

*Sūrah al-Hijr<sup>667</sup>**Bismillāhir-Rahmānir-Raheem***سُورَةُ الْحِجْرِ****بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ**

1. Alif, Lām, Rā.<sup>668</sup> These are the verses of the Book and a clear Qur'ān [i.e., recitation].

الْرَّ تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ وَقُرْءَانٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١﴾

2. Perhaps those who disbelieve will wish<sup>669</sup> that they had been Muslims.

رَبِّمَا يَوْدُ الدَّيْنَ كَفَرُوا لَوْ كَانُوا مُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٢﴾

3. Let them eat and enjoy themselves and be diverted by [false] hope, for they are going to know.

ذَرْهُمْ يَأْكُلُوا وَيَتَمَتَّعُوا وَلِهُمُ الْأَمْلَأُ  
فَسَوْفَ يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٣﴾

4. And We did not destroy any city but that for it was a known decree.

وَمَا أَهْلَكَنَا مِنْ قَرْيَةٍ إِلَّا وَهَا كِتَابٌ مَعْلُومٌ ﴿٤﴾

5. No nation will precede its term, nor will they remain thereafter.

مَا تَسْقِي مِنْ أُمَّةٍ أَجْلَهَا وَمَا يَسْتَخْرُونَ ﴿٥﴾

6. And they say, "O you upon whom the message has been sent down, indeed you are mad."<sup>670</sup>

وَقَالُوا يَأْتِيُّنَا الَّذِي نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ الْذِكْرُ إِنَّكَ لَمَجْنُونٌ ﴿٦﴾

7. Why do you not bring us the angels, if you should be among the truthful?"

لَوْ مَا تَأْتَيْنَا بِالْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ﴿٧﴾

8. We do not send down the angels except with truth,<sup>671</sup> and they [i.e., the disbelievers] would not then be reprimed.

مَا نُنَزِّلُ الْمَلَائِكَةَ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَمَا كَانُوا إِذَا  
مُنْظَرِينَ ﴿٨﴾

9. Indeed, it is We who sent down the message [i.e., the Qur'ān], and indeed, We will be its guardian.

إِنَّا هُنَّ نَرَنَا الْذِكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ ﴿٩﴾

<sup>667</sup> *Al-Hijr*: The Valley of Stone. It was inhabited by the tribe of Thamud (mentioned in verses 80-84), who carved palaces and dwellings out of rock.

<sup>668</sup> See footnote to 2:1.

<sup>669</sup> On the Day of Judgement or at the time of death.

<sup>670</sup> Literally, "possessed by jinn."

<sup>671</sup> i.e., with a message or, as the conclusion of the verse suggests, to carry out a promised punishment.

10. And We had certainly sent [messengers] before you, [O Muhammad], among the sects of the former peoples.

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ فِي شَيْءٍ الْأَوَّلِينَ



11. And no messenger would come to them except that they ridiculed him.

وَمَا يَأْتِيهِمْ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا كَانُوا يَهْدِي  
يَسْتَهِنُونَ



12. Thus do We insert it [i.e., denial] into the hearts of the criminals.

كَذَلِكَ نَسْكُنُهُ فِي قُلُوبِ الْمُجْرِمِينَ

لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ وَقَدْ حَلَّتْ سُنَّةُ الْأَوَّلِينَ

الْأَوَّلِينَ

14. And [even] if We opened to them a gate from the heaven and they continued therein to ascend,

وَلَوْ فَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ بَابًا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ فَطَلَوْا  
فِيهِ يَعْرُجُونَ



15. They would say, "Our eyes have been dimmed.<sup>672</sup> Rather, we are a people affected by magic."

لَقَالُوا إِنَّمَا سُكِّرْتُ أَبْصَرُنَا بَلْ هُنَّ قَوْمٌ  
مَسْحُورُونَ



16. And We have placed within the heaven great stars and have beautified it for the observers.

وَلَقَدْ جَعَلْنَا فِي السَّمَاءِ بُرُوجًا وَزَيَّنَاهَا  
لِلنَّاظِرِينَ



17. And We have protected it from every devil expelled [from the mercy of Allāh]

وَحَفَظْنَاهَا مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْطَنٍ رَجِيمٍ

الْأَلِفُ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْطَنٍ رَجِيمٍ



18. Except one who steals a hearing and is pursued by a clear burning flame.

إِلَّا مَنْ أَسْرَقَ السَّمْعَ فَأَتَبَعَهُ شَهَابٌ  
مُّبِينٌ



19. And the earth – We have spread it and cast therein firmly set mountains and caused to grow therein [something] of every well-balanced thing.

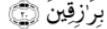
وَالْأَرْضَ مَدَدَنَا وَلَقَبَنَا فِيهَا رَوْسَى  
وَأَنْبَتَنَا فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مَوْزُونٍ

الْأَلِفُ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مَوْزُونٍ



20. And We have made for you therein means of living and [for] those for whom you are not

وَجَعَلْنَا لَكُمْ فِيهَا مَعِيشَ وَمَنْ لَسْتُمْ لَهُ  
بِرَزْقِنَ



<sup>672</sup>Or prevented from seeing.

providers.<sup>673</sup>

21. And there is not a thing but that with Us are its depositories, and We do not send it down except according to a known [i.e., specified] measure.
22. And We have sent the fertilizing winds<sup>674</sup> and sent down water from the sky and given you drink from it. And you are not its retainers.
23. And indeed, it is We who give life and cause death, and We are the Inheritor.<sup>675</sup>
24. And We have already known the preceding [generations] among you, and We have already known the later [ones to come].
25. And indeed, your Lord will gather them; indeed, He is Wise and Knowing.
26. And We did certainly create man out of clay from an altered black mud.
27. And the jinn We created before from scorching fire.
28. And [mention, O Muḥammad], when your Lord said to the angels, "I will create a human being out of clay from an altered black mud.

وَإِنْ مَنْ شَاءَ إِلَّا عِنْدَنَا حَرَازِينَهُ وَمَا نُزِّلَهُ إِلَّا بِقَدْرٍ مَعْلُومٍ ﴿٦﴾

وَأَرْسَلْنَا الْرِّيَاحَ لَوْقِحَ فَأَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَسْقَيْنَاهُ كُمُودًا وَمَا أَنْتُمْ لَهُ بِخَرِيبَنَ ﴿٧﴾

وَإِنَّا لَنَخْنُ خُنَيْ - وَنُمِيتُ وَخْنُ الْوَارِثُونَ ﴿٨﴾

وَلَقَدْ عَامَنَا الْمُسْتَقْدِمِينَ مِنْكُمْ وَلَقَدْ عَامَنَا الْمُسْتَخْرِجِينَ ﴿٩﴾

وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ تَحْشِرُهُمْ إِنَّهُ حَكِيمٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٠﴾

وَلَقَدْ حَلَقْنَا إِلَيْسَنَ مِنْ صَلْصَلٍ مِنْ حَمِيلٍ مَسْنُونٍ ﴿١١﴾

وَأَلْجَانَ حَلَقْنَهُ مِنْ قَبْلٍ مِنْ نَارٍ لَّسْمُورٍ ﴿١٢﴾

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي خَلَقْتُ بَشَرًا مِنْ صَلْصَلٍ مِنْ حَمِيلٍ مَسْنُونٍ ﴿١٣﴾

<sup>673</sup>Allah has put at your service other men and animals for which He provides. An additional meaning is that Allah provides means for your living and for all other creatures as well.

<sup>674</sup>Causing precipitation in rainclouds or carrying pollen. Another meaning is "pregnant winds," i.e., those carrying rainclouds.

<sup>675</sup>Allah (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*) remains after all creation has passed away.

29. And when I have proportioned him and breathed into him of My [created] soul,<sup>676</sup> then fall down to him in prostration."

فَإِذَا سَوَّيْتُهُ وَنَفَخْتُ فِيهِ مِنْ رُوحِي فَقَعُوا  
لَهُ سَجِدِينَ ﴿٤﴾

30. So the angels prostrated – all of them entirely,

فَسَجَدَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ كُلُّهُمْ أَجْمَعُونَ ﴿٥﴾

31. Except Iblees;<sup>677</sup> he refused to be with those who prostrated.

إِلَّا إِبْلِيسُ لَمْ يَكُنْ مَعَ السَّاجِدِينَ ﴿٦﴾

32. [Allāh] said, "O Iblees, what is [the matter] with you that you are not with those who prostrate?"

قَالَ يَأَتِيلِيسُ مَا لَكَ إِلَّا تَكُونَ مَعَ  
السَّاجِدِينَ ﴿٧﴾

33. He said, "Never would I prostrate to a human whom You created out of clay from an altered black mud."

قَالَ لَمْ أَنْ أَسْجُدَ لِبَشَرٍ خَلَقْتَهُ مِنْ  
صَلْصَلٍ مِنْ حَمِّلٍ مَسْنُونٍ ﴿٨﴾

34. [Allāh] said, "Then depart from it,<sup>678</sup> for indeed, you are expelled.

