

could have exalted him thereby; but he inclined to the earth and followed his evil inclination. His case therefore is like the case of a *thirsty* dog; if thou drive him away, he hangs out his tongue; and if thou leave him, he hangs out his tongue. Such is the case of the people who disbelieve in Our Signs. So give *them* the description that they may ponder.

178. Evil is the case of the people who treat Our Signs as lies. And it was their own selves that they wronged.

179. He whom Allāh guides is on the right path. And they whom He adjudges astray, these it is who shall be the losers.

180. Verily, We have created many of the Jinn and men whose end shall be Hell! They have hearts *but* they understand not therewith, and they have eyes *but* they see not therewith, and they have ears *but* they hear not therewith. They are like cattle; nay, they are *even* more astray. They are indeed *quite* heedless.

181. And to Allāh *alone* belong *all* perfect attributes. So call on Him by these. And leave alone those who deviate from the right way with respect to His attributes. They shall be repaid for what they do.

إِلَى الْأَرْضِ وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ فَمَثَلُهُ
كَمَثَلِ الْكَلْبِ ۖ إِنْ تَحِمِلْ عَلَيْهِ
يَلْهَثْ أَوْ تَتْرُكْهُ يَلْهَثْ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ
مَثَلُ الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا
فَاقْصِصْ الْقِصَصَ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٧٨﴾

سَاءَ مَثَلًا لِّلْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا
وَأَنفُسُهُمْ كَانُوا بِظُلْمٍ مُّؤْتُونَ ﴿١٧٩﴾

مَنْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِى ۖ وَمَنْ
يُضِلْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿١٨٠﴾

وَلَقَدْ ذَرَأْنَا لِجَهَنَّمَ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْجِنِّ
وَ الْإِنسِ ۚ لَهُمْ قُلُوبٌ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ بِهَا
وَلَهُمْ أَعْيُنٌ لَا يُبْصِرُونَ بِهَا ۚ وَلَهُمْ أَذَانٌ
لَّا يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ كَالْأَنْعَامِ بَلْ
هُم أَصْلٰ ۚ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْغَافِلُونَ ﴿١٨١﴾

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا
وَذَرُوا الَّذِينَ يُلْحِدُونَ فِي أَسْمَائِهِ
سَيُجْزَوْنَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨٢﴾

exhaustion while barking at you regardless of whether you make a motion of casting a stone at him or leave him alone, he hangs out his tongue. Such is the case of the people who disbelieve in Our Signs. So **narrate episodes from history** so that they may ponder to draw **lessons from them**.

182. And of those We have created there are a people that guide *men* with truth and do justice therewith.

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183. And those who reject Our Signs, We will draw them *to destruction* step by step in a manner which they do not know.

184. And I give them the rein; surely, My plan is mighty.

185. Have they not considered *that* there is no insanity about their companion? He is only a plain Warner.

186. And have they not looked into the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, and all things that Allāh has created? And *do they not see* that, maybe their *own* term has already drawn nigh? Then in what thing will they believe thereafter?

187. Whomsoever Allāh adjudges astray, there can be no guide for him. And He leaves such in their transgression, wandering in distraction.

188. They ask thee respecting the Hour: 'When will it come to pass?' Say, 'The knowledge thereof is only with my Lord. None can manifest it at its time but He. It lies heavy on the heavens and the earth. It shall not come upon you but of a sudden.' They ask thee as if thou wert well acquainted therewith. Say, 'The knowledge thereof is only with Allāh; but most men do not know.'

وَمِمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا أُمَّةً يَهْدُونَ بِالْحَقِّ
وَبِهِ يَعْدِلُونَ ﴿١٨٢﴾

وَالَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا سَنَسْتَدْرِجُهُمْ
مِّنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٨٣﴾

وَأُمْلِي لَهُمْ إِنَّ كَيْدِي مَتِينٌ ﴿١٨٤﴾

أَوَلَمْ يَتَفَكَّرُوا لِمَا بِصَاحِبِهِمْ مِّنْ
جِنَّةٍ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١٨٥﴾

أَوَلَمْ يَنْظُرُوا فِي مَلَكُوتِ السَّمُوتِ
وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ وَأَنْ
عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ قَدِ اقْتَرَبَ أَجَلُهُمْ
فَبِآيٍ حَدِيثٍ بَعْدَهُ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾

مَنْ يُضِلِلِ اللَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ
وَيَذَرُهُمْ فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ ﴿١٨٧﴾

يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ السَّاعَةِ أَيَّاتٍ
مُّرْسَلَةٍ قُلْ إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ رَبِّي
لَا يُجَلِّيهَا يُفِثُهَا إِلَّا هُوَ يُفْلَتُ فِي
السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَا تَأْتِيكُمْ إِلَّا
بَغْتَةً يَسْأَلُونَكَ كَأَنَّكَ حَفِيٌّ عَنْهَا
قُلْ إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ
النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٨٨﴾