِمَا نَسِيتُمْ لِقَاءَ يَوْمِكُمْ هَٰذَا إِنَّا نَسِينَاكُمْ وَذُوقُوا عَذَابَ الْخُلْدِ بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

¹¹⁷²i.e., element of life. See footnote to 15:29.

¹¹⁷³Deserved by the evildoers.

15. Only those believe in Our verses who, when they are reminded by them, fall down in prostration and exalt [Allāh] with praise of their Lord, and they are not arrogant.
16. Their sides part [i.e., they arise] from [their] beds; they supplicate their Lord in fear and aspiration, and from what We have provided them, they spend.¹¹⁷⁴
17. And no soul knows what has been hidden for them of comfort for eyes [i.e., satisfaction] as reward for what they used to do.
18. Then is one who was a believer like one who was defiantly disobedient? They are not equal.
19. As for those who believed and did righteous deeds, for them will be the Gardens of Refuge as accommodation for what they used to do.
20. But as for those who defiantly disobeyed, their refuge is the Fire. Every time they wish to emerge from it, they will be returned to it while it is said to them, "Taste the punishment of the Fire which you used to deny."
21. And We will surely let them taste the nearer punishment¹¹⁷⁵ short of the greater punishment that perhaps they will return [i.e., repent].
- إِنَّمَا يُؤْمِنُ بِآيَاتِنَا الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا بِهَا خَرُّوا سُجَّدًا وَسَبَّحُوا بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَهُمْ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿١٥﴾
- تَتَجَافَى جُنُوبُهُمْ عَنِ الْمَضَاجِعِ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنفِقُونَ ﴿١٦﴾
- فَلَا تَعْلَمُ نَفْسٌ مَّا أُخْفِيَ لَهُم مِّن قُرَّةِ أَعْيُنٍ جَزَاءً بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٧﴾
- أَفَمَن كَانَ مُؤْمِنًا كَمَن كَانَ فَاسِقًا لَّا يَسْتَوُونَ ﴿١٨﴾
- أَمَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَلَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ الْمَأْوَى نُزُلًا بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٩﴾
- وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ فَسَقُوا فَمَأْوَاهُمُ النَّارُ كُلَّمَا أَرَادُوا أَن يَخْرُجُوا مِنْهَا أُعِيدُوا فِيهَا وَقِيلَ لَهُمْ ذُوقُوا عَذَابَ النَّارِ الَّتِي كُنتُمْ بِهِء تَكْذِبُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾
- وَلَنَذِيقَنَّهُمْ مِّنَ الْعَذَابِ الْأَدْنَى دُونَ الْعَذَابِ الْأَكْبَرِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

¹¹⁷⁴In the cause of Allāh.

¹¹⁷⁵i.e., the disasters and calamities of this world.

22. And who is more unjust than one who is reminded of the verses of his Lord; then he turns away from them? Indeed We, from the criminals, will take retribution.

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ ذُكِّرَ بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِ
ثُمَّ أَعْرَضَ عَنْهَا إِنَّا مِنَ الْمُجْرِمِينَ
مُنْتَقِمُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾

23. And We certainly gave Moses the Scripture, so do not be in doubt over his meeting.¹¹⁷⁶ And We made it [i.e., the Torah] guidance for the Children of Israel.

وَلَقَدْ ءَاتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ فَلَا تَكُنْ
فِي مِرْيَةٍ مِنْ لِقَائِهِ وَجَعَلْنَاهُ هُدًى لِبَنِي
إِسْرَءِيلَ ﴿٢٣﴾

24. And We made from among them leaders guiding by Our command when they were patient and [when] they were certain of Our signs.

وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْهُمْ أَئِمَّةً يَهْدُونَ بِأَمْرِنَا لَمَّا
صَبَرُوا وَكَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾

25. Indeed, your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that over which they used to differ.

إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ يَفْصِلُ بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ
فِيمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾

26. Has it not become clear to them how many generations We destroyed before them, [as] they walk among their dwellings? Indeed in that are signs; then do they not hear?

أَوَلَمْ يَهْدِ لَهُمْ كَمْ أَهْلَكْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِنْ
الْقُرُونِ يَمْشُونَ فِي مَسْجِدِهِمْ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ
لَآيَاتٍ أَفَلَا يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

27. Have they not seen that We drive water [in clouds] to barren land and bring forth thereby crops from which their livestock eat and [they] themselves? Then do they not see?

