

of Allāh is greater. And Allāh knows that which you do.

يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾

46. And do not argue with the People of the Scripture except in a way that is best, except for those who commit injustice among them, and say, "We believe in that which has been revealed to us and revealed to you. And our God and your God is one; and we are Muslims [in submission] to Him."

﴿٥٥﴾ وَلَا تُجَادِلُوا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْهُمْ وَقُولُوا ءَامَنَّا بِالَّذِي أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَأُنزِلَ إِلَيْكُمْ وَإِلَهُنَا وَإِلَهُكُمْ وَاحِدٌ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

47. And thus We have sent down to you the Book [i.e., the Qur'ān]. And those to whom We [previously] gave the Scripture believe in it. And among these [people of Makkah] are those who believe in it. And none reject Our verses except the disbelievers.

وَكَذَلِكَ أُنزِلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ فَالَّذِينَ ءَاتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ وَمِنْ هَؤُلَاءِ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ وَمَا تَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

48. And you did not recite before it any scripture, nor did you inscribe one with your right hand. Then [i.e., otherwise] the falsifiers would have had [cause for] doubt.

وَمَا كُنْتَ تَتْلُو مِنْ قَبْلِهِ مِنْ كِتَابٍ وَلَا تَخُطُّهُ بِيَمِينِكَ إِذًا لَا رِتَابَ الْمُبْطِلُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

49. Rather, it [i.e., the Qur'ān] is distinct verses [preserved] within the breasts of those who have been given knowledge. And none reject Our verses except the wrongdoers.

بَلْ هُوَ آيَاتٌ بَيِّنَاتٌ فِي صُدُورِ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ وَمَا سَجَحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾

50. But they say, "Why are not signs sent down to him from his Lord?" Say, "The signs are only with Allāh, and I am only a clear warner."

وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا أُنزِلَ عَلَيْهِ آيَاتٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِ قُلْ إِنَّمَا الْآيَاتُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٦٠﴾

51. And is it not sufficient for them that We revealed to you the Book [i.e., the Qur'ān] which is recited

أَوَلَمْ يَكْفِهِمْ أَنَّا أُنزِلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ يُتْلَى عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَرَحْمَةً

to them? Indeed in that is a mercy and reminder for a people who believe.

وَذِكْرَىٰ لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

52. Say, "Sufficient is Allāh between me and you as Witness. He knows what is in the heavens and earth. And they who have believed in falsehood and disbelieved in Allāh – it is those who are the losers."

قُلْ كَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكُمْ شَهِيدًا ۖ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۚ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِالْبَاطِلِ وَكَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾

53. And they urge you to hasten the punishment. And if not for [the decree of] a specified term, punishment would have reached them. But it will surely come to them suddenly while they perceive not.

وَيَسْتَعْجِلُونَكَ بِالْعَذَابِ ۖ وَلَوْلَا أَجَلٌ مُّسَمًّى لَّجَاءَهُمُ الْعَذَابُ وَلَيَأْتِيَنَّهُمْ بَغْتَةً وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾

54. They urge you to hasten the punishment. And indeed, Hell will be encompassing of the disbelievers

يَسْتَعْجِلُونَكَ بِالْعَذَابِ ۖ وَإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ لَمُحِيطَةٌ بِالْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٥٤﴾

55. On the Day the punishment will cover them from above them and from below their feet and it is said, "Taste [the result of] what you used to do."

يَوْمَ يَغْشَاهُمْ الْعَذَابُ مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَمِنْ تَحْتِ أَرْجُلِهِمْ وَيَقُولُ ذُوقُوا مَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

56. O My servants who have believed, indeed My earth is spacious, so worship only Me.

يَعِبَادِي الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّ أَرْضِي وَاسِعَةٌ فَإِنِّي فَاعْبُدُونِ ﴿٥٦﴾

57. Every soul will taste death. Then to Us will you be returned.

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ ثُمَّ إِلَيْنَا تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

58. And those who have believed and done righteous deeds – We will surely assign to them of Paradise [elevated] chambers beneath which rivers flow, wherein they abide eternally. Excellent is the reward of the [righteous] workers

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَنُبَوِّئَنَّهُمْ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ غُرَفًا تَجْرَىٰ مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ۚ نِعَمَ أَجْرُ الْعَامِلِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾

59. Who have been patient and upon their Lord rely.

الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾

60. And how many a creature carries not its [own] provision. Allāh provides for it and for you. And He is the Hearing, the Knowing.

وَكَايْنٍ مِّن دَاوَىٰ لَا تَحْمِلُ رِزْقَهَا ۗ اللَّهُ يَرْزُقُهَا وَإِيَّاكُمْ ۚ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٦٠﴾

61. If you asked them, "Who created the heavens and earth and subjected the sun and the moon?" they would surely say, "Allāh." Then how are they deluded?

وَلَئِن سَأَلْتَهُم مَّنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ ۖ فَأَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

62. Allāh extends provision for whom He wills of His servants and restricts for him. Indeed Allāh is, of all things, Knowing.

اللَّهُ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَن يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرُ لَهُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٦٢﴾

63. And if you asked them, "Who sends down rain from the sky and gives life thereby to the earth after its lifelessness?" they would surely say, "Allāh." Say, "Praise to Allāh"; but most of them do not reason.

وَلَئِن سَأَلْتَهُم مِّن نَّزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءٌ فَأَحْيَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ مِن بَعْدِ مَوْتِهَا لَيَقُولُنَّ اللَّهُ ۚ قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ۚ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

64. And this worldly life is not but diversion and amusement. And indeed, the home of the Hereafter – that is the [eternal] life, if only they knew.

وَمَا هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَهُوٌّ وَلَعِبٌ ۖ وَإِنَّ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ لَهِيَ الْحَيَوَانُ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾

65. And when they board a ship, they supplicate Allāh, sincere to Him in religion [i.e., faith and hope]. But when He delivers them to the land, at once they associate others with Him.

فَإِذَا رَكِبُوا فِي الْفُلِ دَعَا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ ۚ فَلَمَّا خَلَّجَهُم إِلَى الْبَرِّ إِذَا هُمْ يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

66. So they will deny what We have granted them and enjoy themselves. But they are going

لَيَكْفُرُوا بِمَا ءَاتَيْنَهُمْ وَلَيَتَمَنَّوْا ۖ فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾

to know.<sup>1135</sup>

67. Have they not seen that We made [Makkah] a safe sanctuary, while people are being taken away<sup>1136</sup> all around them? Then in falsehood do they believe, and in the favor of Allāh they disbelieve?

