

Moses; but indeed, I think he is a liar." And thus was made attractive to Pharaoh the evil of his deed, and he was averted from the [right] way. And the plan of Pharaoh was not except in ruin.

وَإِنِّي لَأَظُنُّهُ كَذِبًا ۖ وَكَذَلِكَ زُينَ  
لِفِرْعَوْنَ سُوءُ عَمَلِهِ وَصُدَّ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ  
وَمَا كَيْدُ فِرْعَوْنَ إِلَّا فِي تَبَابٍ ﴿٤٠﴾

38. And he who believed said, "O my people, follow me; I will guide you to the way of right conduct.

وَقَالَ الَّذِي آمَنَ يَتَّبِعْكُمْ أَنَّبِعُونَ  
أَهْدِيكُمْ سَبِيلَ الرَّشَادِ ﴿٤١﴾

39. O my people, this worldly life is only [temporary] enjoyment, and indeed, the Hereafter – that is the home of [permanent] settlement.

يَتَقَوْمِ إِنَّمَا هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا مَتَّعٌ وَإِنَّ  
الْآخِرَةَ هِيَ دَارُ الْقَرَارِ ﴿٤٢﴾

40. Whoever does an evil deed will not be recompensed except by the like thereof; but whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer – those will enter Paradise, being given provision therein without account.

مَنْ عَمِلَ سَيِّئَةً فَلَا تُجْزَىٰ إِلَّا مِثْلَهَا  
وَمَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أَتَتْهُ  
هُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَأُولَٰئِكَ يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ  
يُرْزَقُونَ فِيهَا بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ﴿٤٣﴾

41. And O my people, how is it that I invite you to salvation while you invite me to the Fire?

۞ وَيَتَقَوْمِ مَا لِي أَدْعُوكُمْ إِلَى النَّجْوَةِ  
وَتَدْعُونَنِي إِلَى النَّارِ ﴿٤٤﴾

42. You invite me to disbelieve in Allāh and associate with Him that of which I have no knowledge, and I invite you to the Exalted in Might, the Perpetual Forgiver.<sup>1373</sup>

تَدْعُونَنِي لِأَكْفُرَ بِاللَّهِ وَأُشْرِكَ بِهِ مَا  
لَيْسَ لِي بِهِ عِلْمٌ وَأَنَا أَدْعُوكُمْ إِلَى  
الْعَزِيزِ الْغَفِيرِ ﴿٤٥﴾

43. Assuredly, that to which you invite me has no [response to] supplication in this world or in the Hereafter; and indeed, our return is to Allāh, and indeed, the transgressors will be companions of the Fire.

لَا جَرَمَ أَنَّمَا تَدْعُونَنِي إِلَيْهِ لَيْسَ لَهُ  
دَعْوَةٌ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَلَا فِي الْآخِرَةِ وَأَنْ مَّرَدَّنَا  
إِلَى اللَّهِ وَأَنَّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ هُمْ أَصْحَابُ  
النَّارِ ﴿٤٦﴾

<sup>1373</sup>Refer to footnotes in 38:66.

44. And you will remember what I [now] say to you, and I entrust my affair to Allāh. Indeed, Allāh is Seeing of [His] servants."
45. So Allāh protected him from the evils they plotted, and the people of Pharaoh were enveloped by the worst of punishment –
46. The Fire; they are exposed to it morning and evening.<sup>1374</sup> And the Day the Hour appears [it will be said], "Make the people of Pharaoh enter the severest punishment."
47. And [mention] when they will argue within the Fire, and the weak will say to those who had been arrogant, "Indeed, we were [only] your followers, so will you relieve us of a share of the Fire?"
48. Those who had been arrogant will say, "Indeed, all [of us] are in it. Indeed, Allāh has judged between the servants."
49. And those in the Fire will say to the keepers of Hell, "Supplicate your Lord to lighten for us a day from the punishment."
50. They will say, "Did there not come to you your messengers with clear proofs?" They will say, "Yes." They will reply, "Then supplicate [yourselves], but the supplication of the disbelievers is not except in error [i.e., futility]."