قَالَ فَأَخْرَجَ مِنْهَا فَإِنَّكَ رَجِيمٌ ﴿٩﴾

35. And indeed, upon you is the curse until the Day of Recompense."

وَإِنَّ عَلَيْكَ الْلَّعْنَةَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ﴿١٠﴾

36. He said, "My Lord, then reprove me until the Day they are resurrected."

قَالَ رَبِّ فَأَنْظُرْنِي إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبَعَثُونَ ﴿١١﴾

37. [Allāh] said, "So indeed, you are of those reprieved

قَالَ فَإِنَّكَ مِنَ الْمُنْظَرِينَ ﴿١٢﴾

38. Until the Day of the time well-known."

إِلَى يَوْمِ الْوَقْتِ الْمَعْلُومِ ﴿١٣﴾

39. [Iblees] said, "My Lord, because You have put me in error, I will surely make [disobedience] attractive to them [i.e., mankind]

قَالَ رَبِّ بِمَا أَغْوَيْتَنِي لَا زَرَيْنَ لَهُمْ فِي  
الْأَرْضِ وَلَا غَوَيْهِمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿١٤﴾

<sup>676</sup>The element of life and soul which Allāh created for that body, not His own spirit or part of Himself (as some mistakenly believe).

<sup>677</sup>Who was of the jinn. See 18:50.

<sup>678</sup>Your position in the heavens.

on earth, and I will mislead them all

40. Except, among them, Your chosen servants."

41. [Allāh] said, "This is a path [of return] to Me [that is] straight.

42. Indeed, My servants – no authority will you have over them, except those who follow you of the deviators.

43. And indeed, Hell is the promised place for them all.

44. It has seven gates; for every gate is of them [i.e., Satan's followers] a portion designated."

45. Indeed, the righteous will be within gardens and springs,

46. [Having been told], "Enter it in peace, safe [and secure]."

47. And We will remove whatever is in their breasts of resentment,<sup>679</sup> [so they will be] brothers, on thrones facing each other.

48. No fatigue will touch them therein, nor from it will they [ever] be removed.

49. [O Muḥammad], inform My servants that it is I who am the Forgiving, the Merciful,

50. And that it is My punishment which is the painful punishment.

إِلَّا عِبَادَكَ مِنْهُمُ الْمُحْلَصِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾

قَالَ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ عَلَىٰ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٤١﴾

إِنَّ عِبَادِي لَيْسَ لَكَ عَلَيْهِمْ سُلْطَنٌ إِلَّا  
مَنْ أَتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ الْغَاوِينَ ﴿٤٢﴾

وَإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ لَمَوْعِدُهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٤٣﴾

هَا سَبْعَةُ أَبْوَابٍ لِكُلِّ بَابٍ مِنْهُمْ جُزْءٌ  
مَقْسُومٌ ﴿٤٤﴾

إِنَّ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي جَنَّتٍ وَعِيُونٍ ﴿٤٥﴾

أَدْخُلُوهَا بِسْلَمٍ إِمَّا مِنَ

وَرَنَّعْنَا مَا فِي صُدُورِهِمْ مِنْ غُلٍ إِخْوَانًا  
عَلَىٰ سُرُرٍ مُتَّقَبِّلَاتٍ ﴿٤٦﴾

لَا يَمْسُهُمْ فِيهَا نَصَبٌ وَمَا هُمْ مِنْهَا  
بِمُخْرَجِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾

\*تَبَعَ عِبَادِي أَنِّي أَنَا الْفَقُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٤٨﴾

وَإِنَّ عَذَابِي هُوَ الْعَذَابُ الْأَلِيمُ ﴿٤٩﴾

<sup>679</sup>See footnote to 7:43.

51. And inform them about the guests of Abraham,
52. When they entered upon him and said, "Peace." [Abraham] said, "Indeed, we are fearful [i.e., apprehensive] of you."
53. [The angels] said, "Fear not. Indeed, we give you good tidings of a learned boy."
54. He said, "Have you given me good tidings although old age has come upon me? Then of what [wonder] do you inform?"
55. They said, "We have given you good tidings in truth, so do not be of the despairing."
56. He said, "And who despairs of the mercy of his Lord except for those astray?"
57. [Abraham] said, "Then what is your business [here], O messengers?"
58. They said, "Indeed, we have been sent to a people of criminals,
59. Except the family of Lot; indeed, we will save them all
60. Except his wife." We [i.e., Allāh] decreed that she is of those who remain behind.<sup>680</sup>
61. And when the messengers came to the family of Lot,
62. He said, "Indeed, you are people unknown."

وَنَبِّئُهُمْ عَنْ صَيْفِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ﴿٦﴾

إِذْ دَخَلُوا عَلَيْهِ فَقَالُوا سَلَامًا قَالَ إِنَّا مِنْكُمْ وَجِلُونَ ﴿٧﴾

قَالُوا لَا تَوْجَلْ إِنَّا نُبَشِّرُكَ بِغُلَمٍ عَلِيمٍ ﴿٨﴾

قَالَ أَبْشِرْتُمْنِي عَلَىٰ أَنْ مَسَّنِي الْكَبَرُ فَبِمَا تُبَشِّرُونَ ﴿٩﴾

قَالُوا بَشَّرْنَاكَ بِالْحَقِّ فَلَا تَكُنْ مِنَ الْأَقْبَطِينَ ﴿١٠﴾

قَالَ وَمَنْ يَقْنَطُ مِنْ رَحْمَةِ رَبِّهِ إِلَّا أَصْنَالُونَ ﴿١١﴾

قَالَ فَمَا حَطَبُكُمْ أَيُّهَا الْمُرْسَلُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

قَالُوا إِنَّا أُرْسَلْنَا إِلَى قَوْمٍ مُّخْرِبِينَ ﴿١٣﴾

إِلَّا إِلَّا لُوطٌ إِنَّا لَمُنْجِوهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿١٤﴾

إِلَّا امْرَأَتُهُ قَدَرَتَا إِهْنَاهَا لِمَنْ الْغَيْرِينَ ﴿١٥﴾

فَلَمَّا جَاءَ إِلَّا لُوطٌ الْمُرْسَلُونَ ﴿١٦﴾

قَالَ إِنَّكُمْ قَوْمٌ مُّنْكَرُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

<sup>680</sup>For having collaborated with the evildoers.

63. They said, "But we have come to you with that about which they were disputing,

قَالُوا بَلْ جَعْنَتَكِ بِمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَمْتَرُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

64. And we have come to you with truth, and indeed, we are truthful.

وَأَتَيْنَاكِ بِالْحَقِّ وَإِنَّا لَصَدِيقُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾

65. So set out with your family during a portion of the night and follow behind them and let not anyone among you look back and continue on to where you are commanded."

فَاسْتَرِ بِأَهْلِكَ يَقْطُعُ مِنَ الَّيلِ وَاتَّبِعْ أَدْبَرَهُمْ وَلَا يَلْتَفِتْ مِنْكُمْ أَحَدٌ وَامْضُوا حَيْثُ شُؤْمِرُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

66. And We conveyed to him [the decree] of that matter: that those [sinners] would be eliminated by early morning.

وَقَضَيْنَا إِلَيْهِ ذَلِكَ الْأَمْرُ أَنَّ دَابِرَ هَؤُلَاءِ مَقْطُوعٌ مُصْبِحِينَ ﴿٦٦﴾

67. And the people of the city came rejoicing.<sup>681</sup>

وَجَاءَ أَهْلُ الْمَدِينَةِ يَسْتَبِشُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾

68. [Lot] said, "Indeed, these are my guests, so do not shame me.

قَالَ إِنَّ هَؤُلَاءِ صَيْفٌ فَلَا تَفْضُحُونِ ﴿٦٨﴾

69. And fear Allāh and do not disgrace me."

وَأَنْتُوْا اللَّهُ وَلَا تُخْزِنُونِ ﴿٦٩﴾

70. They said, "Have we not forbidden you from [protecting] people?"

قَالُوا أَوْلَمْ نَهَيْكُ عَنِ الْعِلْمِ ﴿٧٠﴾

71. [Lot] said, "These are my daughters<sup>682</sup> – if you would be doers [of lawful marriage]."

قَالَ هَؤُلَاءِ بَنَاتِي إِنْ كُنْتُمْ فَعَلِينَ ﴿٧١﴾

72. By your life, [O Muhammad], indeed they were, in their intoxication, wandering blindly.

لَعْمَرُكَ إِنَّهُمْ لَفِي سُكْرٍ كُلُّهُمْ يَعْمَهُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾

73. So the shriek<sup>683</sup> seized them at sunrise.

فَأَخْذَهُمُ الصَّيْحَةُ مُشْرِقِينَ ﴿٧٣﴾

<sup>681</sup>At the news of Lot's visitors.

<sup>682</sup>i.e., the women of his community who were lawful for marriage.

<sup>683</sup>See footnote to 11:67.

74. And We made the highest part [of the city] its lowest and rained upon them stones of hard clay.
75. Indeed in that are signs for those who discern.
76. And indeed, they [i.e., those cities] are [situated] on an established road.
77. Indeed in that is a sign for the believers.
78. And the companions of the thicket [i.e., the people of Madyan] were [also] wrongdoers,
79. So We took retribution from them, and indeed, both [cities] are on a clear highway.
80. And certainly did the companions of al-Hijr<sup>684</sup> [i.e., the Thamūd] deny the messengers.
81. And We gave them Our signs, but from them they were turning away.
82. And they used to carve from the mountains, houses, feeling secure.
83. But the shriek seized them at early morning,
84. So nothing availed them [from] what they used to earn.
85. And We have not created the heavens and earth and that between them except in truth. And indeed, the Hour is coming; so forgive with gracious forgiveness.