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّا نَسُوقُ الْمَاءَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ
الْجُرْجُ فَنُخْرِجُ بِهِ زَرْعًا تَأْكُلُ مِنْهُ
أَنْعَامُهُمْ وَانْفُسُهُمْ أَفَلَا يُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

28. And they say, "When will be this conquest,¹¹⁷⁷ if you should be truthful?"

وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هَذَا الْفَتْحُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ
صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾

¹¹⁷⁶ i.e., Muḥammad's meeting Moses on the night of *al-Mīrāj* (ascent).

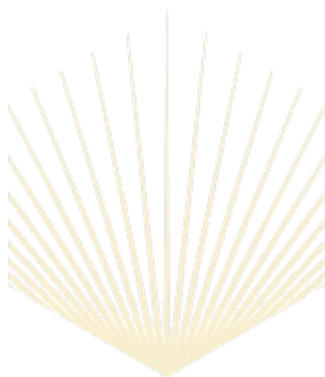
¹¹⁷⁷ Or "decision," i.e., judgement.

29. Say, [O Muḥammad], "On the Day of Conquest the belief of those who had disbelieved will not benefit them, nor will they be reprieved."

قُلْ يَوْمَ الْفَتْحِ لَا يَنْفَعُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا
إِيمَانُهُمْ وَلَا هُمْ يُنْظَرُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾

30. So turn away from them and wait. Indeed, they are waiting.

فَاعْرِضْ عَنْهُمْ وَانْتَظِرْ إِنَّهُمْ مُنْتَظَرُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾



Sūrah al-Aḥzāb¹¹⁷⁸

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

سُورَةُ الْأَحْزَابِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. O Prophet, fear Allāh and do not obey the disbelievers and the hypocrites. Indeed, Allāh is ever Knowing and Wise.
2. And follow that which is revealed to you from your Lord. Indeed Allāh is ever, of what you do, Aware.
3. And rely upon Allāh; and sufficient is Allāh as Disposer of affairs.¹¹⁷⁹
4. Allāh has not made for a man two hearts in his interior. And He has not made your wives whom you declare unlawful¹¹⁸⁰ your mothers. And He has not made your claimed [i.e., adopted] sons your [true] sons. That is [merely] your saying by your mouths, but Allāh says the truth, and He guides to the [right] way.
5. Call them¹¹⁸¹ by [the names of] their fathers; it is more just in the sight of Allāh. But if you do not know their fathers – then they are [still] your brothers in religion and those entrusted to you. And there is no blame upon you for that in

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ اتَّقِ اللَّهَ وَلَا تُطِعِ الْكَافِرِينَ
وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلِيمًا
حَكِيمًا ﴿١﴾

وَاتَّبِعْ مَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ إِنَّ
اللَّهَ كَانَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا ﴿٢﴾

وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا ﴿٣﴾

مَا جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِرَجُلٍ مِّن قَلْبَيْنِ فِي جَوْفِهِ
وَمَا جَعَلَ أَزْوَاجَكُمْ الَّتِي تُظَاهِرُونَ مِنْهُنَّ
أُمَّهَاتِكُمْ وَمَا جَعَلَ أَدْعِيَاءَكُمْ أَبْنَاءَكُمْ
ذَلِكَ قَوْلُكُمْ بِأَفْوَاهِكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَقُولُ الْحَقَّ
وَهُوَ يَهْدِي السَّبِيلَ ﴿٤﴾

ادْعُوهُمْ لِآبَائِهِمْ هُوَ أَقْسَطُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ
لَّمْ تَعْلَمُوا آبَاءَهُمْ فَإِخْوَانُكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ
وَمَوَالِيكُمْ وَلَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ فِيمَا
أَخْطَأْتُمْ بِهِ وَلَكِنْ مَا تَعَمَّدَتْ قُلُوبُكُمْ

¹¹⁷⁸ Al-Aḥzāb: The Companies or The Combined Forces, referring to the alliance of disbelieving Arab tribes against the Muslims in Madīnah for the battle called "al-Aḥzāb" or "al-Khandaq" (the Trench).

¹¹⁷⁹ Refer to footnote in 3:173.

¹¹⁸⁰ By the expression "You are to me like the back of my mother." Such an oath taken against approaching one's wife was a pre-Islāmic practice declared by Allāh (subḥānahu wa ta'ālā) to be a sin requiring expiation as described in 58:3-4.

¹¹⁸¹ Those children under your care.

which you have erred but [only for] what your hearts intended. And ever is Allāh Forgiving and Merciful.

وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿٥﴾

6. The Prophet is more worthy of the believers than themselves,¹¹⁸² and his wives are [in the position of] their mothers. And those of [blood] relationship are more entitled [to inheritance] in the decree of Allāh than the [other] believers and the emigrants, except that you may do to your close associates a kindness [through bequest]. That was in the Book¹¹⁸³ inscribed.

الَّذِي أَوْلَىٰ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ وَأَزْوَاجُهُ أُمَّهَاتُهُمْ وَأُولَئِ الْأَرْحَامُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلَىٰ بِبَعْضٍ فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُهَاجِرِينَ إِلَّا أَنْ تَفْعَلُوا إِلَىٰ أَوْلِيَائِكُمْ مَعْرُوفًا كَانَ ذَٰلِكَ فِي الْكِتَابِ مَسْطُورًا ﴿٦﴾

7. And [mention, O Muḥammad], when We took from the prophets their covenant and from you and from Noah and Abraham and Moses and Jesus, the son of Mary; and We took from them a solemn covenant

وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ مِيثَقَهُمْ وَمِنْكَأَوْ مِنْ نُوحٍ وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ وَأَخَذْنَا مِنْهُمْ مِيثَقًا غَلِيظًا ﴿٧﴾

8. That He may question the truthful about their truth.¹¹⁸⁴ And He has prepared for the disbelievers a painful punishment.

لِيَسْأَلَ الصَّادِقِينَ عَنْ صِدْقِهِمْ وَأَعَدَّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ﴿٨﴾

9. O you who have believed, remember the favor of Allāh upon you when armies came to [attack] you and We sent upon them a wind and armies [of angels] you did not see. And ever is Allāh, of what you do, Seeing.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ جَاءَتْكُمْ جُنُودٌ فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ رِيحًا وَجُنُودًا لَّمْ تَرَوْهَا وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرًا ﴿٩﴾

¹¹⁸²He (ﷺ) is more worthy of their obedience and loyalty and is more concerned for them than they are for one another.

¹¹⁸³The Preserved Slate (*al-Lawḥ al-Maḥfūṭ*).

¹¹⁸⁴i.e., that He may ask the prophets what they conveyed to their people and what response they received. "The truthful" may also refer to those who believed in the message conveyed by the prophets and imparted it to others.

10. [Remember] when they came at you from above you and from below you, and when eyes shifted [in fear], and hearts reached the throats, and you assumed about Allāh [various] assumptions.

إِذْ جَاءُوكُم مِّن فَوْقِكُمْ وَمِنْ أَسْفَلَ مِنكُمْ
وَإِذْ زَاغَتِ الْأَبْصَارُ وَبَلَغَتِ الْقُلُوبُ
الْحَنَاجِرَ وَنُظِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ الظُّنُونَا ﴿١٠﴾

11. There the believers were tested and shaken with a severe shaking.

هُنَالِكَ آتَتْكُمُ الْيَمُونُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ
زُلْزِلُوا زِلْزَالًا شَدِيدًا ﴿١١﴾

12. And [remember] when the hypocrites and those in whose hearts is disease said, "Allāh and His Messenger did not promise us except delusion,"

وَإِذْ يَقُولُ الْمُنَافِقُونَ وَالَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِم
مَّرَضٌ مَا وَعَدَنَا اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ إِلَّا غُرُورًا ﴿١٢﴾

13. And when a faction of them said, "O people of Yathrib,¹¹⁸⁵ there is no stability for you [here], so return [home]." And a party of them asked permission of the Prophet, saying, "Indeed, our houses are exposed [i.e., unprotected]," while they were not exposed. They did not intend except to flee.

وَإِذْ قَالَتْ طَائِفَةٌ مِّنْهُمْ يَا أَهْلَ يَثْرِبَ لَا
مُقَامَ لَكُمْ فَارْجِعُوا وَيَسْتَأْذِنُ فَرِيقٌ مِّنْهُمْ
النَّبِيَّ يَقُولُونَ إِنَّ بُيُوتَنَا عَوْرَةٌ وَمَا هِيَ
بِعَوْرَةٍ أَوْ لَا يَرْضَوْنَ إِلَّا فِرَارًا ﴿١٣﴾

14. And if they had been entered upon from all its [surrounding] regions and fitnah [i.e., disbelief] had been demanded of them, they would have done it and not hesitated over it except briefly.