فَسَدِّدْ كُرُوبَ مَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ وَأَقِضْ  
أَمْرِي إِلَى اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بَصِيرٌ بِالْعِبَادِ ﴿٤٤﴾

فَقَوَّهَ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِ مَا مَكَرُوا وَحَاقَ  
بِقَالِ فِرْعَوْنَ سُوءُ الْعَذَابِ ﴿٤٥﴾

النَّارِ يُعْرَضُونَ عَلَيْهَا غُدُوًّا وَعَشِيًّا وَيَوْمَ  
تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ أَدْخِلُوا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ أَشَدَّ  
الْعَذَابِ ﴿٤٦﴾

وَإِذْ يَتَحَاوُونَ فِي النَّارِ فَيَقُولُ  
الضَّعِيفُ لِلَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا إِنَّا كُنَّا  
لَكُمْ تَبَعًا فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُغْنُونَ عَنَّا نَصِيبًا  
مِّنَ النَّارِ ﴿٤٧﴾

قَالَ الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا إِنَّا كُلٌّ فِيهَا  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ حَكَمَ بَيْنَ الْعِبَادِ ﴿٤٨﴾

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ فِي النَّارِ لِخَزَنَةِ جَهَنَّمَ ادْعُوا  
رَبَّكُمْ يُخَفِّفْ عَنَّا يَوْمًا مِّنَ الْعَذَابِ ﴿٤٩﴾

قَالُوا أَوَلَمْ تَأْتِكُمْ رُسُلُكُمُ  
بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ قَالُوا فَادْعُوا وَمَا  
دُعَاؤُ الْكَافِرِينَ إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ ﴿٥٠﴾

<sup>1374</sup>From the time of their death until the Day of Resurrection, when they will be driven into it.

51. Indeed, We will support Our messengers and those who believe during the life of this world and on the Day when the witnesses will stand –
- إِنَّا لَنَنْصُرُ رُسُلَنَا وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْأَشْهَادُ ﴿٥١﴾
52. The Day their excuse will not benefit the wrongdoers, and they will have the curse, and they will have the worst home [i.e., Hell].
- يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ الظَّالِمِينَ مَعَذِرَتُهُمْ وَلَهُمُ اللَّعْنَةُ وَلَهُمْ سُوءُ الدَّارِ ﴿٥٢﴾
53. And We had certainly given Moses guidance, and We caused the Children of Israel to inherit the Scripture
- وَلَقَدْ ءَاتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْهُدَى وَأَوْرَثْنَا بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ الْكِتَابَ ﴿٥٣﴾
54. As guidance and a reminder for those of understanding.
- هُدًى وَذِكْرَى لِلْأُولَى الْأَلْبَبِ ﴿٥٤﴾
55. So be patient, [O Muḥammad]. Indeed, the promise of Allāh is truth. And ask forgiveness for your sin<sup>1375</sup> and exalt [Allāh] with praise of your Lord in the evening and the morning.
- فَاصْبِرْ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِذَنْبِكَ وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ بِالْعَشِيِّ وَالْإِبْكَارِ ﴿٥٥﴾
56. Indeed, those who dispute concerning the signs of Allāh without [any] evidence having come to them – there is not within their breasts except pride, [the extent of] which they cannot reach. So seek refuge in Allāh. Indeed, it is He who is the Hearing, the Seeing.
- إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي ءَايَاتِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ سُلْطَانٍ أَتَتْهُمْ إِنْ فِي صُدُورِهِمْ إِلَّا كِبْرٌ مَّا هُمْ بِبَالِغِيهِ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ ﴿٥٦﴾
57. The creation of the heavens and earth is greater than the creation of mankind, but most of the people do not know.
- لَخَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَكْبَرُ مِنْ خَلْقِ النَّاسِ وَلَئِنْ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسُ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

<sup>1375</sup>What is intended is "fault" or "error" in judgement, since all prophets were protected by Allāh from falling into sin. The implication is that all believers should seek forgiveness for their sins.

58. And not equal are the blind and the seeing, nor are those who believe and do righteous deeds and the evildoer. Little do you remember.

وَمَا يَسْتَوِي الْأَعْمَىٰ وَالْبَصِيرُ وَالَّذِينَ  
ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَلَا الْمُسِيءُ  
قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

59. Indeed, the Hour is coming – no doubt about it – but most of the people do not believe.

إِنَّ السَّاعَةَ لَآتِيَةٌ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهَا وَلَكِنَّ  
أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾

60. And your Lord says, "Call upon Me; I will respond to you." Indeed, those who disdain My worship will enter Hell [rendered] contemptible.

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمُ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ  
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي  
سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾

61. It is Allāh who made for you the night that you may rest therein and the day giving sight.<sup>1376</sup> Indeed, Allāh is the possessor of bounty for the people, but most of them are not grateful.

اللَّهُ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ اللَّيْلَ لِتَسْكُنُوا  
فِيهِ وَالنَّهَارَ مُبْصِرًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَذُو فَضْلٍ  
عَلَى النَّاسِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا  
يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

62. That is Allāh, your Lord, Creator of all things; there is no deity except Him, so how are you deluded?

ذَٰلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ خَلِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ لَا  
إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَاَنىٰ تُوَفَّكُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

63. Thus were those [before you] deluded who were rejecting the signs of Allāh.

كَذَٰلِكَ يُؤَفِّكُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا يَافِكُونَ  
تَجْحَدُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

64. It is Allāh who made for you the earth a place of settlement and the sky a structure [i.e., ceiling] and formed you and perfected your forms and provided you with good things. That is Allāh, your Lord; then blessed is Allāh, Lord of the worlds.