فَجَعَلْنَا عَلَيْهَا سَافِلَهَا وَأَمْطَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ  
حِجَارَةً مِّن سِحْلٍ

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّمَن تَوَسَّلَ

وَإِنَّهَا لَبِسَيلٌ مُّقِيمٌ

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

وَإِنْ كَانَ أَصْحَابُ الْآيَاتِ كَذَّابِ الْمُرَسَّلِينَ

فَأَنْتَقَمْنَا مِنْهُمْ وَإِنَّهُمَا لَيَوْمًا مُّبْشِرُونَ

وَلَقَدْ كَذَّبُوا أَصْحَابُ الْحِجَرِ الْمُرَسَّلِينَ

وَإِذَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمْ أَيْتَنَا فَكَانُوا عَنْهَا مُعْرِضُونَ

وَكَانُوا يَنْتَهِيُونَ مِنَ الْجَبَالِ بَيْوًا إِمْبَيْرَ

فَأَخَدَهُمُ الصَّيْحَةُ مُصْبِحِينَ

فَمَا أَغْنَى عَنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ

وَمَا حَلَقْنَا السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْهُمَا  
إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَإِنَّ الْسَّاعَةَ لَآتِيهِ فَاصْفَحْ  
الصَّفْحَ الْجَمِيلَ

<sup>684</sup>The valley of stone.

86. Indeed, your Lord – He is the Knowing Creator.
87. And We have certainly given you, [O Muhammad], seven of the often repeated [verses]<sup>685</sup> and the great Qur'ān.
88. Do not extend your eyes toward that by which We have given enjoyment to [certain] categories of them [i.e., the disbelievers], and do not grieve over them. And lower your wing [i.e., show kindness] to the believers
89. And say, "Indeed, I am the clear warner" –
90. Just as We had revealed [scriptures] to the separators<sup>686</sup>
91. Who have made the Qur'ān into portions.<sup>687</sup>
92. So by your Lord, We will surely question them all
93. About what they used to do.
94. Then declare what you are commanded<sup>688</sup> and turn away from the polytheists.<sup>689</sup>
95. Indeed, We are sufficient for you against the mockers
96. Who make [equal] with Allāh another deity. But they are going to know.

إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ الْخَلَقُ الْعَلِيُّ ﴿٤٦﴾

وَلَقَدْ أَتَيْنَاكَ سَبْعًا مِّنَ الْمَثَانِي وَالْقُرْءَانَ

الْعَظِيمَ ﴿٤٧﴾

لَا تَمْدَنَّ عَيْنِيكَ إِلَى مَا مَعَنَا يَهُ أَزُوْجًا  
مِّنْهُمْ وَلَا تَحْرُنَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَاحْفِظْ جَنَاحَكَ  
لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾

وَقُلْ إِنَّا أَنذِيرُ الْمُبِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾

كَمَا أَنَّزَلْنَا عَلَى الْمُفْتَسِمِينَ ﴿٥٠﴾

الَّذِينَ جَعَلُوا الْقُرْءَانَ عِصِّيًّا ﴿٥١﴾

فَوَرَّيْكَ لَنْسَكُلْنَمَهُ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٥٢﴾

عَمَّا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾

فَاصْدَعْ بِمَا تُؤْمِرُ وَأَغْرِضْ عِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٥٤﴾

إِنَّا كَفَيْنَاكَ الْمُسْتَهْزِئِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾

الَّذِينَ سَجَعُولُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًاٰ إِلَّاهٍٰ إِلَّاهٍٰ

فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

<sup>685</sup> Referring to Sūrah al-Fātiḥah.

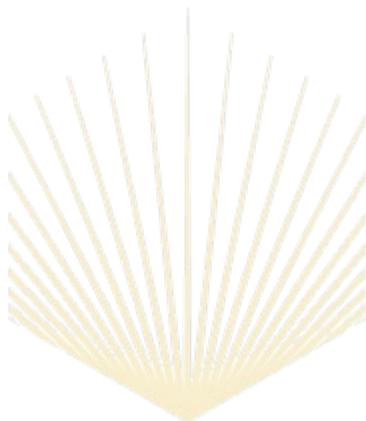
<sup>686</sup> Those who separated from the teachings of their prophets. Another meaning is "As We sent down [punishment] on the sworn opponents [to Allāh's message]."

<sup>687</sup> Accepting part and rejecting part according to their own inclinations.

<sup>688</sup> The implication is "Thereby you will distinguish or separate the disbelievers from the believers."

<sup>689</sup> Any who persist in association of others with Allāh.

97. And We already know that your breast is constrained by what they say.
- وَلَقَدْ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ يَضْيِقُ صَدْرُكَ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾
98. So exalt [Allāh] with praise of your Lord and be of those who prostrate [to Him].
- فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَكُنْ مِنَ الْسَّاجِدِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾
99. And worship your Lord until there comes to you the certainty [i.e., death].
- وَاعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ ﴿٤٩﴾



**Sūrah an-Nāḥl<sup>690</sup>****Bismillāhir-Rahmānir-Raheem****سُورَةُ النَّحْلِ****بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ**

1. The command of Allāh is coming,<sup>691</sup> so be not impatient for it. Exalted is He and high above what they associate with Him.
2. He sends down the angels, with the inspiration [i.e., revelation] of His command, upon whom He wills of His servants, [telling them], "Warn that there is no deity except Me; so fear Me."
3. He created the heavens and earth in truth. High is He above what they associate with Him.
4. He created man from a sperm-drop; then at once<sup>692</sup> he is a clear adversary.
5. And the grazing livestock He has created for you; in them is warmth<sup>693</sup> and [numerous] benefits, and from them you eat.
6. And for you in them is [the enjoyment of] beauty when you bring them in [for the evening] and when you send them out [to pasture].
7. And they carry your loads to a land you could not have reached except with difficulty to yourselves. Indeed, your Lord is Kind and Merciful.

أَتَيْ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ فَلَا تَسْتَعِجِلُوهُ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَلَّى عَمَّا يُشَرِّكُونَ ①

يُنَزِّلُ الْمَلَائِكَةَ بِالرُّوحِ مِنْ أَمْرِهِ عَلَى مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادَةِ أَنْ أَنْذِرُوا أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاتَّقُونَ ②

خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِالْحَقِّ تَعَلَّى عَمَّا يُشَرِّكُونَ ③

خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَنَ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ فَإِذَا هُوَ حَصِيمٌ مُّبِينٌ ④

وَالْأَنْعَمَ خَلَقَهَا لَكُمْ فِيهَا دِفَّةٌ وَمَنْفَعٌ وَمِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ ⑤

وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا جَمَالٌ حِينَ تُرْجِحُونَ وَحِينَ سَرَحُونَ ⑥

وَتَحْمِلُ أَثْقَالَكُمْ إِلَى بَلَى لَمْ تَكُنُوا بِالْغَيْرِ إِلَّا بِشَقِّ الْأَنْفُسِ إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ لَرَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ ⑦

<sup>690</sup> *An-Nāḥl*: The Bee.

<sup>691</sup> Literally, "has come," indicating the certainty and nearness of the Last Hour.

<sup>692</sup> As soon as he becomes strong and independent.

<sup>693</sup> i.e., in clothing, tents, furnishings, etc.

8. And [He created] the horses, mules and donkeys for you to ride and [as] adornment. And He creates that which you do not know.

9. And upon Allāh<sup>694</sup> is the direction of the [right] way, and among them [i.e., the various paths] are those deviating. And if He willed, He could have guided you all.

10. It is He who sends down rain from the sky; from it is drink and from it is foliage in which you pasture [animals].

11. He causes to grow for you thereby the crops, olives, palm trees, grapevines, and of all the fruits. Indeed in that is a sign for a people who give thought.

12. And He has subjected for you the night and day and the sun and moon, and the stars are subjected by His command. Indeed in that are signs for a people who reason.

13. And [He has subjected] whatever He multiplied for you on the earth of varying colors. Indeed in that is a sign for a people who remember.

14. And it is He who subjected the sea for you to eat from it tender meat and to extract from it ornaments which you wear. And you see the ships plowing through

وَالْحَيَلَ وَالْبَيْعَالَ وَالْحَمِيرَ لِتَرْكُبُوهَا  
وَزَيْنَةٌ وَسَخْلَقَ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤﴾

وَعَلَى اللَّهِ قَصْدُ الْسَّبِيلِ وَمِنْهَا جَاءِرٌ وَلَوْ  
شَاءَ هَذِهِكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٥﴾

هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً لَكُمْ  
مِنْهُ شَرَابٌ وَمِنْهُ شَجَرٌ فِيهِ سُبْلُمُونَ ﴿٦﴾

يُنْبِتُ لَكُمْ بِهِ الْزَرْعَ وَالرَّيْتُورَ وَالنَّخِيلَ  
وَالْأَعْنَبَ وَمَنْ كُلَّ الشَّمَرَاتُ إِنْ فِي  
ذَلِكَ لَا يَةً لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٧﴾

وَسَخَرَ لَكُمُ الْأَيَلَ وَالنَّهَارَ وَالشَّمْسَ  
وَالْقَمَرُ وَالنَّجُومُ مُسَخَّرٌ بِإِمْرَةٍ إِنَّ  
فِي ذَلِكَ لَا يَةً لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٨﴾

وَمَا دَرَأَ لَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُخْتَلِفًا أَلْوَانُهُ  
إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَا يَةً لِقَوْمٍ يَدَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩﴾

وَهُوَ الَّذِي سَخَرَ الْبَحْرَ لِتَأْكُلُوا مِنْهُ  
لَحْمًا طَرِيًّا وَتَسْتَخِرُ جُوْوا مِنْهُ حَلَيَّةً تَلْبِسُونَهَا  
وَتَرَى الْفَلَكَ مَوَاحِرَ فِيهِ وَتَبَغُّوا

<sup>694</sup>Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta’ālā*) has taken it upon Himself to guide man to the right path. The meaning has also been interpreted as "To Allāh..."

it, and [He subjected it] that you may seek of His bounty; and perhaps you will be grateful.