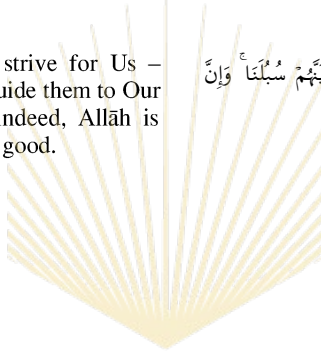
أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّا جَعَلْنَا حَرَمًا ءَامِنًا  
وَيَتَخَفُ النَّاسُ مِنْ حَوْلِهِمْ أَفِيَالْبَطِلِ  
يُؤْمِنُونَ وَبِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ يَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

68. And who is more unjust than one who invents a lie about Allāh or denies the truth when it has come to him? Is there not in Hell a [sufficient] residence for the disbelievers?

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ افْتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَوْ  
كَذَّبَ بِالْحَقِّ لَمَّا جَاءَهُ أَلَيْسَ فِي جَهَنَّمَ  
مَثْوًى لِلْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾

69. And those who strive for Us – We will surely guide them to Our ways.<sup>1137</sup> And indeed, Allāh is with the doers of good.

وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَهُمْ صُبُلَنَا وَإِنَّ  
اللَّهَ لَمَعَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾



<sup>1135</sup>Grammatically, the verse may also be read as a threat, i.e., "So let them deny what We have granted them and let them enjoy themselves, for they are going to know."

<sup>1136</sup>i.e., killed and taken captive.

<sup>1137</sup>The various ways and means to attain the acceptance and pleasure of Allāh.

Sūrah ar-Rūm<sup>1138</sup>

## سُورَةُ الرُّومِ

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. Alif, Lām, Meem.<sup>1139</sup>
2. The Byzantines have been defeated<sup>1140</sup>
3. In the nearest land.<sup>1141</sup> But they, after their defeat, will overcome
4. Within three to nine years. To Allāh belongs the command [i.e., decree] before and after. And that day the believers will rejoice
5. In the victory of Allāh.<sup>1142</sup> He gives victory to whom He wills, and He is the Exalted in Might, the Merciful.
6. [It is] the promise of Allāh. Allāh does not fail in His promise, but most of the people do not know.
7. They know what is apparent of the worldly life, but they, of the Hereafter, are unaware.
8. Do they not contemplate within themselves?<sup>1143</sup> Allāh has not created the heavens and the earth and what is between them except in truth and for a specified term. And indeed, many of the people, in the meeting with their Lord, are disbelievers.

الْم  
غَلِبَتِ الرُّومُ  
فِي أَدْنَى الْأَرْضِ وَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ غَلِبِهِمْ  
سَيُغْلِبُونَ  
فِي بَضْعِ سِنِينَ ۚ لِلَّهِ الْأَمْرُ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَمِنْ بَعْدُ وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ  
بَنَصْرِ اللَّهِ يَنْصُرُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ  
وَعَدَ اللَّهُ لَا تُخْلِفُ اللَّهُ وَعْدَهُ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ  
يَعْلَمُونَ ظَاهِرًا مِّنَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَهُمْ عَنِ الْآخِرَةِ هُمْ غَفْلُونَ  
أَوَلَمْ يَتَفَكَّرُوا فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَأَجَلٍ مُّسَدَّدٍ ۚ وَإِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ النَّاسِ لِبَلَايٍ رَبِّهِمْ لَكَافِرُونَ

<sup>1138</sup>Ar-Rūm: The Byzantines (of the Eastern Roman Empire) or Romeans.

<sup>1139</sup>See footnote to 2:1.

<sup>1140</sup>By the Persians.

<sup>1141</sup>Another meaning is "in the lowest land."

<sup>1142</sup>i.e., the victory given by Allāh to a people of the Scripture (Christians) over the Magians of Persia.

<sup>1143</sup>An additional meaning is "Do they not contemplate concerning themselves."

9. Have they not traveled through the earth and observed how was the end of those before them? They were greater than them in power, and they plowed [or excavated] the earth and built it up more than they [i.e., the Makkans] have built it up, and their messengers came to them with clear evidences. And Allāh would not ever have wronged them, but they were wronging themselves.
10. Then the end of those who did evil was the worst [consequence] because they denied the signs of Allāh and used to ridicule them.
11. Allāh begins creation; then He will repeat it; then to Him you will be returned.
12. And the Day the Hour appears the criminals will be in despair.
13. And there will not be for them among their [alleged] partners any intercessors, and they will [then] be disbelievers in their partners.
14. And the Day the Hour appears – that Day they will become separated.
15. And as for those who had believed and done righteous deeds, they will be in a garden [of Paradise], delighted.
16. But as for those who disbelieved and denied Our verses and the meeting of the Hereafter, those will be brought into the punishment [to remain].

أَوَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ  
عَنْقَبَةُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ كَانُوا أَشَدَّ مِنْهُمْ  
قُوَّةً وَأَثَارُوا الْأَرْضَ وَعَمَرُوهَا أَكْثَرَ مِمَّا  
عَمَرُوهَا وَجَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُم بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَمَا  
كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُظْلِمَهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ  
يُظْلِمُونَ ﴿٩﴾

ثُمَّ كَانَ عَنْقَبَةُ الَّذِينَ أَسْتَفْتُوا السُّوءَى  
أَنْ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَكَانُوا بِهَا  
يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

اللَّهُ يَبْدَأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ ثُمَّ إِلَيْهِ  
تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿١١﴾

وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ يُنْبِئُ الْمُجْرِمُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُمْ مِنْ شُرَكَائِهِمْ شُفَعَاءُ  
وَكَانُوا بِشُرَكَائِهِمْ كَافِرِينَ ﴿١٣﴾

وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ يُنْفِقُونَ بَتًا ﴿١٤﴾

فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
فَهُمْ فِي رَوْضَةٍ يُحْبَرُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَلِقَائِ  
الْآخِرَةِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ فِي الْعَذَابِ مُحْضَرُونَ ﴿١٦﴾