اللَّهُ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ قَرَارًا وَالسَّمَاءَ  
بِنَاءً وَصَوَّرَكُمْ فَأَحْسَنَ صُورَكُمْ  
وَرَزَقَكُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ ذَٰلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ  
فَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٦٤﴾

65. He is the Ever-Living;<sup>1377</sup> there is

هُوَ الْحَيُّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَادْعُوهُ

<sup>1376</sup> i.e., making things visible.

<sup>1377</sup> Whose life is without beginning or end, and upon whom all created life depends.

no deity except Him, so call upon Him, [being] sincere to Him in religion. [All] praise is [due] to Allāh, Lord of the worlds.

مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ ۚ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ  
الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾

66. Say, [O Muḥammad], "Indeed, I have been forbidden to worship those you call upon besides Allāh once the clear proofs have come to me from my Lord, and I have been commanded to submit to the Lord of the worlds."

قُلْ إِنِّي نُهَيْتُ أَنْ أُعْبَدَ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ  
مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ لَمَّا جَاءَنِيَ الْبَيِّنَاتُ مِنْ رَبِّي  
وَأُمِرْتُ أَنْ أُسْلِمَ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٤١﴾

67. It is He who created you from dust, then from a sperm-drop, then from a clinging clot; then He brings you out as a child; then [He develops you] that you reach your [time of] maturity, then [further] that you become elders. And among you is he who is taken in death before [that], so that you reach a specified term;<sup>1378</sup> and perhaps you will use reason.

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ  
نُطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ عَلَقَةٍ ثُمَّ يُخْرِجُكُمْ طِفْلًا  
ثُمَّ لِتَبْلُغُوا أَشْدَّكُمْ ثُمَّ لَتَكُونُوا شُيُوخًا  
وَمِنْكُمْ مَنْ يُتَوَفَّى مِنْ قَبْلٍ ۚ وَلَتَبْلُغُوا أَجَلًا  
مُسَمًّى وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾

68. He it is who gives life and causes death; and when He decrees a matter, He but says to it, "Be," and it is.

هُوَ الَّذِي يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ ۚ فَإِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا  
فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ﴿٤٣﴾

69. Do you not consider those who dispute concerning the signs of Allāh – how are they averted?

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي آيَاتِ اللَّهِ  
أَنَّهُمْ يُصْرَفُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾

70. Those who deny the Book [i.e., the Qur'ān] and that with which We sent Our messengers – they are going to know,

الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِالْكِتَابِ وَمِمَّا أَرْسَلْنَا  
بِهِ رَسُولًا فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٥﴾

71. When the shackles are around their necks and the chains; they will be dragged

إِذِ الْأَغْلُلُ فِي أعْنَاقِهِمْ وَالسَّلْسِلُ  
يُسْحَبُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾

<sup>1378</sup>The time decreed for your death.

72. In boiling water; then in the Fire they will be filled [with flame].  
 فِي الْحَمِيمِ ثُمَّ فِي النَّارِ يُسْجَرُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾
73. Then it will be said to them, "Where is that which you used to associate [with Him in worship]  
 ثُمَّ قِيلَ لَهُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ تُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٧٣﴾
74. Other than Allāh?" They will say, "They have departed from us; rather, we did not used to invoke previously anything." Thus does Allāh put astray the disbelievers.  
 مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ قَالُوا ضَلُّوا عَنَّا بَلْ لَمْ نَكُنْ نَدْعُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ شَيْئًا كَذَلِكَ يَضِلُّ اللَّهُ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٧٤﴾
75. [The angels will say], "That was because you used to exult upon the earth without right and you used to behave insolently.  
 ذَلِكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَفْرَحُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَبِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَمْرَحُونَ ﴿٧٥﴾
76. Enter the gates of Hell to abide eternally therein, and wretched is the residence of the arrogant."  
 ادْخُلُوا أَبْوَابَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا فَبِئْسَ مَقْوًى الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ ﴿٧٦﴾
77. So be patient, [O Muḥammad]; indeed, the promise of Allāh is truth. And whether We show you some of what We have promised them or We take you in death, it is to Us they will be returned.  
 فَاصْبِرْ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ فِيمَا نُرِيكَ بَعْضَ الَّذِي نَعِدُهُمْ أَوْ تَتَوَفَّيْنَاكَ فَأَلَيْنَا يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٧٧﴾
78. And We have already sent messengers before you. Among them are those [whose stories] We have related to you, and among them are those [whose stories] We have not related to you. And it was not for any messenger to bring a sign [or verse] except by permission of Allāh. So when the command of Allāh comes, it will be concluded [i.e., judged] in truth, and the falsifiers will thereupon lose [all].  
 وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلًا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْهُمْ مَنْ قَصَصْنَا عَلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ لَمْ نَقْصُصْ عَلَيْكَ وَمَا كَانَ لِرَسُولٍ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ بِغَايَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ فَإِذَا جَاءَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ فُضِيَ بِالْحَقِّ وَخَسِرَ هُنَالِكَ الْمُبْطِلُونَ ﴿٧٨﴾
79. It is Allāh who made for you the  
 اللَّهُ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمْ الْأَنْعَامَ لِتَرْكَبُوا