مِنْ فَضْلِهِ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٤﴾

15. And He has cast into the earth firmly set mountains, lest it shift with you, and [made] rivers and roads, that you may be guided,

وَأَنْقَى فِي الْأَرْضِ رَوَابِسَ أَنْ تَمِيدَ بِكُمْ

وَأَهْرَارًا وَسِبَلاً لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهَتَّدُونَ ﴿٥﴾

16. And landmarks. And by the stars they are [also] guided.<sup>695</sup>

وَعَلِمْتَ وَبِالنَّجْمِ هُمْ يَهَتَّدُونَ ﴿٦﴾

17. Then is He who creates like one who does not create? So will you not be reminded?

أَفَمَنْ خَلَقَ كَمَنْ لَا يَخْلُقُ أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٧﴾

18. And if you should count the favors of Allāh, you could not enumerate them. Indeed, Allāh is Forgiving and Merciful.

إِنْ تَعْدُوا بِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ لَا تُحْصِوْهَا إِنَّ

الَّهُ لَغَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٨﴾

19. And Allāh knows what you conceal and what you declare.

وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تُسْرِرُونَ وَمَا تُعْلِنُونَ ﴿٩﴾

20. And those they invoke other than Allāh create nothing, and they [themselves] are created.

وَالَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ لَا يَخْلُقُونَ

شَيْئًا وَهُمْ شُخْلُقُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

21. They are [in fact] dead,<sup>696</sup> not alive, and they do not perceive when they will be resurrected.

أَمْوَاتٌ غَيْرُ أَحْيَاءٍ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ أَيَّانَ

يُبَعْثُرُونَ ﴿١١﴾

22. Your god is one God. But those who do not believe in the Hereafter – their hearts are disapproving, and they are arrogant.

إِنَّهُمْ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ فَالَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

بِالآخِرَةِ قُلُومُهُمْ مُنْكَرٌ وَهُمْ مُسْتَكِبُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

23. Assuredly, Allāh knows what they conceal and what they declare. Indeed, He does not like the arrogant.

لَا جَرَمَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا يُبَرِّرُونَ وَمَا

يُعْلِنُونَ إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْتَكِبِينَ ﴿١٣﴾

<sup>695</sup> Through the desert or the sea at night.

<sup>696</sup> i.e., inanimate or without understanding.

24. And when it is said to them, "What has your Lord sent down?" they say, "Legends of the former peoples,"

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ مَاذَا أَنْزَلَ رَبُّكُمْ قَالُوا  
أَسَطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٧﴾

25. That they may bear their own burdens [i.e., sins] in full on the Day of Resurrection and some of the burdens of those whom they misguide without [i.e., by lack of] knowledge. Unquestionably, evil is that which they bear.

لِيَحْمِلُوا أَوْزَارَهُمْ كَامِلَةً يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ وَمِنْ  
أَوْزَارِ الَّذِينَ يُضْلِلُهُمْ بَغْيَرِ عِلْمٍ لَا سَاءَةَ  
مَا يَرِزُونَ ﴿٧٥﴾

26. Those before them had already plotted, but Allâh came at [i.e., uprooted] their building from the foundations, so the roof fell upon them from above them,<sup>697</sup> and the punishment came to them from where they did not perceive.

قَدْ مَكَرَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَأَتَى اللَّهُ  
بِعِتَّبِهِمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ الْقَوْاعِدِ فَخَرَّ عَلَيْهِمْ  
السَّقْفُ مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَأَنْهَمُ الْعَدَابُ مِنْ  
حَيْثُ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٧٦﴾

27. Then on the Day of Resurrection He will disgrace them and say, "Where are My 'partners' for whom you used to oppose [the believers]?" Those who were given knowledge will say, "Indeed disgrace, this Day, and evil are upon the disbelievers" –

ثُمَّ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ سُخْرِيهِمْ وَيَقُولُ أَنْ  
شُرَكَاءِكَ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُمْ تُشْتَقُورُونَ فِيهِمْ  
قَالَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ إِنَّ الْخَزْيَ  
الْيَوْمَ وَالسُّوءَ عَلَى الْكُفَّارِينَ ﴿٧٧﴾

28. The ones whom the angels take in death [while] wronging themselves,<sup>698</sup> and [who] then offer submission, [saying], "We were not doing any evil." But, yes! Indeed, Allâh is Knowing of what you used to do.

الَّذِينَ تَوَفَّهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ طَالِبِي أَنفُسِهِمْ  
فَأَلْقَوْا السَّلَمَ مَا كُنَّا نَعْمَلُ مِنْ سُوءَ  
بَلْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَيْمٌ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٧٨﴾

29. So enter the gates of Hell to abide eternally therein, and how

فَادْخُلُوا أَبْوَابَ جَهَنَّمَ خَلِدِينَ فِيهَا

<sup>697</sup>i.e., Allâh caused their plan to fail and exposed their plot.

<sup>698</sup>i.e., having made punishment due to them for their numerous sins and crimes.

wretched is the residence of the arrogant.

30. And it will be said to those who feared Allāh, "What did your Lord send down?" They will say, "[That which is] good." For those who do good in this world is good; and the home of the Hereafter is better. And how excellent is the home of the righteous –
31. Gardens of perpetual residence, which they will enter, beneath which rivers flow. They will have therein whatever they wish. Thus does Allāh reward the righteous –
32. The ones whom the angels take in death, [being] good and pure; [the angels] will say, "Peace be upon you. Enter Paradise for what you used to do."
33. Do they [i.e., the disbelievers] await except that the angels should come to them or there comes the command of your Lord? Thus did those do before them. And Allāh wronged them not, but they had been wronging themselves.
34. So they were struck by the evil consequences of what they did and were enveloped by what they used to ridicule.
35. And those who associate others with Allāh say, "If Allāh had willed, we would not have worshipped anything other than Him, neither we nor our fathers, nor would we have forbidden anything through other than

فَلِئِسْ مَتَّوِي الْمُنْكَرِينَ ﴿٤﴾

\* وَقِيلَ لِلَّذِينَ آتَقُوا مَادًّا أَنْزَلَ رَبُّكُمْ  
قَالُوا حَتَّىٰ لِلَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا فِي هَذِهِ  
الْأَدْعِيَا حَسَنَةً وَلَدَارٌ الْآخِرَةِ حَتَّىٰ وَلَيْعَمَ  
دَارُ الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٥﴾

جَنَّتُ عَدْنٍ يَدْخُلُوهَا تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا  
الْآنْهَرُ هُمْ فِيهَا مَا يَشَاءُونَ كَذَلِكَ  
تَجْرِي اللَّهُ الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٦﴾

الَّذِينَ تَوَفَّهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ طَبِيبُونَ يَقُولُونَ  
سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ أَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ  
تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٧﴾

هُلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا أَنْ تَأْتِيهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَوْ  
يَأْتِيَ أَمْرُ رَبِّكَ كَذَلِكَ فَعَلَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ  
قَبْلِهِمْ وَمَا ظَلَمُهُمُ اللَّهُ وَلِكُنْ كَانُوا  
أَنفُسُهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿٨﴾

فَأَصَابَهُمْ سَيِّفَاتٌ مَا عَمِلُوا وَحَاقَ بِهِمْ مَا  
كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَزِدُونَ ﴿٩﴾

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا لَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مَا  
عَبَدَنَا مِنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ نَحْنُ وَلَا  
إِبْلُوْنَا وَلَا حَرَمْنَا مِنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ  
كَذَلِكَ فَعَلَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَهَلْ عَلَىٰ

Him." Thus did those do before them. So is there upon the messengers except [the duty of] clear notification?