17. So exalted is Allāh when you reach the evening and when you reach the morning.
18. And to Him is [due all] praise throughout the heavens and the earth. And [exalted is He] at night and when you are at noon.
19. He brings the living out of the dead and brings the dead out of the living and brings to life the earth after its lifelessness. And thus will you be brought out.<sup>1144</sup>
20. And of His signs is that He created you from dust; then, suddenly you were human beings dispersing [throughout the earth].
21. And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought.
22. And of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth and the diversity of your languages and your colors. Indeed in that are signs for those of knowledge.
23. And of His signs is your sleep by night and day and your seeking of His bounty. Indeed in that are signs for a people who hear.
24. And of His signs is [that] He shows you the lightning [causing] fear and aspiration, and He sends

فَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ حِينَ تُمْسُونَ وَحِينَ تُصْبِحُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَعَشِيًّا وَحِينَ تُظْهِرُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَيُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَيُخَيِّ الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا وَكَذَلِكَ تُخْرَجُونَ ﴿١٩﴾

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ تُرَابٍ ثُمَّ إِذَا أَنْتُمْ بَشَرٌ تَنْتَشِرُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ خَلَقَ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا لِتَسْكُنُوا إِلَيْهَا وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ مَوَدَّةً وَرَحْمَةً إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَأَخْتِلَافُ أَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَالْوَنَاقِرِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٢﴾

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ مَنَامُكُمْ بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَابْتِغَاؤُكُمْ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ يُرِيكُمُ الْفَرَاقَ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَيُنَزِّلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَيُخْجِي بِهِ

<sup>1144</sup>Of the graves or out of the earth at the time of resurrection.

down rain from the sky by which He brings to life the earth after its lifelessness. Indeed in that are signs for a people who use reason.

25. And of His signs is that the heaven and earth stand [i.e., remain] by His command. Then when He calls you with a [single] call from the earth, immediately you will come forth.
26. And to Him belongs whoever is in the heavens and earth. All are to Him devoutly obedient.
27. And it is He who begins creation; then He repeats it, and that is [even] easier for Him. To Him belongs the highest description [i.e., attribute] in the heavens and earth. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.
28. He presents to you an example from yourselves. Do you have among those whom your right hands possess [i.e., slaves] any partners in what We have provided for you so that you are equal therein [and] would fear them as your fear of one another [within a partnership]?<sup>1145</sup> Thus do We detail the verses for a people who use reason.
29. But those who wrong follow their [own] desires without knowledge. Then who can guide one whom Allāh has sent astray? And for them there are no helpers.

الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ أَنْ تَقُومَ السَّمَاءُ وَالْأَرْضُ بِأَمْرِهِ ثُمَّ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ دَعْوَةً مِّنَ الْأَرْضِ إِذَا أَنْتُمْ تَخْرُجُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

وَلَهُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ كُلٌّ لَهُ قَانِتُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يَبْدَأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ وَهُوَ أَهْوَنُ عَلَيْهِ وَلَهُ الْمَثَلُ الْأَعْلَىٰ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٢٨﴾

ضَرَبَ لَكُم مَّثَلًا مِّنْ أَنْفُسِكُمْ ۖ هَلْ لَّكُمْ مِّنْ مَّا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ مِّنْ شُرَكَاءَ فِي مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ فَأَنْتُمْ فِيهِ سَوَاءٌ تَخَافُونَهُمْ كَخِيفَتِكُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ ۚ كَذَلِكَ نُفَصِّلُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾

بَلِ اتَّبَعَ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا أَهْوَاءَهُمْ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ ۖ فَمَنْ يَهْدِي مَنْ أَضَلَّ اللَّهُ وَمَا لَهُمْ مِّنْ نَّاصِرِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾

<sup>1145</sup>See footnote to 16:71.



30. So direct your face [i.e., self] toward the religion, inclining to truth. [Adhere to] the *fiṭrah*<sup>1146</sup> of Allāh upon which He has created [all] people. No change should there be in the creation of Allāh.<sup>1147</sup> That is the correct religion, but most of the people do not know.

فَأَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ حَنِيفًا ۚ فِطْرَتَ اللَّهِ  
الَّتِي فَطَرَ النَّاسَ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِخَلْقِ  
اللَّهِ ذَٰلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ وَلَٰكِنَّ  
أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

31. [Adhere to it], turning in repentance to Him, and fear Him and establish prayer and do not be of those who associate others with Allāh

﴿٣١﴾ مُبِينٌ إِلَيْهِ وَاتَّقُوهُ وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَلَا  
تَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٣١﴾

32. [Or] of those who have divided their religion and become sects, every faction rejoicing in what it has.<sup>1148</sup>

مِنَ الَّذِينَ فَرَّقُوا دِينَهُمْ وَكَانُوا شِيَعًا  
كُلُّ حِزْبٍ بِمَا لَدَيْهِمْ فَرِحُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾

33. And when adversity touches the people, they call upon their Lord, turning in repentance to Him. Then when He lets them taste mercy from Him, at once a party of them associate others with their Lord,

وَإِذَا مَسَّ النَّاسَ ضُرٌّ دَعَوْا رَبَّهُمْ مُنِيبِينَ  
إِلَيْهِ ثُمَّ إِذَا آذَاهُمْ مِنْهُ رَحْمَةٌ إِذَا فَرِيقٌ  
مِّنْهُمْ بِرَبِّهِمْ يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾

34. So that they will deny what We have granted them.<sup>1149</sup> Then enjoy yourselves, for you are going to know.

لِيَكْفُرُوا بِمَا ءَاتَيْنَاهُمْ ۖ فَتَمَتَّعُوا فَسَوْفَ  
تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

35. Or have We sent down to them an authority [i.e., a proof or scripture], and it speaks of what they have been associating with Him?

أَمْ أُنزِلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ سُلْطَانًا فَهُوَ يَتَكَلَّمُ بِمَا  
كَانُوا بِهِ يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

<sup>1146</sup>The natural inborn inclination of man to worship his Creator prior to the corruption of his nature by external influences. Thus, Islāmic monotheism is described as the religion of *fiṭrah* – that of the inherent nature of mankind.

<sup>1147</sup>i.e., let people remain true to their *fiṭrah* within the religion of Islām.

<sup>1148</sup>Of beliefs, opinions, customs, etc.

<sup>1149</sup>Or "So let them deny what We have granted them."