grazing animals upon which you ride, and some of them you eat.

مِنْهَا وَمِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

80. And for you therein are [other] benefits and that you may realize upon them a need which is in your breasts;<sup>1379</sup> and upon them and upon ships you are carried.

وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَنَافِعُ وَلِتَبْلُغُوا عَلَيْهَا حَاجَةً فِي صُدُورِكُمْ وَعَلَيْهَا وَعَلَى الْفُلْكِ تُحْمَلُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾

81. And He shows you His signs. So which of the signs of Allāh do you deny?

وَيُرِيكُمْ ءَايَاتِهِ فَأَيَّ ءَايَاتِ اللَّهِ تُنْكِرُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾

82. Have they not traveled through the land and observed how was the end of those before them? They were more numerous than themselves and greater in strength and in impression on the land, but they were not availed by what they used to earn.

أَفَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ كَانُوا أَكْثَرُ مِنْهُمْ وَأَشَدَّ قُوَّةً وَأَثَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَمَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٧١﴾

83. And when their messengers came to them with clear proofs, they [merely] rejoiced in what they had of knowledge, but they were enveloped by what they used to ridicule.

فَلَمَّا جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُم بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَرِحُوا بِمَا عِنْدَهُمْ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ وَحَاقَ بِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾

84. And when they saw Our punishment, they said, "We believe in Allāh alone and disbelieve in that which we used to associate with Him."

فَلَمَّا رَأَوْا بَأْسَنَا قَالُوا ءَامَنَّا بِاللَّهِ وَحَدَّهُ. وَكَفَرْنَا بِمَا كُنَّا بِهِ مُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٧٣﴾

85. But never did their faith benefit them once they saw Our punishment. [It is] the established way of Allāh which has preceded among His servants. And the disbelievers thereupon lost [all].

فَلَمْ يَكْ يَنْفَعَهُمْ إِيْمَانُهُمْ لَمَّا رَأَوْا بَأْسَنَا سَبَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِي قَدْ خَلَقَ فِي عِبَادِهِ خَيْرٌ هُنَالِكَ الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٧٤﴾

<sup>1379</sup> i.e., that you may use the animals to carry your loads to distant places, according to need.

# Sūrah Fuṣṣilat<sup>1380</sup>

*Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem*

## سُورَةُ فَصَّلَاتٍ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. Hā, Meem.<sup>1381</sup>

حَمْدٌ

2. [This is] a revelation from the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful –

تَنْزِيلٌ مِّنَ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾

3. A Book whose verses have been detailed, an Arabic Qur'ān<sup>1382</sup> for a people who know,

كِتَابٌ فَصَّلَتْ آيَاتُهُ، قُرْآنًا عَرَبِيًّا لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢﴾

4. As a giver of good tidings and a warner; but most of them turn away, so they do not hear.

بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا فَأَعْرَضَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ فَهُمْ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٣﴾

5. And they say, "Our hearts are within coverings [i.e., screened] from that to which you invite us, and in our ears is deafness, and between us and you is a partition, so work,<sup>1383</sup> indeed, we are working."

وَقَالُوا قُلُوبُنَا فِي أَكِنَّةٍ مِّمَّا تَدْعُونَا إِلَيْهِ وَفِي آذَانِنَا وَقْرٌ وَمِنْ بَيْنِنَا وَبَيْنَكَ حِجَابٌ فَاَعْمَلْ إِنَّا عَمِلُونَ ﴿٤﴾

6. Say, [O Muḥammad], "I am only a man like you to whom it has been revealed that your god is but one God; so take a straight course to Him and seek His forgiveness." And woe to those who associate others with Allāh –

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَنَا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ أَنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ إِلَهٌُ وَاحِدٌ فَاسْتَقِيمُوا إِلَيْهِ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ ۚ وَوَيْلٌ لِّلْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٥﴾

7. Those who do not give zakāh, and in the Hereafter they are disbelievers.

الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٦﴾

<sup>1380</sup> *Fuṣṣilat*. They (i.e., Allāh's verses) Have Been Detailed or Presented in Detail. The *sūrah* is also referred to as *Hā Meem as-Sajdah*.