وَلَوْ دُخِلَتْ عَلَيْهِم مِّنْ أَقْطَارِهَا ثُمَّ سُيِلُوا
الْفِتْنَةَ لَآتَوْهَا وَمَا تَلَبَّثُوا فِيهَا إِلَّا بَسِيرًا ﴿١٤﴾

15. And they had already promised Allāh before not to turn their backs [i.e., retreat]. And ever is the promise to Allāh [that about which one will be] questioned.

وَلَقَدْ كَانُوا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ مِن قَبْلُ لَا
يُؤْلَوْنَ الْآذِينَ وَكَانَ عَهْدُ اللَّهِ مَسْئُولًا ﴿١٥﴾

16. Say, [O Muḥammad], "Never will fleeing benefit you if you should

قُلْ لَّن يَنْفَعَكُمُ الْفِرَارُ إِن فَرَرْتُمْ مِّنْ

¹¹⁸⁵The name by which al-Madīnah was known before the arrival of the Prophet (ﷺ).

flee from death or killing; and then [if you did], you would not be given enjoyment [of life] except for a little."

فَلْيَلَّا ﴿١١﴾

17. Say, "Who is it that can protect you from Allāh¹¹⁸⁶ if He intends for you an ill or intends for you a mercy?" And they will not find for themselves besides Allāh any protector or any helper.

قُلْ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَعْصِمُكُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ إِنْ أَرَادَ بِكُمْ سُوءًا أَوْ أَرَادَ بِكُمْ رَحْمَةً وَلَا يَجِدُونَ لَهُم مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلِيًّا وَلَا نَصِيرًا ﴿١٢﴾

18. Already Allāh knows the hinderers¹¹⁸⁷ among you and those [hypocrites] who say to their brothers, "Come to us,"¹¹⁸⁸ and do not go to battle, except for a few,¹¹⁸⁹

﴿١٣﴾ قَدْ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ الْمَعُوقِينَ مِنْكُمْ وَالْقَائِلِينَ لِإِخْوَانِهِمْ هَلُمَّ إِلَيْنَا وَلَا يَأْتُونَ الْبَأْسَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿١٤﴾

19. Indisposed¹¹⁹⁰ toward you. And when fear comes, you see them looking at you, their eyes revolving like one being overcome by death. But when fear departs, they lash you with sharp tongues, indisposed toward [any] good. Those have not believed, so Allāh has rendered their deeds worthless, and ever is that, for Allāh, easy.

أَشِحَّةً عَلَيْكُمْ ﴿١٥﴾ فَإِذَا جَاءَ الْخَوْفُ رَأَيْتَهُمْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَيْكَ تَدُورُ أَعْيُنُهُمْ كَالَّذِي يُغْشَىٰ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْمَوْتِ إِذَا ذَهَبَ الْخَوْفُ سَلَقُوكُمْ بِأَلْسِنَةٍ حِدَادٍ أَشِحَّةً عَلَى الْخَيْرِ ﴿١٦﴾ أُولَٰئِكَ لَمْ يُؤْمِنُوا فَأَحْبَطَ اللَّهُ أَعْمَالَهُمْ ﴿١٧﴾ وَكَانَ ذَٰلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرًا ﴿١٨﴾

20. They think the companies have not [yet] withdrawn.¹¹⁹¹ And if the companies should come [again], they would wish they were in the desert among the bedouins, inquiring [from afar]

تَحْسَبُونَ الْأَحْزَابَ لَمْ يَذْهَبُوا ﴿١٩﴾ وَإِنْ يَأْتِ الْأَحْزَابُ يَوَدُّوا لَوْ أَنَّهُمْ بَادُونَ فِي الْأَعْرَابِ يَسْتَأْذِنُونَ عَنْ أَنْبِيَائِهِمْ ﴿٢٠﴾ وَلَوْ

¹¹⁸⁶ i.e., prevent the will of Allāh from being carried out.

¹¹⁸⁷ Those who dissuade others from supporting the Prophet (ﷺ) in battle.

¹¹⁸⁸ Rather than joining the Prophet (ﷺ).

¹¹⁸⁹ Who went out of ulterior motives.

¹¹⁹⁰ Literally, "stingy," i.e., unwilling to offer any help.

¹¹⁹¹ In their excessive fear the cowardly hypocrites could not believe the enemy forces had been defeated.

about your news. And if they should be among you, they would not fight except for a little.

كَانُوا فِيكُمْ مَا قَتَلُوا إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿٤١﴾

21. There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allāh an excellent pattern¹¹⁹² for anyone whose hope is in Allāh and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allāh often.

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُوا اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا ﴿٤٢﴾

22. And when the believers saw the companies, they said, "This is what Allāh and His Messenger had promised us, and Allāh and His Messenger spoke the truth." And it increased them only in faith and acceptance.