36. And when We let the people taste mercy, they rejoice therein, but if evil afflicts them for what their hands have put forth, immediately they despair.

وَإِذَا أَذَقْنَا النَّاسَ رَحْمَةً فَرِحُوا بِهَا وَإِنْ تُصِيبْهُمْ سَيْئَةٌ بِمَا قَدَّمَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ إِذَا هُمْ يَقْتَطُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾

37. Do they not see that Allāh extends provision for whom He wills and restricts [it]? Indeed in that are signs for a people who believe.

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَقْدِرُ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾

38. So give the relative his right, as well as the needy and the traveler. That is best for those who desire the face [i.e. approval] of Allāh, and it is they who will be the successful.

فَقَاتِلْ ذَا الْقُرْبَىٰ حَقَّهُ وَالْمِسْكِينَ وَابْنَ السَّبِيلِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ لِلَّذِينَ يُرِيدُونَ وَجْهَ اللَّهِ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾

39. And whatever you give for interest [i.e., advantage] to increase within the wealth of people<sup>1150</sup> will not increase with Allāh. But what you give in zakāh,<sup>1151</sup> desiring the face [i.e. approval] of Allāh – those are the multipliers.<sup>1152</sup>

وَمَا آتَيْتُم مِّن رِّبًا لَّيْرُبُوا فِي أَمْوَالِ النَّاسِ فَلَا يَرْبُوا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَمَا آتَيْتُم مِّن زَكَاةٍ يُرِيدُونَ وَجْهَ اللَّهِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُضْعِفُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾

40. Allāh is the one who created you, then provided for you, then will cause you to die, and then will give you life. Are there any of your "partners" who does anything of that? Exalted is He and high above what they associate with Him.

اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ ثُمَّ رَزَقَكُمْ ثُمَّ يُمِيتُكُمْ ثُمَّ يُحْيِيكُمْ هَلْ مِن شُرَكَائِكُم مَّن يَفْعَلُ مِن ذَٰلِكُم مِّن شَيْءٍ سُبْحَنَهُ وَتَعَالَىٰ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾

41. Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by [reason of]

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ

<sup>1150</sup>The phrase includes several connotations, among them: a) that which is given as usury or interest, b) that which is given on the condition that it be repaid with interest, and c) a gift given with the intention of obtaining from the recipient greater benefit or a larger gift.

<sup>1151</sup>The meaning of *sadaqah* (voluntary charity) is included here.

<sup>1152</sup>Of their blessings on earth and their rewards in the Hereafter.

what the hands of people have earned so He [i.e., Allāh] may let them taste part of [the consequence of] what they have done that perhaps they will return [to righteousness].

42. Say, [O Muḥammad], "Travel through the land and observe how was the end of those before. Most of them were associators [of others with Allāh].

43. So direct your face [i.e., self] toward the correct religion before a Day comes of which there is no repelling from [the decree of] Allāh. That Day, they will be divided.<sup>1153</sup>

44. Whoever disbelieves – upon him is [the consequence of] his disbelief. And whoever does righteousness – they are for themselves preparing,

45. That He may reward those who have believed and done righteous deeds out of His bounty. Indeed, He does not like the disbelievers.

46. And of His signs is that He sends the winds as bringers of good tidings and to let you taste His mercy [i.e., rain] and so the ships may sail at His command and so you may seek of His bounty, and perhaps you will be grateful.

47. And We have already sent messengers before you to their peoples, and they came to them with clear evidences; then We

أَيَّدَى النَّاسَ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا  
لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

قُلْ سِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ  
عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلَ ۚ كَانَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ  
مُشْرِكِينَ ﴿٣١﴾

فَأَقِمْ وَجْهَكَ لِلدِّينِ الْقَاسِمِ مِن قَبْلِ أَن  
يَأْتِيَ يَوْمٌ لَا مَرَدَّ لَهُ مِنَ اللَّهِ يَوْمَئِذٍ  
يَصَّدَّعُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾

مَن كَفَرَ فَعَلَيْهِ كُفْرُهُ ۖ وَمَن عَمِلَ صَالِحًا  
فَلَا نَفْسٍ فِيهِ يَمْهَدُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾

لِيَجْزِيَ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ  
مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۚ إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾

وَمِنْ ءَايَاتِهِ أَن يُرْسِلَ الرِّيَاحَ مُبَشِّرَاتٍ  
وَلِيُذِيقَكُمْ مِّن رَّحْمَتِهِ وَلِتَجْرِيَ الْفُلُكُ  
بِأَمْرِهِ ۖ وَلِتَبْتَغُوا مِن فَضْلِهِ ۚ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ  
تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا مِن قَبْلِكَ رُسُلًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِمْ  
فَجَاءَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَأَنْتَقَمْنَا مِنَ الَّذِينَ

<sup>1153</sup>Into those destined for Paradise and those destined for Hell.

took retribution from those who committed crimes, and incumbent upon Us was support<sup>1154</sup> of the believers.

أَجْرَمُوا<sup>١١٥٤</sup> وَكَانَ حَقًّا عَلَيْنَا نَصْرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

48. It is Allāh who sends the winds, and they stir the clouds and spread them in the sky however He wills, and He makes them fragments so you see the rain emerge from within them. And when He causes it to fall upon whom He wills of His servants, immediately they rejoice

اللَّهُ الَّذِي يُرْسِلُ الرِّيحَ فَتُثِيرُ سَحَابًا فَيَبْسُطُهُ فِي السَّمَاءِ كَيْفَ يَشَاءُ وَيَجْعَلُهُ كِسْفًا فَنَرَى الْوَدْقَ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ خِلَالِهِ<sup>١١٥٥</sup> فَإِذَا أَصَابَ بِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ إِذَا هُمْ يَسْتَبْشِرُونَ

49. Although they were, before it was sent down upon them – before that, in despair.

وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ أَنْ يُنْزَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ مَنَّ قَبْلَهُ<sup>١١٥٦</sup> لَمُبْتَلِينَ

50. So observe the effects of the mercy of Allāh – how He gives life to the earth after its lifelessness. Indeed, that [same one] will give life to the dead, and He is over all things competent.