<sup>1381</sup> See footnote to 2:1.

<sup>1382</sup> i.e., revealed in the Arabic language.

<sup>1383</sup> For your own religion or work against us.

8. Indeed, those who believe and do righteous deeds – for them is a reward uninterrupted.
9. Say, "Do you indeed disbelieve in He who created the earth in two days and attribute to Him equals? That is the Lord of the worlds."
10. And He placed on it [i.e., the earth] firmly set mountains over its surface, and He blessed it and determined therein its [creatures'] sustenance in four days without distinction<sup>1384</sup> – for [the information of] those who ask.
11. Then He directed Himself<sup>1385</sup> to the heaven while it was smoke and said to it and to the earth, "Come [into being],<sup>1386</sup> willingly or by compulsion." They said, "We have come willingly."
12. And He completed them as seven heavens within two days and inspired [i.e., made known] in each heaven its command. And We adorned the nearest heaven with lamps [i.e., stars, for beauty] and as protection.<sup>1387</sup> That is the determination of the Exalted in Might, the Knowing.
13. But if they turn away, then say, "I have warned you of a thunderbolt like the thunderbolt [that struck] 'Aad and Thamūd."
- إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ أَجْرٌ غَيْرُ مَمْنُونٍ ﴿٨﴾
- قُلْ أَتَيْتُكُمْ لَتَكْفُرُونَ بِالَّذِي خَلَقَ الْأَرْضَ فِي يَوْمَيْنِ وَتَجْعَلُونَ لَهُ أَندَادًا ذَٰلِكَ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٩﴾
- وَجَعَلَ فِيهَا رَوَاسِيَ مِنْ فَوْقِهَا وَبَارَكَ فِيهَا وَقَدَّرَ فِيهَا أَقْوَاتًا فِي أَرْبَعَةِ أَيَّامٍ سَوَاءً لِّلسَّائِلِينَ ﴿١٠﴾
- ثُمَّ أَسْتَوَىٰ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ وَهِيَ دُخَانٌ فَقَالَ لَهَا وَلِلْأَرْضِ ائْتِيَا طَوْعًا أَوْ كَرْهًا قَالَتَا أَتَيْنَا طَائِعِينَ ﴿١١﴾
- فَقَضَاهُنَّ سَبْعَ سَمَوَاتٍ فِي يَوْمَيْنِ وَأَوْحَىٰ فِي كُلِّ سَمَاءٍ أَمْرَهَا وَزَيَّنَّا السَّمَاءَ الدُّنْيَا بِمَصْبِيحٍ وَحِفْظٍ ذَٰلِكَ تَقْدِيرُ الْعَزِيزِ الْعَلِيمِ ﴿١٢﴾
- فَإِنْ أَعْرَضُوا فَقُلْ أَنذَرْتُكُمْ صَاعِقَةً مِّثْلَ صَاعِقَةِ عَادٍ وَثَمُودَ ﴿١٣﴾

<sup>1384</sup>Also "four equal days" or "four days of completion."

<sup>1385</sup>See footnote to 2:19.

<sup>1386</sup>Literally, "become" or "do [as commanded]."

<sup>1387</sup>From the devils who attempt to steal information from the angels.

14. [That occurred] when the messengers had come to them before them and after them, [saying], "Worship not except Allāh." They said, "If our Lord had willed,<sup>1388</sup> He would have sent down the angels, so indeed we, in that with which you have been sent, are disbelievers."

إِذْ جَاءَهُمُ الرُّسُلُ مِنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا اللَّهَ قَالُوا لَوْ شَاءَ رَبُّنَا لَأَنْزَلَ مَلَائِكَةً فَإِنَّا بِمَا أُرْسِلْتُمْ بِهِ كَافِرُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

15. As for 'Aad, they were arrogant upon the earth without right and said, "Who is greater than us in strength?" Did they not consider that Allāh who created them was greater than them in strength? But they were rejecting Our signs.

فَأَمَّا عَادٌ فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَقَالُوا مَنْ أَشَدُّ قُوَّةً مِنْ أَوَّلَمَ يَرَوْنَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُمْ هُوَ أَشَدُّ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةً وَكَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يَجْحَدُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

16. So We sent upon them a screaming wind during days of misfortune to make them taste the punishment of disgrace in the worldly life; but the punishment of the Hereafter is more disgracing, and they will not be helped.

فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ رِيحًا صَرْصَرًا فِي أَيَّامٍ نَحْسَاتٍ لِنَدِيقَهُمْ عَذَابِ الْخَزْيِ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَلَعَذَابِ الْآخِرَةِ أَخْزَىٰ وَهُمْ لَا يُنصَرُونَ ﴿١٦﴾

17. And as for Thamūd, We guided them, but they preferred blindness over guidance, so the thunderbolt of humiliating punishment seized them for what they used to earn.

وَأَمَّا ثَمُودُ فَهَدَيْنَهُمْ فَاسْتَحَبُّوا الْعَمَىٰ عَلَى الْهُدَىٰ فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ صَاعِقَةُ الْعَذَابِ آهُونَ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

18. And We saved those who believed and used to fear Allāh.

وَجَحَيْنَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

19. And [mention, O Muḥammad], the Day when the enemies of Allāh will be gathered to the Fire while they are [driven], assembled in rows,

وَيَوْمَ يُحْشَرُ أَعْدَاءُ اللَّهِ إِلَى النَّارِ فَهُمْ يُوزَعُونَ ﴿١٩﴾

<sup>1388</sup>To send messengers.

20. Until, when they reach it, their hearing and their eyes and their skins will testify against them of what they used to do.
21. And they will say to their skins, "Why have you testified against us?" They will say, "We were made to speak by Allāh, who has made everything speak; and He created you the first time, and to Him you are returned.
22. And you were not covering [i.e., protecting] yourselves,<sup>1389</sup> lest your hearing testify against you or your sight or your skins, but you assumed that Allāh does not know much of what you do.
23. And that was your assumption which you assumed about your Lord. It has brought you to ruin, and you have become among the losers."
24. So [even] if they are patient, the Fire is a residence for them; and if they ask to appease [Allāh], they will not be of those who are allowed to appease.
25. And We appointed for them companions<sup>1390</sup> who made attractive to them what was before them and what was behind them [of sin], and the word [i.e., decree] has come into effect upon them among nations which had passed on before them of jinn and men. Indeed, they [all] were losers.
- حَتَّىٰ إِذَا مَا جَاءُوهَا شَهِدَ عَلَيْهِمْ سَمْعُهُمْ وَأَبْصَرُهُمْ وَجُلُودُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾
- وَقَالُوا لِيُجْلِدِهِمْ لِمَ شَهِدْتُمْ عَلَيْنَا قَالُوا أَنْطَقَنَا اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَنْطَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ خَلَقَكُمْ أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٢١﴾
- وَمَا كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَوْرُونَ أَنْ يَشْهَدَ عَلَيْكُمْ سَمْعُكُمْ وَلَا أَبْصَرُكُمْ وَلَا جُلُودُكُمْ وَلَكِنْ ظَنَنْتُمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَعْلَمُ كَثِيرًا مِمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾
- وَذَلِكُمْ ظَنُّكُمُ الَّذِي ظَنَنْتُمْ بِرَبِّكُمْ أَرْدَاكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾
- فَإِنْ يَصْطِرُوا فَلَئِنَّ مَتَوًى هُمْ وَإِنْ يَسْتَعْتِبُوا فَمَا هُمْ مِنَ الْمُعْتَبِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾
- وَقَيَّضْنَا لَهُمْ قُرَنَاءَ فَزَيَّنُوا لَهُمْ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَحَقَّ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقَوْلُ فِي أُمَمٍ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ مِنَ الْإِنْسِ وَإِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا خَاسِرِينَ ﴿٢٥﴾

<sup>1389</sup>With righteousness or by fearing Allāh.

<sup>1390</sup>In this world among the evil *jinn* and men.

26. And those who disbelieve say, "Do not listen to this Qur'ān and speak noisily<sup>1391</sup> during [the recitation of] it that perhaps you will overcome."

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَسْمَعُوا هَذَا  
الْقُرْآنَ وَالْعَوْفَا فِيهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

27. But We will surely cause those who disbelieve to taste a severe punishment, and We will surely recompense them for the worst of what they had been doing.

فَلَنَذِيقَنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا  
وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَسْوَأَ الَّذِي كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

28. That is the recompense of the enemies of Allāh – the Fire. For them therein is the home of eternity as recompense for what they, of Our verses, were rejecting.

ذَٰلِكَ جَزَاءُ أَعْدَاءِ اللَّهِ النَّارُ هُمْ فِيهَا دَارُ  
الْخَالِدِ جَزَاءُ مَا كَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يَجْحَدُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

29. And those who disbelieved will [then] say, "Our Lord, show us those who misled us of the jinn and men [so] we may put them under our feet<sup>1392</sup> that they will be among the lowest."