36. And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, [saying], "Worship Allāh and avoid ṭāghūt."<sup>699</sup> And among them were those whom Allāh guided, and among them were those upon whom error was [deservedly] decreed. So proceed [i.e., travel] through the earth and observe how was the end of the deniers.
37. [Even] if you should strive for their guidance, [O Muḥammad], indeed, Allāh does not guide those He sends astray,<sup>700</sup> and they will have no helpers.
38. And they swear by Allāh their strongest oaths [that] Allāh will not resurrect one who dies. But yes – [it is] a true promise [binding] upon Him, but most of the people do not know.
39. [It is] so He will make clear to them [the truth of] that wherein they differ and so those who have disbelieved may know that they were liars.
40. Indeed, Our word to a thing when We intend it is but that We say to it, "Be," and it is.
41. And those who emigrated for [the cause of] Allāh after they had

الرُّسُلِ إِلَّا أَبْلَغُ الْمُبِينَ ﴿٧٩﴾

وَلَقَدْ بَعَثْنَا فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولًا أَنْ  
أَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاجْتَبَيْوَا الظَّاغُونَ فَمِنْهُمْ  
مَنْ هَدَى اللَّهُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ حَقَّتْ عَلَيْهِ  
الصَّلَالَةُ فَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَانْظُرُوهُ كَيْفَ  
كَارَ عَنْقِبَةُ الْمُكَذِّبِينَ ﴿٨٠﴾

إِنْ تَحْرِصْ عَلَى هُدُنَّهُمْ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي  
مَنْ يُضْلِلُ وَمَا لَهُمْ مِنْ نَصِيرٍ ﴿٨١﴾

وَأَقْسَمُوا بِاللَّهِ جَهَدَ أَيْمَانِهِمْ لَا يَبْعُثُ اللَّهُ  
مَنْ يَمُوتُ بَلَى وَعْدًا عَلَيْهِ حَقًّا وَلَكِنْ  
أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾

لِبَيِّنَ لَهُمُ الَّذِي سَخَّنَفُونَ فِيهِ وَلِيَعْلَمَ  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَتَهُمْ كَاذِبُينَ ﴿٨٣﴾

إِنَّمَا قَوْلُنَا لِشَيْءٍ إِذَا أَرَدْنَاهُ أَنْ نَقُولَ لَهُ  
كُنْ فَيَكُونُ ﴿٨٤﴾

وَالَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا فِي اللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا ظُلِمُوا

<sup>699</sup>False objects of worship.

<sup>700</sup>As a result of their choice to reject guidance.

been wronged – We will surely settle them in this world in a good place; but the reward of the Hereafter is greater, if only they could know.

لَنُبَوِّئُهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَلَا جُرْأَةً لِآخِرَةٍ  
أَكْبَرُ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾

42. [They are] those who endured patiently and upon their Lord relied.
43. And We sent not before you except men to whom We revealed [Our message]. So ask the people of the message [i.e., former scriptures] if you do not know.
44. [We sent them] with clear proofs and written ordinances. And We revealed to you the message [i.e., the Qur'aan] that you may make clear to the people what was sent down to them and that they might give thought.
45. Then, do those who have planned evil deeds feel secure that Allāh will not cause the earth to swallow them or that the punishment will not come upon them from where they do not perceive?
46. Or that He would not seize them during their [usual] activity, and they could not cause failure [i.e., escape from Him]?
47. Or that He would not seize them gradually [in a state of dread]?<sup>701</sup> But indeed, your Lord is Kind and Merciful.<sup>702</sup>

الَّذِينَ صَرَبُوا وَعَلَى رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ إِلَّا رِجَالًا نُوحِي  
إِلَيْهِمْ فَسَأَلُوا أَهْلَ الْدِّيْنِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا  
تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾

بِالْيَقِنِتِ وَالْزِبْرِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْذِكْرَ  
لِتُبَيِّنَ لِلنَّاسِ مَا نُزِّلَ إِلَيْهِمْ وَلَعَلَّهُمْ  
يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

أَفَمِنَ الَّذِينَ مَكَرُوا أَسْيَاقَاتِ أَنْ سَخِيفَ  
اللَّهُ بِهِمُ الْأَرْضَ أَوْ يَأْتِيهِمُ الْعَذَابُ مِنْ  
حَيْثُ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

أَوْ يَأْخُذُهُمْ فِي تَقْلِيْمَهُ فَمَا هُمْ بِمُعْجِزِينَ  
﴿٥١﴾

أَوْ يَأْخُذُهُمْ عَلَى حَنْوُفٍ فَإِنَّ رَبَّكَمْ  
لَرْءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٥٢﴾

<sup>701</sup>i.e., being aware of what is about to strike them after having seen those near them succumb.

<sup>702</sup>Postponing deserved punishment and giving opportunities for repentance.

48. Have they not considered what things Allāh has created? Their shadows incline to the right and to the left, prostrating to Allāh, while they [i.e., those creations] are humble.

أَوْلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ يَتَقْبِيئُ  
ظَلَّلَهُ، عَنِ الْيَمِينِ وَالشَّمَاءِ لِسُجْدَةِ اللَّهِ  
وَهُمْ دَخِرُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

49. And to Allāh prostrates whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth of creatures, and the angels [as well], and they are not arrogant.

وَلَلَّهِ يَسْجُدُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي  
الْأَرْضِ مِنْ دَابَّةٍ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ وَهُمْ لَا  
يَسْتَكِنُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

50. They fear their Lord above them, and they do what they are commanded.

سَخَافُونَ رَبِّهِمْ مَنْ فَوْهِمَ وَيَعْلُمُونَ مَا  
يُؤْمِرُونَ ﴿١٦﴾

51. And Allāh has said, "Do not take for yourselves two<sup>703</sup> deities. He [i.e., Allāh] is but one God, so fear only Me."

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ لَا تَتَخَذُوا إِلَهَيْنِ آثَارِيْنِ إِنَّمَا  
هُوَ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ فَإِنِّي فَارَهُمُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

52. And to Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth, and to Him is [due] worship constantly. Then is it other than Allāh that you fear?

وَلَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَهُ الَّذِينُ  
وَاصْبَأْ أَفَغَيَرَ اللَّهُ تَعَقُّونَ ﴿١٨﴾

53. And whatever you have of favor – it is from Allāh. Then when adversity touches you, to Him you cry for help.

وَمَا يُكُمْ مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ فَمِنْ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ إِذَا مَسَكُمْ  
الصُّرُّ فَإِلَيْهِ تَحْكُمُونَ ﴿١٩﴾

54. Then when He removes the adversity from you, at once a party of you associates others with their Lord

ثُمَّ إِذَا كَشَفَ اللَّهُ عَنْكُمْ إِذَا فَرِيقٌ مِنْكُمْ  
بِرَبِّهِمْ يُشْرُكُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

55. So they will deny what We have given them. Then enjoy yourselves, for you are going to know.

لِيُكْفِرُوا بِمَا أَتَيْنَاهُمْ فَتَمَتَّعُوا فَسَوْفَ  
تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

<sup>703</sup>Meaning more than one.

56. And they assign to what they do not know<sup>704</sup> [i.e., false deities] a portion of that which We have provided them. By Allāh, you will surely be questioned about what you used to invent.

وَجَعَلُونَ لِمَا لَا يَعْلَمُونَ نَصِيبًا مِّمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ تَالَّهُ لَتُشَكِّلَنَّ عَمَّا كُنْتُمْ تَفْتَرُونَ



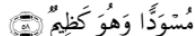
57. And they attribute to Allāh daughters<sup>705</sup> – exalted is He – and for them is what they desire [i.e., sons].

وَجَعَلُونَ لِلَّهِ الْبَيْتَ سُبْحَانَهُ وَلَهُمْ مَا يَشَهُونَ



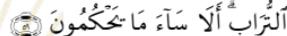
58. And when one of them is informed of [the birth of] a female, his face becomes dark, and he suppresses grief.

وَإِذَا بُشِّرَ أَحَدُهُمْ بِالْأُنْثَى ظَلَّ وَجْهُهُ مُسْوِدًا وَهُوَ كَظِيمٌ



59. He hides himself from the people because of the ill of which he has been informed. Should he keep it in humiliation or bury it in the ground? Unquestionably, evil is what they decide.

يَتَوَرَّى مِنَ الْقَوْمَ مِنْ سُوءٍ مَا بُشِّرَ بِهِ أَيْمَسِكُهُ عَلَى هُونٍ أَمْ يَدْسُرُ فِي التُّرَابِ أَلَا سَاءَ مَا تَحْكُمُونَ



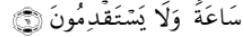
60. For those who do not believe in the Hereafter is the description [i.e., an attribute] of evil;<sup>706</sup> and for Allāh is the highest attribute. And He is Exalted in Might, the Wise.

لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالآخِرَةِ مَثَلُ الْسَّوْءِ الْمَثَلُ الْأَعْنَى وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ



61. And if Allāh were to impose blame on the people for their wrongdoing, He would not have left upon it [i.e., the earth] any creature, but He defers them for a specified term. And when their term has come, they will not remain behind an hour, nor will they precede [it].

وَلَوْ يُؤَاخِذُ اللَّهُ النَّاسَ بِظُلْمِهِرِ مَا تَرَكَ عَلَيْهَا مِنْ ذَآبَةٍ وَلِكِنْ يُؤَخِّرُهُمْ إِلَى أَجَلٍ مُّسَمٍّ فَإِذَا جَاءَ أَجَلُهُمْ لَا يَسْتَخِرُونَ سَاعَةً وَلَا يَسْتَقْدِمُونَ



<sup>704</sup>i.e., that of which they have no knowledge; rather, they have mere assumption based upon tradition or the claims of misguided men.

<sup>705</sup>By claiming that the angels are His daughters.

<sup>706</sup>Such as that described in the previous two verses.

62. And they attribute to Allāh that which they dislike [i.e., daughters], and their tongues assert the lie that they will have the best [from Him]. Assuredly, they will have the Fire, and they will be [therein] neglected.<sup>707</sup>

63. By Allāh, We did certainly send [messengers] to nations before you, but Satan made their deeds attractive to them. And he is their [i.e., the disbelievers] ally today [as well], and they will have a painful punishment.