فَانْظُرْ إِلَى ءَاثَرِ رَحْمَتِ اللَّهِ كَيْفَ تُحْيِي الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا<sup>١١٥٧</sup> إِنَّ ذَلِكَ لَمُحْيِي الْمَوْتِ<sup>١١٥٨</sup> وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

51. But if We should send a [bad] wind and they saw [their crops] turned yellow, they would remain thereafter disbelievers.<sup>1155</sup>

وَلَئِنْ أَرْسَلْنَا رِيحًا فَرَأَوْهُ مُصْفَرًّا لَظَلُّوا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ<sup>١١٥٩</sup> يَكْفُرُونَ

52. So indeed, you will not make the dead hear, nor will you make the deaf hear the call when they turn their backs, retreating.

فَإِنَّكَ لَا تُسْمِعُ الْمَوْتَى وَلَا تُسْمِعُ الصُّمَّ<sup>١١٦٠</sup> أَلْعَاءَ إِذَا وَلَّوْا مُدْبِرِينَ

53. And you cannot guide the blind away from their error. You will only make hear those who believe in Our verses so they are Muslims [in submission to Allāh].

وَمَا أَنْتَ بِهَادٍ الْعُمْيَ عَنْ ضَلَالَتِهِمْ<sup>١١٦١</sup> إِنَّ تُسْمِعُ إِلَّا مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِآيَاتِنَا فَهُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

<sup>1154</sup> i.e., aid or the bestowal of victory.

<sup>1155</sup> Denying and ungrateful for the previous favors of Allāh.

54. Allāh is the one who created you from weakness, then made after weakness strength, then made after strength weakness and white hair. He creates what He wills, and He is the Knowing, the Competent.

﴿اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ ضَعْفٍ ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْ بَعْدِ ضَعْفٍ قُوَّةً ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْ بَعْدِ قُوَّةٍ ضَعْفًا وَشَيْبَةً يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيمُ الْقَدِيرُ﴾

55. And the Day the Hour appears the criminals will swear they had remained but an hour. Thus they were deluded.

﴿وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ يُقْسِمُ الْمُجْرِمُونَ مَا لَبِثُوا غَيْرَ سَاعَةٍ كَذَلِكَ كَانُوا يُؤْفَكُونَ﴾

56. But those who were given knowledge and faith will say, "You remained the extent of Allāh's decree until the Day of Resurrection, and this is the Day of Resurrection, but you did not used to know."<sup>1156</sup>

﴿وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ وَالْإِيمَانَ لَقَدْ لَبِثْتُمْ فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْبَعْثِ فَهَذَا يَوْمُ الْبَعْثِ وَلَكِنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ﴾

57. So that Day, their excuse will not benefit those who wronged, nor will they be asked to appease [Allāh].

﴿فَيَوْمَئِذٍ لَا يَنْفَعُ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مَعَدْرَتُهُمْ وَلَا هُمْ يُسْتَعْتَبُونَ﴾

58. And We have certainly presented to the people in this Qur'an from every [kind of] example. But, [O Muḥammad], if you should bring them a sign, the disbelievers will surely say, "You [believers] are but falsifiers."

﴿وَلَقَدْ صَرَّفْنَا لِلنَّاسِ فِي هَذَا الْقُرْآنِ مِنْ كُلِّ مَثَلٍ وَلَئِنْ جِئْتَهُمْ بِآيَةٍ لَيَقُولَنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِنْ أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا مُبْطِلُونَ﴾

59. Thus does Allāh seal the hearts of those who do not know.<sup>1157</sup>

﴿كَذَلِكَ يَطْبَعُ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾

60. So be patient. Indeed, the promise of Allāh is truth. And let them not disquiet you who are not certain [in faith].

﴿فَاصْبِرْ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَلَا يَسْتَخِفَّنَكَ الَّذِينَ لَا يُوفُونَ﴾

<sup>1156</sup>i.e., acknowledge the truth.

<sup>1157</sup>i.e., those who do not wish to know the truth and refuse it.

Sūrah Luqmān<sup>1158</sup>

Bismillāh-ir-Raḥmān-ir-Raḥeem

## سُورَةُ لُقْمَانَ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. Alif, Lām, Meem.<sup>1159</sup>
2. These are verses of the wise<sup>1160</sup> Book,
3. As guidance and mercy for the doers of good
4. Who establish prayer and give zakāh, and they, of the Hereafter, are certain [in faith].
5. Those are on [right] guidance from their Lord, and it is those who are the successful.
6. And of the people is he who buys the amusement of speech<sup>1161</sup> to mislead [others] from the way of Allāh without knowledge and who takes it [i.e., His way] in ridicule. Those will have a humiliating punishment.
7. And when Our verses are recited to him, he turns away arrogantly as if he had not heard them, as if there was in his ears deafness. So give him tidings of a painful punishment.
8. Indeed, those who believe and do

الْم ﴿١﴾  
 تِلْكَ ءَايَاتُ الْكِتَابِ الْحَكِيمِ ﴿٢﴾  
 هُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّلْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٣﴾  
 الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٤﴾  
 أُولَٰئِكَ عَلَىٰ هُدًى مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ ۖ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٥﴾  
 وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَشْتَرِي لَهْوَ الْحَدِيثِ لِيُضِلَّ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَيَتَّخِذَهَا هُزُوًا ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ ﴿٦﴾  
 وَإِذَا تُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِ ءَايَاتُنَا وَلَّىٰ مُسْتَكْبِرًا ۚ كَأَن لَّمْ يَسْمَعْهَا ۚ كَأَن فِي أُذُنِهِ قِرَاطٌ فَجَبْرُهُ بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٧﴾  
 إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ

<sup>1158</sup> Luqmān: Luqmān, the Wise, whose learning and wisdom was known among pre-Islāmic Arabs. He was said to have been an Abyssinian or Nubian slave who lived in the area of Madyan and thus knew Arabic.

<sup>1159</sup> See footnote to 2:1.

<sup>1160</sup> See footnote to 10:1.

<sup>1161</sup> i.e., that which has no benefit. Described by different ṣaḥābah as *shirk* (association with Allāh), misleading stories, frivolous songs, or music but includes all which distracts or diverts one from the Qur'ān and remembrance of Allāh.

righteous deeds – for them are the Gardens of Pleasure,

هُمْ جَنَّاتُ النَّعِيمِ ﴿١٠﴾

9. Wherein they abide eternally; [it is] the promise of Allāh [which is] truth. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا وَعَدَ اللَّهُ حَقًّا وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ  
الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١١﴾

10. He created the heavens without pillars that you see and has cast into the earth firmly set mountains, lest it should shift with you, and dispersed therein from every creature. And We sent down rain from the sky and made grow therein [plants] of every noble kind.

خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ بِغَيْرِ عَمَدٍ تَرَوْنَهَا وَالْأَرْضَ فِي  
الْأَرْضِ رَوَاسِيَ أَنْ تَمِيدَ بِكُمْ وَبَثَّ فِيهَا  
مِنْ كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ وَأَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً  
فَأَنْبَتْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجٍ كَرِيمٍ ﴿١٢﴾

11. This is the creation of Allāh. So show Me what those other than Him have created. Rather, the wrongdoers are in clear error.

هَذَا خَلْقُ اللَّهِ فَأَرُونِي مَاذَا خَلَقَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ  
دُونِهِ بَلِ الظَّالِمُونَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿١٣﴾

12. And We had certainly given Luqmān wisdom [and said], "Be grateful to Allāh." And whoever is grateful is grateful for [the benefit of] himself. And whoever denies [His favor] – then indeed, Allāh is Free of need and Praise-worthy.

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا لُقْمَانَ الْحِكْمَةَ أَنْ اشْكُرْ لِلَّهِ  
وَمَنْ يَشْكُرْ فَإِنَّمَا يَشْكُرُ لِنَفْسِهِ ۖ وَمَنْ  
كَفَرَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَنِيٌّ حَمِيدٌ ﴿١٤﴾

13. And [mention, O Muḥammad], when Luqmān said to his son while he was instructing him, "O my son, do not associate [anything] with Allāh. Indeed, association [with Him] is great injustice."

وَإِذْ قَالَ لُقْمَانُ لِابْنِهِ وَهُوَ يَعِظُهُ يَبْنَىٰ  
لَا تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿١٥﴾

14. And We have enjoined upon man [care] for his parents. His mother carried him, [increasing her] in weakness upon weakness, and his weaning is in two years. Be

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَلَدَيْهِ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ وَهَنَا  
عَلَىٰ وَهْنٍ وَفَصَّلَتْهُ فِي عَامَيْنِ أَنْ اشْكُرْ  
لِي وَلِوَلَدَيْكَ إِلَى الْمَصِيرِ ﴿١٦﴾

grateful to Me and to your parents; to Me is the [final] destination.

15. But if they endeavor to make you associate with Me that of which you have no knowledge,<sup>1162</sup> do not obey them but accompany them in [this] world with appropriate kindness and follow the way of those who turn back to Me [in repentance]. Then to Me will be your return, and I will inform you about what you used to do.

وَإِنْ جَاهَدَاكَ عَلَىٰ أَنْ تُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا ۚ وَصَاحِبْهُمَا فِي الدُّنْيَا مَعْرُوفًا ۚ وَاتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ مَنْ أَنَابَ إِلَيَّ ۚ ثُمَّ إِلَيَّ مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

16. [And Luqmān said], "O my son, indeed if it [i.e., a wrong] should be the weight of a mustard seed and should be within a rock or [anywhere] in the heavens or in the earth, Allāh will bring it forth. Indeed, Allāh is Subtle<sup>1163</sup> and Aware.

يَبْنِيٰٓ إِلَيْهَا ۚ إِنَّ تَكَ مِثْقَالَ حَبَّةٍ مِّنْ حَرْدَلٍ ۖ فَتَكُنْ فِي سَحَابٍ ۚ أَوْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ أَوْ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ يَأْتِ بِهَا اللَّهُ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَطِيفٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١٦﴾

17. O my son, establish prayer, enjoin what is right, forbid what is wrong, and be patient over what befalls you. Indeed, [all] that is of the matters [requiring] resolve.<sup>1164</sup>

يَبْنِيٰٓ أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ ۖ وَأْمُرْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَانْهَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ ۚ وَأَصْبِرْ ۚ عَلَىٰ مَا أَصَابَكَ ۚ إِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ مِّنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ ﴿١٧﴾

18. And do not turn your cheek [in contempt] toward people<sup>1165</sup> and do not walk through the earth exultantly. Indeed, Allāh does not like everyone self-deluded and boastful.

وَلَا تُصَعِّرْ خَدَّكَ لِلنَّاسِ ۚ وَلَا تَمْشِ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَرَحًا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ مُخْتَالٍ فَخُورٍ ﴿١٨﴾

19. And be moderate in your pace and lower your voice; indeed, the most disagreeable of sounds is

وَأَقْصِدْ فِي مَشْيِكَ ۚ وَأَغْضُضْ مِن صَوْتِكَ ۚ إِنَّ أَنْكَرَ الْأَصْوَاتِ لَصَوْتُ الْحَمِيرِ ﴿١٩﴾

<sup>1162</sup>See footnote to 29:8.

<sup>1163</sup>Refer to footnote of 6:103.

<sup>1164</sup>For the reason that they are enjoined by Allāh.

<sup>1165</sup>Rather, respect them by directing your face and attention to them.



the voice of donkeys."

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

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

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

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

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

نُمَتِّعُهُمْ قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ نَضْطَرُّهُمْ إِلَىٰ عَذَابٍ غَلِيظٍ ﴿٢٤﴾

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

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

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

27. And if whatever trees upon the earth were pens and the sea [was ink], replenished thereafter by seven [more] seas, the words<sup>1166</sup> of Allāh would not be exhausted. Indeed, Allāh is Exalted in Might and Wise.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>1166</sup>See footnote to 18:109.

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

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

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

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

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ  
لَكُمْ الدِّينَ وَلَا تَوَلَّوْا الْبَاءَ وَالْأَبَاءَ  
وَلَا تَوَلَّوْا الْبَنِينَ وَالْأُمَّهَاتِ وَالْحَقُّ  
بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ  
الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ  
يَعْرِضُكُمْ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ  
الْآخِرِ ۚ فَمَنْ يُضْلِلِ اللَّهُ  
فَمَا لَهُ سَبِيلٌ ﴿٣٣﴾

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

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

<sup>1168</sup>i.e., every aspect of the fetus' present and future existence.