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا رَبَّنَا أَرِنَا الَّذِينَ  
أَضَلَّانَا مِنَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنسِ لِنَجْعَلَهُمَا تَحْتَ  
أَقْدَامِنَا لِيَكُونَا مِنَ الْأَسْفَلِينَ ﴿٦٤﴾

30. Indeed, those who have said, "Our Lord is Allāh" and then remained on a right course – the angels will descend upon them, [saying], "Do not fear and do not grieve but receive good tidings of Paradise, which you were promised.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَامُوا  
تَتَنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَلَّا تَخَافُوا  
وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَابْشِرُوا بِالْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي كُنتُمْ  
تُوْعَدُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

31. We [angels] were your allies in worldly life and [are so] in the Hereafter. And you will have therein whatever your souls desire, and you will have therein whatever you request [or wish]

نَحْنُ أَوْلِيَائُكُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي  
الْآخِرَةِ وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَا تَشْتَهَى أَنْفُسُكُمْ  
وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَا تَدْعُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾

<sup>1391</sup>Other meanings include "speak improperly" and/or "make a clamor." The purpose of this was to prevent the hearing or understanding of the Qur'ān.

<sup>1392</sup>In the lowest depths of Hell. Or "that we may step on them" in revenge.

32. As accommodation from a [Lord who is] Forgiving and Merciful." ثُمَّ لَا مَنَ غَفُورٍ رَحِيمٍ ﴿٣٢﴾
33. And who is better in speech than one who invites to Allāh and does righteousness and says, "Indeed, I am of the Muslims." وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا وَقَالَ إِنَّنِي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾
34. And not equal are the good deed and the bad. Repel [evil] by that [deed] which is better; and thereupon, the one whom between you and him is enmity [will become] as though he was a devoted friend. وَلَا تَسْتَوِ الْحَسَنَةُ وَلَا السَّيِّئَةُ ۚ ادْفَعْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ فَإِذَا الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهُ عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَلِيٌّ حَمِيمٌ ﴿٣٤﴾
35. But none is granted it except those who are patient, and none is granted it except one having a great portion [of good]. وَمَا يُلْقِنَهَا إِلَّا الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا وَمَا يُلْقِنَهَا إِلَّا ذُو حَظٍّ عَظِيمٍ ﴿٣٥﴾
36. And if there comes to you from Satan an evil suggestion, then seek refuge in Allāh. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Knowing. وَأِمَّا يَنْزَغَنَّكَ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ نِزْغٌ ۖ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٣٦﴾
37. And of His signs are the night and day and the sun and moon. Do not prostrate to the sun or to the moon, but prostrate to Allāh, who created them, if it should be Him that you worship.<sup>1393</sup> وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ ۚ لَا تَسْجُدُوا لِلشَّمْسِ وَلَا لِلْقَمَرِ وَاسْجُدُوا لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَهُنَّ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾
38. But if they are arrogant – then those who are near your Lord [i.e., the angels] exalt Him by night and by day, and they do not become weary. فَإِنْ أَشْتَكَبُوا فَالَّذِينَ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ يُسَبِّحُونَ لَهُ بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَهُمْ لَا يَسْئَمُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾
39. And of His signs is that you see the earth stilled, but when We send down upon it rain, it quivers وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ تَرَى الْأَرْضَ خَاشِعَةً فَإِذَا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْهَا الْمَاءَ اهْتَزَّتْ وَرَبَتْ ۚ إِنَّ

<sup>1393</sup>i.e., Do not worship Allāh through His creations but worship Him directly and exclusively.

and grows. Indeed, He who has given it life is the Giver of Life to the dead. Indeed, He is over all things competent.

40. Indeed, those who inject deviation into Our verses<sup>1394</sup> are not concealed from Us. So, is he who is cast into the Fire better or he who comes secure on the Day of Resurrection? Do whatever you will; indeed, He is Seeing of what you do.

41. Indeed, those who disbelieve in the message [i.e., the Qur'ān]<sup>1395</sup> after it has come to them...<sup>1396</sup> And indeed, it is a mighty<sup>1397</sup> Book.

42. Falsehood cannot approach it from before it or from behind it; [it is] a revelation from a [Lord who is] Wise and Praiseworthy.

43. Nothing is said to you, [O Muḥammad], except what was already said to the messengers before you. Indeed, your Lord is a possessor of forgiveness and a possessor of painful penalty.

44. And if We had made it a foreign [i.e., non-Arabic] Qur'ān, they would have said, "Why are its verses not explained in detail [in our language]? Is it a foreign [recitation] and an Arab [messenger]?" Say, "It is, for those who believe, a guidance and cure."