وَلَمَّا رَأَى الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الْأَحْزَابَ قَالُوا هَذَا مَا وَعَدَنَا اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَصَدَقَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ ۚ وَمَا زَادَهُمْ إِلَّا إِيمَانًا وَتَسْلِيمًا ﴿٤٣﴾

23. Among the believers are men true to what they promised Allāh. Among them is he who has fulfilled his vow [to the death], and among them is he who awaits [his chance]. And they did not alter [the terms of their commitment] by any alteration –

مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رِجَالٌ صَدَقُوا مَا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ عَلَيْهِ فَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ قَضَىٰ نَحْبَهُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ يَنْتَظِرُ ۚ وَمَا بَدَّلُوا تَبْدِيلًا ﴿٤٤﴾

24. That Allāh may reward the truthful for their truth and punish the hypocrites if He wills or accept their repentance. Indeed, Allāh is ever Forgiving and Merciful.

لِيَجْزِيَ اللَّهُ الصَّادِقِينَ بِصِدْقِهِمْ وَيُعَذِّبَ الْمُنَافِقِينَ إِن شَاءَ أَوْ يَتُوبَ عَلَيْهِمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ غَفُورًا رَّحِيمًا ﴿٤٥﴾

25. And Allāh repelled those who disbelieved, in their rage, not having obtained any good. And sufficient was Allāh for the believers in battle, and ever is Allāh Powerful and Exalted in Might.

وَرَدَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِغَيْظِهِمْ لَمْ يَنَالُوا خَيْرًا وَكَفَى اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الْقِتَالَ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ قَوِيًّا عَزِيزًا ﴿٤٦﴾

¹¹⁹²An example to be followed.

26. And He brought down those who supported them among the People of the Scripture¹¹⁹³ from their fortresses and cast terror into their hearts [so that] a party [i.e., their men] you killed, and you took captive a party [i.e., the women and children].

وَأَنْزَلَ الَّذِينَ ظَاهَرُوهُمْ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ
مِنْ صَيَاصِيهِمْ وَقَذَفَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ الرُّعْبَ
فَرِيقًا تَقْتُلُونَ وَتَأْسِرُونَ فَرِيقًا ﴿٢٦﴾

27. And He caused you to inherit their land and their homes and their properties and a land which you have not trodden.¹¹⁹⁴ And ever is Allāh, over all things, competent.

وَأَوْزَنَكُمْ أَرْضَهُمْ وَدِيَارَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ وَأَرْضًا
لَمْ تَطُوهَا وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرًا ﴿٢٧﴾

28. O Prophet, say to your wives, "If you should desire the worldly life and its adornment, then come, I will provide for you and give you a gracious release.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لِّأَزْوَاجِكَ إِن كُنْتُنَّ تُرِدْنَ
الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا وَزِينَتَهَا فَتَعَالَيْنَ أُمَتِّعْكُنَّ
وَأُسْرِحْكِنَّ سَرَاحًا جَمِيلًا ﴿٢٨﴾

29. But if you should desire Allāh and His Messenger and the home of the Hereafter – then indeed, Allāh has prepared for the doers of good among you a great reward."

وَإِن كُنْتُنَّ تُرِدْنَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَالدَّارَ
الْآخِرَةَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ أَعَدَّ لِلْمُحْسِنَاتِ مِنْكُنَّ
أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٢٩﴾

30. O wives of the Prophet, whoever of you should commit a clear immorality – for her the punishment would be doubled twofold, and ever is that, for Allāh, easy.

يَا نِسَاءَ النَّبِيِّ مَن يَأْتِ مِنْكُنَّ بِفَاحِشَةٍ
مُّبِينَةٍ يُضَعَّفْ لَهَا الْعَذَابُ ضِعْفَيْنِ
وَكَانَ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرًا ﴿٣٠﴾

31. And whoever of you devoutly obeys Allāh and His Messenger and does righteousness – We will give her her reward twice; and We have prepared for her a noble provision.

وَمَن يَفْعَلْ مِنْكُنَّ لِلَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وِتَعَمَلْ
صَالِحًا نُؤْتِهَا أَجْرَهَا مَرَّتَيْنِ وَأَعَدْنَا لَهَا
رِزْقًا كَرِيمًا ﴿٣١﴾

¹¹⁹³The Jews of Banū Qurayyah, who had violated their treaty with the Muslims.

¹¹⁹⁴i.e., that taken in subsequent conquests.