**Sūrah as-Sajdah<sup>1169</sup>****Bismillāh-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem****سُورَةُ السَّجْدَةِ****بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ**

1. Alif, Lām, Meem.<sup>1170</sup>
2. [This is] the revelation of the Book about which there is no doubt from the Lord of the worlds.
3. Or do they say, "He invented it"? Rather, it is the truth from your Lord, [O Muḥammad], that you may warn a people to whom no warner has come before you [so] perhaps they will be guided.
4. It is Allāh who created the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them in six days; then He established Himself above the Throne.<sup>1171</sup> You have not besides Him any protector or any intercessor; so will you not be reminded?
5. He arranges [each] matter from the heaven to the earth; then it will ascend to Him in a Day, the extent of which is a thousand years of those which you count.
6. That is the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, the Exalted in Might, the Merciful,
7. Who perfected everything which He created and began the creation of man from clay.

- الْم ﴿١﴾  
تَنْزِيلُ الْكِتَابِ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ مِنْ رَبِّ  
الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢﴾  
أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افْتَرَاهُ بَلْ هُوَ الْحَقُّ مِنْ  
رَبِّكَ لِتُنذِرَ قَوْمًا مَّا أَتَتْهُمْ مِنْ نَذِيرٍ مِنْ  
قَبْلِكَ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَهْتَدُونَ ﴿٣﴾  
اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا  
بَيْنَهُمَا فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَى عَلَى  
الْعَرْشِ ۚ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا  
شَفِيعٍ ۚ أَفَلَا تَتَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٤﴾  
يُدِيرُ الْأَمْرَ مِنْ بَيْنِ السَّمَاءِ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ ثُمَّ  
يَعْرُجُ إِلَيْهِ فِي يَوْمٍ كَانَ مِقْدَارُهُ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ  
مِمَّا تَعُدُّونَ ﴿٥﴾  
ذَٰلِكَ عَلِيمٌ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ الْعَزِيزُ  
الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٦﴾  
الَّذِي أَحْسَنَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلْقَهُ ۖ وَبَدَأَ خَلْقَ  
الْإِنْسَنِ مِنْ طِينٍ ﴿٧﴾

<sup>1169</sup>As-Sajdah: Prostration.<sup>1170</sup>See footnote to 2:1.<sup>1171</sup>See footnotes to 2:19 and 7:54.

8. Then He made his posterity out of the extract of a liquid disdained.
9. Then He proportioned him and breathed into him from His [created] soul<sup>1172</sup> and made for you hearing and vision and hearts [i.e., intellect]; little are you grateful.
10. And they say, "When we are lost [i.e., disintegrated] within the earth, will we indeed be [recreated] in a new creation?" Rather, they are, in the meeting with their Lord, disbelievers.
11. Say, "The angel of death who has been entrusted with you will take you. Then to your Lord you will be returned."
12. If you could but see when the criminals are hanging their heads before their Lord, [saying], "Our Lord, we have seen and heard, so return us [to the world]; we will work righteousness. Indeed, we are [now] certain."
13. And if We had willed, We could have given every soul its guidance, but the word<sup>1173</sup> from Me will come into effect [that] "I will surely fill Hell with jinn and people all together.
14. So taste [punishment] because you forgot the meeting of this, your Day; indeed, We have [accordingly] forgotten you. And taste the punishment of eternity for what you used to do."

ثُمَّ جَعَلَ نَسْلَهُ مِنْ سُلَالَةٍ مِّن مَّاءٍ مَّهِينٍ ﴿٨﴾

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>1172</sup>i.e., element of life. See footnote to 15:29.

<sup>1173</sup>Deserved by the evildoers.

15. Only those believe in Our verses who, when they are reminded by them, fall down in prostration and exalt [Allāh] with praise of their Lord, and they are not arrogant.
16. Their sides part [i.e., they arise] from [their] beds; they supplicate their Lord in fear and aspiration, and from what We have provided them, they spend.<sup>1174</sup>
17. And no soul knows what has been hidden for them of comfort for eyes [i.e., satisfaction] as reward for what they used to do.
18. Then is one who was a believer like one who was defiantly disobedient? They are not equal.
19. As for those who believed and did righteous deeds, for them will be the Gardens of Refuge as accommodation for what they used to do.
20. But as for those who defiantly disobeyed, their refuge is the Fire. Every time they wish to emerge from it, they will be returned to it while it is said to them, "Taste the punishment of the Fire which you used to deny."
21. And We will surely let them taste the nearer punishment<sup>1175</sup> short of the greater punishment that perhaps they will return [i.e., repent].
- إِنَّمَا يُؤْمِنُ بِآيَاتِنَا الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرُوا بِهَا خَرُّوا سُجَّدًا وَسَبَّحُوا بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَهُمْ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿١٥﴾
- تَتَجَافَى جُنُوبُهُمْ عَنِ الْمَضَاجِعِ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنفِقُونَ ﴿١٦﴾
- فَلَا تَعْلَمُ نَفْسٌ مَّا أُخْفِيَ لَهُم مِّن قُرَّةِ أَعْيُنٍ جَزَاءً بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٧﴾
- أَفَمَن كَانَ مُؤْمِنًا كَمَن كَانَ فَاسِقًا لَّا يَسْتَوُونَ ﴿١٨﴾
- أَمَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَلَهُمْ جَنَّاتُ الْمَأْوَى نُزُلًا بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٩﴾
- وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ فَسَقُوا فَمَأْوَاهُمُ النَّارُ كُلَّمَا أَرَادُوا أَن يَخْرُجُوا مِنْهَا أُعِيدُوا فِيهَا وَقِيلَ لَهُمْ ذُوقُوا عَذَابَ النَّارِ الَّتِي كُنتُمْ بِهِء تَكْذِبُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾
- وَلَنَذِيقَنَّهُمْ مِّنَ الْعَذَابِ الْأَدْنَى دُونَ الْعَذَابِ الْأَكْبَرِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

<sup>1174</sup>In the cause of Allāh.

<sup>1175</sup>i.e., the disasters and calamities of this world.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هَذَا الْفَتْحُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ  
صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾

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

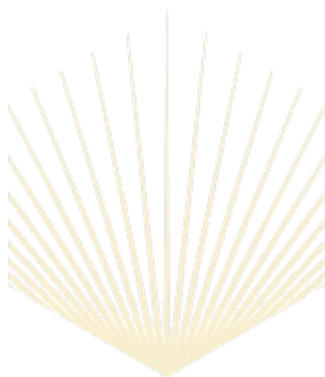
<sup>1177</sup> Or "decision," i.e., judgement.