64. And We have not revealed to you the Book, [O Muḥammad], except for you to make clear to them that wherein they have differed and as guidance and mercy for a people who believe.

65. And Allāh has sent down rain from the sky and given life thereby to the earth after its lifelessness. Indeed in that is a sign for a people who listen.

66. And indeed, for you in grazing livestock is a lesson. We give you drink from what is in their bellies – between excretion and blood – pure milk, palatable to drinkers.

67. And from the fruits of the palm trees and grapevines you take intoxicant and good provision.<sup>708</sup> Indeed in that is a sign for a people who reason.

وَجْعَلُونَ لِلّهِ مَا يَكْرَهُونَ وَتَصْفُ  
أَلْسِنَتُهُمُ الْكَذِبَ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَحْسَنَ لَا  
جَرْمَ أَنَّ لَهُمُ النَّارَ وَأَنَّهُمْ مُفْرَطُونَ ﴿٧﴾

تَالَّهُ لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْ أُمَّةٍ مِّنْ قَبْلِكَ فَزَيَّنَ  
لَهُمُ الْشَّيْطَنُ أَعْمَلَهُمْ فَهُوَ وَلِيُّمُ الْيَوْمِ  
وَهُمْ عَذَابُ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٨﴾

وَمَا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَبَ إِلَّا لِتُبَيِّنَ لَهُمُ  
الَّذِي أَخْتَلُوا فِيهِ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ  
يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٩﴾

وَاللَّهُ أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَحْيَا بِهِ  
الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتَهَا إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَذِيَّةً لِّقَوْمٍ  
يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

وَإِنَّ لَكُمْ فِي الْآتِعْمِ لَعِرَةً نَسْقِيمُكُمْ تَمَّاً فِي  
بُطُونِهِ مِنْ بَيْنِ فَرْثَ وَدَمٍ لَّبَنًا حَالِصًا  
سَائِعًا لِلشَّرِيرِينَ ﴿١١﴾

وَمِنْ شَمَرَاتِ الْخَيْلِ وَالْأَعْنَبِ تَنَخِّذُونَ  
مِنْهُ سَكَرًا وَرِزْقًا حَسَنًا إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ  
لَذِيَّةً لِّقَوْمٍ يَغْلِقُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

<sup>707</sup> Another meaning is "...and they will be made to precede [all others thereto]."

<sup>708</sup> This verse was revealed before the prohibition of intoxicants. It alludes to the fact that there are both evil and good possibilities in certain things.

68. And your Lord inspired to the bee, "Take for yourself among the mountains, houses [i.e., hives], and among the trees and [in] that which they construct.

وَأَوْحَى رَبُّكَ إِلَيْهَا أَنْ أَخْذِنَى مِنْ  
الْجِبَالِ بُيُوتًا وَمِنَ الْشَّجَرِ وَمِمَّا يَعْرِشُونَ



69. Then eat from all the fruits<sup>709</sup> and follow the ways of your Lord laid down [for you]." There emerges from their bellies a drink, varying in colors, in which there is healing for people. Indeed in that is a sign for a people who give thought.

ثُمَّ كُلِّي مِنْ كُلِّ الشَّمَراتِ فَآتَلُكِ سُبْلَ  
رَبِّكَ ذَلِلاً مَخْرُجٌ مِنْ بُطُونِهَا شَرَابٌ  
مُخْتَلِفٌ الْوَتْهُ فِيهِ شَفَاءٌ لِلنَّاسِ إِنَّ فِي  
ذَلِكَ لَا يَةً لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ



70. And Allāh created you; then He will take you in death. And among you is he who is reversed to the most decrepit [old] age so that he will not know, after [having had] knowledge, a thing. Indeed, Allāh is Knowing and Competent.

وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَكُمْ ثُمَّ يَتَوَفَّكُمْ وَمِنْكُمْ مَنْ يُرَدُّ  
إِلَى أَرْذَلِ الْعُمُرِ لِكَيْ لَا يَعْلَمَ بَعْدَ عِلْمِ  
شَيْئاً إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ قَدِيرٌ



71. And Allāh has favored some of you over others in provision. But those who were favored [i.e., given more] would not hand over their provision to those whom their right hands possess [i.e., slaves] so they would be equal to them therein.<sup>710</sup> Then is it the favor of Allāh they reject?

وَاللَّهُ فَضَّلَ بَعْضَكُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ فِي الرِّزْقِ  
فَمَا الَّذِينَ فُضِّلُوا بِرَادِي رِزْقَهُمْ عَلَى  
مَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُهُمْ فَهُمْ فِيهِ سَوَاءٌ  
أَفَبِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ سَاجِدُونَ



72. And Allāh has made for you from yourselves mates and has made for you from your mates sons and grandchildren and has provided for you from the good things.

وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا  
وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَزْوَاجِكُمْ بَيْنَ وَحَدَّةً  
وَرَزَقَكُمْ مِنْ الطَّيْبَاتِ أَفَبِالْبَطْلِ يُؤْمِنُونَ

<sup>709</sup>i.e., delicious substances found by the bee.

<sup>710</sup>The argument presented in this verse is that if they cannot consider their own possessions equal to themselves, then how can they consider Allāh's creations as being equal to Him?

Then in falsehood do they believe and in the favor of Allāh they disbelieve?

73. And they worship besides Allāh that which does not possess for them [the power of] provision from the heavens and the earth at all, and [in fact], they are unable.

74. So do not assert similarities to Allāh.<sup>711</sup> Indeed, Allāh knows and you do not know.

75. Allāh presents an example: a slave [who is] owned and unable to do a thing and he to whom We have provided from Us good provision, so he spends from it secretly and publicly. Can they be equal? Praise to Allāh! But most of them do not know.

76. And Allāh presents an example of two men, one of them dumb and unable to do a thing, while he is a burden to his guardian. Wherever he directs him, he brings no good. Is he equal to one who commands justice, while he is on a straight path?

77. And to Allāh belongs the unseen [aspects] of the heavens and the earth. And the command for the Hour is not but as a glance of the eye or even nearer. Indeed, Allāh is over all things competent.

78. And Allāh has extracted you from the wombs of your mothers not knowing a thing, and He made

وَبِنَعْمَتِ اللَّهِ هُمْ يَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٧﴾

وَيَبْعُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَمْلِكُ لَهُمْ  
رِزْقًا مِنَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ شَيْئًا وَلَا  
يَسْطَعُونَ ﴿٨﴾

فَلَا تَصْرِيبُوا لِلَّهِ الْأَمْثَالَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ  
وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩﴾

\* ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا عَبْدًا مَمْلُوكًا لَا يَقْدِرُ  
عَلَى شَيْءٍ وَمَنْ رَزَقْنَاهُ مِنَ الرِّزْقِ حَسِنًا فَهُوَ  
يُنْفِقُ مِنْهُ سَرًّا وَجَهْرًا هَلْ يَسْتُوِنَ  
الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا رَجُلَيْنِ أَحَدُهُمَا أَبْكَمُ  
لَا يَقْدِرُ عَلَى شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ كُلُّ عَلَى  
مَوْلَاهُ أَيْنَمَا يُوجِهُ لَا يَأْتِ بِخَيْرٍ هَلْ  
يَسْتَوِي هُوَ وَمَنْ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَهُوَ عَلَى  
صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿١١﴾

وَلِلَّهِ عِيشُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا أَمْرَ  
السَّاعَةِ إِلَّا كَلْمَحُ الْبَصَرِ أَوْ هُوَ أَقْرَبُ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١٢﴾

وَاللَّهُ أَخْرَجَكُمْ مِنْ بُطُونِ أُمَّهَتُكُمْ لَا  
تَعْلَمُونَ شَيْئًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْسَّمْعَ

<sup>711</sup> As there is nothing comparable to Him.

for you hearing and vision and hearts [i.e., intellect] that perhaps you would be grateful.

وَالْأَبْصَرَ وَالْأَفْيَةُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

79. Do they not see the birds controlled in the atmosphere of the sky? None holds them up except Allāh. Indeed in that are signs for a people who believe.

إِنَّمَا يَرَوُا إِلَى الظَّيْرِ مُسْخَرَاتٍ فِي جَوَّ السَّمَاءِ مَا يُمْسِكُهُنَّ إِلَّا اللَّهُ أَنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَذِكْرًا لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

80. And Allāh has made for you from your homes a place of rest and made for you from the hides of the animals tents which you find light on your day of travel and your day of encampment; and from their wool, fur and hair is furnishing and enjoyment [i.e., provision] for a time.

وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُم مِّنْ بَيْوتِكُمْ سَكَناً وَجَعَلَ لَكُم مِّنْ جُلُودِ الْأَنْعَمِ بُيُوتًا سَتَخْفُونَهَا يَوْمَ طَعَنْكُمْ وَيَوْمَ إِقَامَتُكُمْ وَمِنْ أَصْوَافِهَا وَأَوْبَارِهَا وَأَشْعَارِهَا أَثَاثًا وَمَتَعًا إِلَى حِينٍ ﴿٥١﴾

81. And Allāh has made for you, from that which He has created, shadows [i.e., shade] and has made for you from the mountains, shelters and has made for you garments which protect you from the heat and garments [i.e., coats of mail] which protect you from your [enemy in] battle. Thus does He complete His favor upon you that you might submit [to Him].

وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُم مِّمَّا خَلَقَ ظِلَّلًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُم مِّنَ الْجِبَالِ أَكْنَاثًا وَجَعَلَ لَكُم سَرَبِيلَ تَقِيمَ الْحَرَّ وَسَرَبِيلَ تَقِيمَ بَاسِكُمْ كَذَلِكَ يُتَمِّمُ نِعْمَتُهُ عَلَيْكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾

82. But if they turn away, [O Muḥammad] – then only upon you is [responsibility for] clear notification.

فَإِنْ تَوَلُّوا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْكَ الْبَلْغُ الْمُبِينُ ﴿٥٣﴾

83. They recognize the favor of Allāh; then they deny it. And most of them are disbelievers.

يَعْرُفُونَ بِنِعْمَتِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ يُنْكِرُوهَا وَأَكْثَرُهُمُ الْكُفَّارُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾

84. And [mention] the Day when We will resurrect from every nation a witness [i.e., their prophet]. Then

وَيَوْمَ تَبَعَّثُ مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ شَهِيدًا ثُمَّ لَا يُؤْدَنُ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَلَا هُمْ

it will not be permitted to the disbelievers [to apologize or make excuses], nor will they be asked to appease [Allāh].

85. And when those who wronged see the punishment, it will not be lightened for them, nor will they be reprimed.

86. And when those who associated others with Allāh see their "partners," they will say, "Our Lord, these are our partners [to You] whom we used to invoke [in worship] besides You." But they will throw at them the statement, "Indeed, you are liars."

87. And they will impart to Allāh that Day [their] submission, and lost from them is what they used to invent.

88. Those who disbelief and averted [others] from the way of Allāh – We will increase them in punishment over [their] punishment for what corruption they were causing.

89. And [mention] the Day when We will resurrect among every nation a witness over them from themselves [i.e., their prophet]. And We will bring you, [O Muhammad], as a witness over these [i.e., your nation]. And We have sent down to you the Book as clarification for all things and as guidance and mercy and good tidings for the Muslims.<sup>712</sup>

يُسْتَعْبُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

وَإِذَا رَأَهُ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا الْعَدَابَ فَلَا يُخْفَفُ  
عَنْهُمْ وَلَا هُمْ يُظْرَوْنَ ﴿٥٠﴾

وَإِذَا رَأَهُ الَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا شُرَكَاءَهُمْ  
قَالُوا رَبُّنَا هُنُولَاءُ شُرَكَاؤُنَا الَّذِينَ كُنَّا  
نَدْعُوْا مِنْ دُونِكَ فَأَلْقَوْا إِلَيْهِمُ الْقُوْلَ  
إِنْكُمْ لَكَذِبُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

وَأَلْقَوْا إِلَى اللَّهِ يَوْمَئِذٍ أَسْلَمَ وَضَلَّ عَنْهُمْ  
مَا كَانُوا يَفْرُرُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾

الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَصَدُّوا عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ  
زَدْنَاهُمْ عَذَابًا فَوْقَ الْعَدَابِ بِمَا كَانُوا  
يُفْسِدُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾

وَيَوْمَ تَبَعَثُ فِي كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ شَهِيدًا عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ  
أَنفُسِهِمْ وَجِئُنَا بِكَ شَهِيدًا عَلَى هُنُولَاءِ  
وَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ تَبَيَّنَ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
وَهُدَى وَرَحْمَةً وَنُنَذِّرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٥٤﴾

<sup>712</sup>Those who have submitted themselves to Allāh.

90. Indeed, Allāh orders justice and good conduct and giving [help] to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded.

\* إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ  
ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَا عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ  
وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

91. And fulfill the covenant of Allāh when you have taken it, [O believers], and do not break oaths after their confirmation while you have made Allāh, over you, a security [i.e., witness]. Indeed, Allāh knows what you do.

\* وَأَفْوَا بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ إِذَا عَاهَدْتُمْ وَلَا تَنْقُضُوا  
الْأَيْمَنَ بَعْدَ تَوْكِيدهَا وَقَدْ جَعَلْتُمُ  
اللَّهَ عَلَيْكُمْ كَفِيلًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

92. And do not be like she who untwisted her spun thread after it was strong [by] taking your oaths as [means of] deceit between you because one community is more plentiful [in number or wealth] than another community.<sup>713</sup> Allāh only tries you thereby. And He will surely make clear to you on the Day of Resurrection that over which you used to differ.

\* وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّتِي نَقَضَتْ غَزَلَهَا مِنْ بَعْدِ  
قُوَّةِ أَنْكَثَتْ تَتَجَدَّدُونَ أَيْمَنَكُمْ دَخْلًا  
بَيْنَكُمْ أَنْ تَكُونَ أُمَّةٌ هِيَ أَنْقَى مِنْ أُمَّةٍ  
إِنَّمَا يَتُلَوُكُمُ اللَّهُ بِهِ وَلَيَبْيَنَ لَكُمْ يَوْمَ  
الْقِيَمَةُ مَا كُنْتُمْ فِيهِ حَتَّلَفُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

93. And if Allāh had willed, He could have made you [of] one religion, but He sends astray whom He wills and guides whom He wills.<sup>714</sup> And you will surely be questioned about what you used to do.

\* وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَجَعَلَكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَكِنْ  
يُضْلِلُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَلَسْتُ عَلَى  
عَمَّا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾

94. And do not take your oaths as [means of] deceit between you, lest a foot slip after it was [once] firm, and you would taste evil [in this world] for what [people] you

\* وَلَا تَتَجَدَّدُوا أَيْمَنَكُمْ دَخْلًا بَيْنَكُمْ  
فَتَرِلَ قَدْمٌ بَعْدَ ثُبُوتِهَا وَتَذَوَّقُوا أَسْوَاءَ بِمَا  
صَدَدْتُمْ عَنِ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَكُمْ عَذَابٌ

<sup>713</sup>i.e., do not swear falsely or break a treaty or contract merely for a worldly advantage.

<sup>714</sup>According to His knowledge of each soul's preference.

diverted from the way of Allāh,<sup>715</sup> and you would have [in the Hereafter] a great punishment.

عَظِيمٌ

95. And do not exchange the covenant of Allāh for a small price. Indeed, what is with Allāh is best for you, if only you could know.

وَلَا تَشْتَرُوا بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ ثُمَّنَا قَلِيلًا إِنَّمَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ هُوَ حَيْثُ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

96. Whatever you have will end, but what Allāh has is lasting. And We will surely give those who were patient their reward according to the best of what they used to do.

مَا عِنْدَكُمْ يَنْفَدُ وَمَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ بَاقٍ  
وَلَتَجْزِيَنَّ الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ  
مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

97. Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer – We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do.

مَنْ عَمِلَ صَلِحًا مَنْ ذَكَرَ أَوْ أَشَىٰ وَمُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيهِ حَيَاةً طَيِّبَةً وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ  
مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

98. So when you recite the Qur’ān, [first] seek refuge in Allāh from Satan, the expelled [from His mercy].

فَإِذَا قَرَأْتَ الْقُرْءَانَ فَاسْتَعِدْ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ ﴿٥٢﴾

99. Indeed, there is for him no authority over those who have believed and rely upon their Lord.

إِنَّمَا لَيْسَ لَهُ سُلْطَنٌ عَلَى الَّذِينَ  
أَمْنُوا وَعَلَى رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾

100. His authority is only over those who take him as an ally and those who through him associate others with Allāh.

إِنَّمَا سُلْطَنُهُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ يَتَوَلَّهُ  
وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِهِ مُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾

101. And when We substitute a verse in place of a verse – and Allāh is most knowing of what He sends

إِذَا بَدَلْنَا إِآيَةً مَكَانَ إِآيَةً وَاللهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يُبَيِّنُ فَالْوَآءِ إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مُفْتَرٌ بِلَ

<sup>715</sup> Referring to those who would be dissuaded from Islām as a result of a Muslim's deceit and treachery.

down – they say, "You, [O Muḥammad], are but an inventor [of lies]." But most of them do not know.

أَكْثُرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٣﴾

102. Say, [O Muḥammad], "The Pure Spirit [i.e., Gabriel] has brought it down from your Lord in truth to make firm those who believe and as guidance and good tidings to the Muslims."
103. And We certainly know that they say, "It is only a human being who teaches him [i.e., the Prophet ﷺ]." The tongue of the one they refer to is foreign,<sup>716</sup> and this [recitation, i.e., Qur'an] is [in] a clear Arabic language.
104. Indeed, those who do not believe in the verses of Allāh – Allāh will not guide them, and for them is a painful punishment.
105. They only invent falsehood who do not believe in the verses of Allāh, and it is those who are the liars.
106. Whoever disbelieves in [i.e., denies] Allāh after his belief...<sup>717</sup> except for one who is forced [to renounce his religion] while his heart is secure in faith. But those who [willingly] open their breasts to disbelief, upon them is wrath from Allāh, and for them is a great punishment;

قُلْ نَزَّلَهُ رُوحُ الْقُدُّسِ مِنْ رَبِّكَ بِالْحَقِّ  
إِلَيْنَا أَتَيْتُ إِلَيْنَا إِنَّمَا وَهُدًى وَنُشْرِئُ  
لِلنَّاسِ مِنَ الْمُلْمَسِلِمِينَ ﴿١٤﴾

وَلَقَدْ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُمْ يَقُولُونَ إِنَّمَا يُعَلِّمُهُ  
بَشَّرٌ لِسَانُ الدُّجَى يُلْحِدُونَ إِلَيْهِ  
أَعْجَمٍ وَهَذَا لِسَانٌ عَرَقٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١٥﴾

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِقَوْمَتِ اللَّهِ لَا  
يَهْدِيهِمُ اللَّهُ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿١٦﴾

إِنَّمَا يَفْتَرِي الْكَذِبُ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ  
بِقَوْمَتِ اللَّهِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْكَاذِبُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

مَنْ كَفَرَ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ إِيمَانِهِ إِلَّا مَنْ  
أَكْرَهَ وَقَلْبُهُ مُطْمِئِنٌ بِالْإِيمَانِ وَلَكِنْ  
مَنْ شَرَحَ بِالْكُفُرِ صَدِرًا فَعَلِيهِمْ غَضَبٌ  
مَنْ أَنْهَمُ اللَّهُ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٨﴾

<sup>716</sup>Having seen the Prophet ﷺ speaking with a foreign man on occasion, the Quraysh accused him of repeating the man's words.

<sup>717</sup>Based upon the conclusion of this verse, the omitted phrase concerning the apostate is understood to be "...has earned the wrath of Allāh..."

107. That is because they preferred the worldly life over the Hereafter and that Allāh does not guide the disbelieving people.

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ أَسْتَحْبُوا الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا  
عَلَى الْآخِرَةِ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ  
**الْكُفَّارِينَ** ﴿١٧﴾

108. Those are the ones over whose hearts and hearing and vision Allāh has sealed, and it is those who are the heedless.

أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ طَبَعَ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ  
وَسَمَعُوهُمْ وَأَتَصْرِهِمْ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ  
**الْغَافِلُونَ** ﴿١٨﴾

109. Assuredly, it is they, in the Hereafter, who will be the losers.

لَا جَرَمَ أَنَّهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿١٩﴾

110. Then, indeed your Lord, to those who emigrated after they had been compelled [to say words of disbelief] and thereafter fought [for the cause of Allāh] and were patient – indeed, your Lord, after that, is Forgiving and Merciful

ثُمَّ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ لِلَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا مِنْ  
بَعْدِ مَا قَاتَلُوا ثُمَّ جَهَدُوا وَصَبَرُوا إِنَّ  
رَبَّكَ مِنْ بَعْدِهَا لَغُفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٢٠﴾

111. On the Day when every soul will come disputing [i.e., pleading] for itself, and every soul will be fully compensated for what it did, and they will not be wronged [i.e., treated unjustly].

\* يَوْمَ تَقَاضِي كُلُّ نَفْسٍ تُجْدِلُ عَنْ نَفْسِهَا  
وَتُؤْنَقُ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَا عَمِلَتْ وَهُمْ لَا  
**يُظْلَمُونَ** ﴿٢١﴾

112. And Allāh presents an example: a city [i.e., Makkah] which was safe and secure, its provision coming to it in abundance from every location, but it denied the favors of Allāh. So Allāh made it taste the envelopment of hunger and fear for what they had been doing.

وَضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا قَرْيَةً كَانَتْ إِامِنَةً  
مُطْمَئِنَةً يَأْتِيهَا رِزْقُهَا رَغْدًا مِنْ كُلِّ  
مَكَانٍ فَكَفَرَتْ بِأَنَّمَا اللَّهَ فَادَّقَهَا اللَّهُ  
لِبَاسَ الْجُوعِ وَالْخَوْفِ بِمَا كَانُوا  
**يَصْنَعُونَ** ﴿٢٢﴾

113. And there had certainly come to them a Messenger from among themselves, but they denied him; so punishment overtook them while they were wrongdoers.

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَكَذَبُوهُ  
فَأَخَذَهُمْ الْعَذَابُ وَهُمْ ظَالِمُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾

114. Then eat of what Allāh has provided for you [which is] lawful and good. And be grateful for the favor of Allāh, if it is [indeed] Him that you worship.

فَكُلُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمُ اللَّهُ حَلَالاً طَيِّباً  
وَأَشْكُرُوا بِنَعْمَتِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ إِيمَانَ  
تَعْبُدُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

115. He has only forbidden to you dead animals,<sup>718</sup> blood, the flesh of swine, and that which has been dedicated to other than Allāh. But whoever is forced [by necessity], neither desiring [it] nor transgressing [its limit] – then indeed, Allāh is Forgiving and Merciful.

إِنَّمَا حَرَامٌ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةُ وَالدَّمُ وَلَحْمُ  
الْخِنْزِيرِ وَمَا أَهْلَ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ بِهِ فَمِنْ  
أَضْطَرَ غَيْرُ بَاعِ وَلَا عَادَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ  
رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٥٠﴾

116. And do not say about what your tongues assert of untruth, "This is lawful and this is unlawful," to invent falsehood about Allāh. Indeed, those who invent falsehood about Allāh will not succeed.

وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَا تَصِفُ أَلْسِنَتُكُمُ الْكَذِبَ  
هَذَا حَلَالٌ وَهَذَا حَرَامٌ لِتَفْتَرُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ  
الْكَذِبَ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَفْتَرُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ  
لَا يُفْلِمُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

117. [It is but] a brief enjoyment, and they will have a painful punishment.

مَتَّعْ قَلِيلٌ وَهُمْ عَذَابُ الْيَمِّ ﴿٥٢﴾

118. And to those who are Jews We have prohibited that which We related to you before.<sup>719</sup> And We did not wrong them [thereby], but they were wronging themselves.

وَعَلَى الَّذِينَ هَادُوا حَرَمَنَا مَا فَصَصَنَا  
عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلٍ وَمَا ظَلَمْنَاهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا  
أَنفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾

119. Then, indeed your Lord, to those who have done wrong out of ignorance and then repent after that and correct themselves – indeed, your Lord, thereafter, is Forgiving and Merciful.

ثُمَّ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ لِلَّذِينَ عَمِلُوا أَلْسُوَءَةَ  
بِجَهَلَةٍ ثُمَّ تَابُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ وَأَصْلَحُوا  
إِنَّ رَبَّكَ مِنْ بَعْدِهَا لَغَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٥٤﴾

<sup>718</sup> Those not slaughtered or hunted expressly for food.

<sup>719</sup> See 6:146.

120. Indeed, Abraham was a [comprehensive] leader,<sup>720</sup> devoutly obedient to Allāh, inclining toward truth, and he was not of those who associate others with Allāh.

إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ كَانَ أُمَّةً فَاتَّا لِلَّهِ حَيْفَا  
وَلَمْ يَكُنْ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾

121. [He was] grateful for His favors. He [i.e., Allāh] chose him and guided him to a straight path.

شَاكِرًا لِأَنْعَمِهِ أَجْتَبَنِهِ وَهَدَنِهِ إِلَى  
صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٤٨﴾

122. And We gave him good in this world, and indeed, in the Hereafter he will be among the righteous.

وَإِنَّا أَتَيْنَاهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَإِنَّهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ  
لَمِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾

123. Then We revealed to you, [O Muhammad], to follow the religion of Abraham, inclining toward truth; and he was not of those who associate with Allāh.

ثُمَّ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ أَنِ اتَّبِعْ مِلَّةَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ  
حَيْفَا وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٥٠﴾

124. The sabbath was only appointed for those who differed over it. And indeed, your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that over which they used to differ.

إِنَّمَا جَعَلَ اللَّهُسْتُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ أَخْتَلُفُوا  
فِيهِ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَيَحْكُمُ بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمةِ  
فِيمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ سَخْتَلُفُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

125. Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in a way that is best. Indeed, your Lord is most knowing of who has strayed from His way, and He is most knowing of who is [rightly] guided.

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحَكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ  
الْحَسَنَةِ وَجَنِدْلَهُمْ بِالْتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِنَّ  
رَبَّكَ هُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ ضَلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ وَهُوَ  
أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهَتَّدِينَ ﴿٥٢﴾

126. And if you punish [an enemy, O believers], punish with an equivalent of that with which you were harmed.<sup>721</sup> But if you are

وَإِنْ عَاقَبْتُمْ فَعَاقِبُوا بِمِثْلِ مَا عَوْقَبْتُمْ بِهِ  
وَلَئِنْ صَرَبْتُمْ لَهُوَ خَيْرُ الْصَّابِرِينَ ﴿٥٣﴾

<sup>720</sup>i.e., embodying all the excellent qualities which make one an example to be followed.

<sup>721</sup>Not exceeding it.

patient – it is better for those who are patient.

127. And be patient, [O Muḥammad], and your patience is not but through Allāh. And do not grieve over them and do not be in distress over what they conspire.
128. Indeed, Allāh is with those who fear Him and those who are doers of good.

وَأَصْبِرْ وَمَا صَرِّكَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ وَلَا تَحْزَنْ  
عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا تَنْكُ فِي ضَيْقٍ مِّمَّا  
يَمْكُرُونَ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ  
مُحْسِنُونَ