الَّذِي أَحْيَاهَا لَمُحْيِ الْمَوْتِ إِنَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٤٠﴾

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُلْحِدُونَ فِي آيَاتِنَا لَا تَخَفُونَ  
عَلَيْنَا أَفَمَنْ يُلْقَىٰ فِي النَّارِ خَيْرٌ أَمْ مَنْ يَأْتِي  
ءَامِنًا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمَلُوا مَا شِئْتُمْ إِنَّهُ  
بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٤١﴾

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِالذِّكْرِ لَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ وَإِنَّهُمْ  
لَكِتَابٌ عَزِيزٌ ﴿٤٢﴾

لَا يَأْتِيهِ الْبَطِلُ مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَلَا مِنْ  
خَلْفِهِ تَنْزِيلٌ مِنْ حَكِيمٍ حَمِيدٍ ﴿٤٣﴾

مَا يُقَالُ لَكَ إِلَّا مَا قَدْ قِيلَ لِلرُّسُلِ مِنْ  
قَبْلِكَ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَذُو مَغْفِرَةٍ وَذُو عِقَابٍ  
أَلِيمٍ ﴿٤٤﴾

وَلَوْ جَعَلْنَاهُ قُرْآنًا أَعْجَمِيًّا لَقَالُوا لَوْلَا  
فُصِّلَتْ آيَاتُهُ ۖ أَعْجَمِيٌّ وَعَرَبِيٌّ قُلْ هُوَ  
لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا هُدًى وَشِفَاءٌ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ  
لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ فِي آذَانِهِمْ وَقْرٌ وَهُوَ عَلَيْهِمْ  
عَمًى ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ يُنَادَوْنَ مِنْ مَكَانٍ بَعِيدٍ ﴿٤٥﴾

<sup>1394</sup>Through deviant recitations or interpretations.

<sup>1395</sup>i.e., reject it or prefer deviant interpretation.

<sup>1396</sup>The conclusion is understood to be "...will have earned an indescribable punishment."

<sup>1397</sup>Inimitable, resistant to attack, protected by Allāh.

And those who do not believe – in their ears is deafness, and it is upon them blindness. Those are being called from a distant place.<sup>1398</sup>

45. And We had already given Moses the Scripture, but it came under disagreement.<sup>1399</sup> And if not for a word [i.e., decree]<sup>1400</sup> that preceded from your Lord, it would have been concluded between them. And indeed they are, concerning it [i.e., the Qur'ān], in disquieting doubt.

وَلَقَدْ ءَاتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ فَاخْتَلَفَ فِيهِ  
وَلَوْلَا كَلِمَةٌ سَبَقَتْ مِنْ رَبِّكَ لَقُضِيَ  
بَيْنَهُمْ وَإِنَّهُمْ لَفِي شَكٍّ مِنْهُ مُرِيبٍ ﴿٤٥﴾

46. Whoever does righteousness – it is for his [own] soul; and whoever does evil [does so] against it. And your Lord is not ever unjust to [His] servants.

مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلِنَفْسِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ أَسَاءَ  
فَعَلَيْهَا ۚ وَمَا رَبُّكَ بِظَلَمٍ لِلْعَبِيدِ ﴿٤٦﴾

47. To Him [alone] is attributed knowledge of the Hour. And fruits emerge not from their coverings nor does a female conceive or give birth except with His knowledge. And the Day He will call to them, "Where are My 'partners'?" they will say, "We announce to You that there is [no longer] among us any witness [to that]."

۞ إِلَيْهِ يُرَدُّ عِلْمُ السَّاعَةِ ۚ وَمَا تَخْرُجُ مِنْ  
ثَمَرَاتٍ مِنْ أَكْمَامِهَا وَمَا تَحْمِلُ مِنْ أُنْثَى  
وَلَا تَضَعُ إِلَّا بِعِلْمِهِ ۚ وَيَوْمَ يُنَادِيهِمْ أَفَنَ  
شُرَكَآئِى قَالُوا ءَاذَنَكَ مَا مِنَّا مِنْ  
شَهِيدٍ ﴿٤٧﴾

48. And lost from them will be those they were invoking before, and they will be certain that they have no place of escape.

وَصَلَّىٰ عَنْهُمْ مَّا كَانُوا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ قَبْلُ  
وَضَلُّوا مَّا لَهُمْ مِنْ مَّخِيصٍ ﴿٤٨﴾

49. Man is not weary of supplication for good [things], but if evil touches him, he is hopeless and despairing.

لَا يَسْتَعْمِلُ الْإِنْسَانُ مِنْ دُعَاءِ الْخَيْرِ وَإِنْ  
مَسَّهُ الشَّرُّ فَيَئُوسٌ قَنُوطٌ ﴿٤٩﴾

<sup>1398</sup>For all practical purposes, since they neither hear nor understand.

<sup>1399</sup>An alternative meaning is "he was opposed over it."

<sup>1400</sup>See footnote to 10:19.