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

قُلْ يَوْمَ الْفَتْحِ لَا يَنْفَعُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
إِيمَانُهُمْ وَلَا هُمْ يُنْظَرُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾

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

فَاَعْرِضْ عَنْهُمْ وَانْتَظِرْ إِنَّهُمْ مُنْتَظَرُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾





Sūrah al-Aḥzāb<sup>1178</sup>

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

## سُورَةُ الْأَحْزَابِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. O Prophet, fear Allāh and do not obey the disbelievers and the hypocrites. Indeed, Allāh is ever Knowing and Wise.
2. And follow that which is revealed to you from your Lord. Indeed Allāh is ever, of what you do, Aware.
3. And rely upon Allāh; and sufficient is Allāh as Disposer of affairs.<sup>1179</sup>
4. Allāh has not made for a man two hearts in his interior. And He has not made your wives whom you declare unlawful<sup>1180</sup> your mothers. And He has not made your claimed [i.e., adopted] sons your [true] sons. That is [merely] your saying by your mouths, but Allāh says the truth, and He guides to the [right] way.
5. Call them<sup>1181</sup> by [the names of] their fathers; it is more just in the sight of Allāh. But if you do not know their fathers – then they are [still] your brothers in religion and those entrusted to you. And there is no blame upon you for that in

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

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

وَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَكَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ وَكِيلًا ﴿٣﴾

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

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

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

<sup>1179</sup> Refer to footnote in 3:173.

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

<sup>1181</sup> Those children under your care.

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

وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿٥﴾

6. The Prophet is more worthy of the believers than themselves,<sup>1182</sup> and his wives are [in the position of] their mothers. And those of [blood] relationship are more entitled [to inheritance] in the decree of Allāh than the [other] believers and the emigrants, except that you may do to your close associates a kindness [through bequest]. That was in the Book<sup>1183</sup> inscribed.

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

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

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

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

لِيَسْأَلَ الصَّادِقِينَ عَنْ صِدْقِهِمْ وَأَعَدَّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ﴿٨﴾

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

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

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

<sup>1183</sup>The Preserved Slate (*al-Lawḥ al-Maḥfūṭ*).

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

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

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

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

هُنَالِكَ آتَتْكُمُ الْغُلَامُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَزُلْزِلُوا زِلْزَالًا  
شَدِيدًا ﴿١١﴾

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

وَلَقَدْ كَانُوا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ مِنْ قَبْلُ لَا  
يُؤْلَوْنَ الْآَدْبَرَ وَكَانَ عَهْدُ اللَّهِ مَسْئُولًا ﴿١٥﴾

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

قُلْ لَّن يَنْفَعَكُمُ الْفِرَارُ إِن فَرَرْتُمْ مِّنْ

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

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

17. Say, "Who is it that can protect you from Allāh<sup>1186</sup> if He intends for you an ill or intends for you a mercy?" And they will not find for themselves besides Allāh any protector or any helper.

18. Already Allāh knows the hinderers<sup>1187</sup> among you and those [hypocrites] who say to their brothers, "Come to us,"<sup>1188</sup> and do not go to battle, except for a few,<sup>1189</sup>

19. Indisposed<sup>1190</sup> toward you. And when fear comes, you see them looking at you, their eyes revolving like one being overcome by death. But when fear departs, they lash you with sharp tongues, indisposed toward [any] good. Those have not believed, so Allāh has rendered their deeds worthless, and ever is that, for Allāh, easy.

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

الْمَوْتِ أَوْ الْقَتْلِ وَإِذَا لَا تُمْمِعُونَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿١٧﴾

قُلْ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَعْصِمُكُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ إِنْ أَرَادَ بِكُمْ سُوءًا أَوْ أَرَادَ بِكُمْ رَحْمَةً وَلَا تَجِدُونَ لَهُم مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلِيًّا وَلَا نَصِيرًا ﴿١٨﴾

﴿١٩﴾ قَدْ يَعْلَمُ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنكُمْ وَالْقَائِلِينَ لِإِخْوَانِهِمْ هَلُمَّ إِلَيْنَا وَلَا يَأْتُونَ الْبَأْسَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿٢٠﴾

أَشِحَّةً عَلَيْكُمْ ۖ فَإِذَا جَاءَ الْخَوْفُ رَأَيْتَهُمْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَيْكَ تَدُورُ أَعْيُنُهُمْ كَالَّذِي يُغْشَىٰ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْمَوْتِ ۖ فَإِذَا ذَهَبَ الْخَوْفُ سَلَقُوكُم بِأَلْسِنَةٍ حِدَادٍ أَشِحَّةً عَلَى الْخَيْرِ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ لَمْ يُؤْمِنُوا فَأَحْبَطَ اللَّهُ أَعْمَالَهُمْ ۚ وَكَانَ ذَٰلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرًا ﴿٢١﴾

تَحْسِبُونَ الْأَحْزَابَ لَمْ يَذْهَبُوا ۖ وَإِنْ يَأْتِ الْأَحْزَابُ يَوَدُّوا لَوْ أَنَّهُمْ بَادُونَ فِي الْأَعْرَابِ يَسْتَغْلِبُونَ عَنِ أَنْبَاءِكُمْ ۖ وَلَوْ

<sup>1186</sup> i.e., prevent the will of Allāh from being carried out.

<sup>1187</sup> Those who dissuade others from supporting the Prophet (ﷺ) in battle.

<sup>1188</sup> Rather than joining the Prophet (ﷺ).

<sup>1189</sup> Who went out of ulterior motives.

<sup>1190</sup> Literally, "stingy," i.e., unwilling to offer any help.

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

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

كَانُوا فِيكُمْ مَا قَتَلُوا إِلَّا قَلِيلًا ﴿٤١﴾

21. There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allāh an excellent pattern<sup>1192</sup> for anyone whose hope is in Allāh and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allāh often.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>1192</sup>An example to be followed.

26. And He brought down those who supported them among the People of the Scripture<sup>1193</sup> from their fortresses and cast terror into their hearts [so that] a party [i.e., their men] you killed, and you took captive a party [i.e., the women and children].

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

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

وَأَوْرَثَكُم أَرْضَهُمْ وَدِيَارَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ وَأَرْضًا  
لَّمْ تَطْئُوهَا وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ  
قَدِيرًا ﴿٢٧﴾

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>1194</sup>i.e., that taken in subsequent conquests.