

their backs shall be branded therewith *and it shall be said to them*: ‘This is what you treasured up for yourselves; so now taste what you used to treasure up.’

36. The reckoning of months with Allāh has been twelve months by Allāh's ordinance since the day when He created the heavens and the earth. Of these, four are sacred.

\*That is the right creed. So wrong not yourselves therein. And fight the idolaters all together as they fight you all together; and know that Allāh is with the righteous.

37. Surely, the postponement of a *Sacred Month* is an addition to disbelief. Those who disbelieve are led astray thereby. They allow it one year and forbid it another year, that they may agree in the number of *the months* which Allāh has made sacred, and thus may make lawful what Allāh has forbidden. The evil of their deeds is made to *seem* fair to them. And Allāh guides not the disbelieving people.

R. 6.

38. O ye who believe! what is the matter with you that, when it is said to you, go forth in the way of Allāh, you sink heavily towards the earth? Would you be contented with the present life in preference to the Hereafter? But the enjoyment of the present life is but little, as compared with the Hereafter.

**\*36. This is the religion that stays.**

\*38. The gains of the present life will but seem small and insignificant in the Hereafter.

هَذَا مَا كُنْتُمْ إِلَّا نَفْسِكُمْ فَذُوقُوا مَا  
كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ  
شَهْرًا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ السَّمُوتَ  
وَالْأَرْضَ مِنْهَا أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرُمٌ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمُ  
الْقِيَمَةُ فَلَا تَطْرِمُوا فِيهِنَّ أَنْفُسُكُمْ  
وَقَاتِلُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ كَافَّةً كَمَا  
يَقَاتِلُونَكُمْ كَافَّةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ  
مَعَ الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾

رَأَى السَّيِّئَ زِيَادَةً فِي الْكُفْرِ يُضِلُّ  
بِهِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يُحِلُّونَهُ عَامًا  
وَيُحَرِّمُونَهُ عَامًا لِّيُؤْطِئُوا عِدَّةَ مَا  
حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ فَيُحِلُّوا مَا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ ۚ زَيْنٌ  
لَّهُمْ سُوءُ أَعْمَالِهِمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي  
الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿١٢﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَا كُنتُمْ إِذْ قِيلَ  
لَكُمْ انْفِرُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَتَأْتِلُم  
رَأَى الْأَرْضِ أَكْرَضْتُمْ بِالْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا  
مِنَ الْآخِرَةِ، فَمَا مَتَاعُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا  
فِي الْآخِرَةِ إِلَّا قَلِيلٌ ﴿٣٦﴾

39. If you do not go forth *to fight*, He will punish you with a painful punishment, and will choose in your stead a people other than you, and you shall do Him no harm at all. And Allāh has full power over all things.

إِلَّا تَنْفِرُوا يُعَذِّبْكُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا  
وَيَسْتَبْدِلْ قَوْمًا غَيْرَكُمْ وَلَا تَضُرُّوهُ  
شَيْئًا وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٣٩﴾

40. If you help him not, then *know* that Allāh helped him *even* when the disbelievers drove him forth while he was one of the two when they were both in the cave, when he said to his companion, 'Grieve not, for Allāh is with us.' Then Allāh sent down His peace on him, and strengthened him with hosts which you did not see, and humbled the word of those who disbelieved, and it is the word of Allāh alone which is supreme. And Allāh is Mighty, Wise.

إِلَّا تَنْصُرُوهُ فَقَدْ نَصَرَهُ اللَّهُ إِذْ أَخْرَجَهُ  
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ثَانِيَ اثْنَيْنِ إِذْ هُمَا  
فِي الْغَارِ إِذْ يَقُولُ لِصَاحِبِهِ لَا تَحْزَنْ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَنَا فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ  
عَلَيْهِ وَآيَّدَهُ بِجُنُودٍ لَمْ تَرَوْهَا وَجَعَلَ  
كَلِمَةَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا السُّفْلَى وَالْكَلِمَةُ  
اللَّهِ هِيَ الْعُلْيَا وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٤٠﴾

41. Go forth, light and heavy, and strive with your property and your persons in the cause of Allāh. That is better for you, if only you knew.

انْفِرُوا خِفَافًا وَثِقَالًا وَجَاهِدُوا  
بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ  
ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

42. If it had been an immediate gain and a short journey, they would certainly have followed thee, but the hard journey seemed too long to them. Yet they will swear by Allāh, *saying*, 'If we had been able, we would surely have gone forth with you.' They ruin their souls; and Allāh knows that they are liars.

لَوْ كَانَ عَرَضًا قَرِيبًا وَسَفَرًا قَاصِدًا  
لَاتَّبَعُوكَ وَلَكِنْ بَعُدَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ  
الشَّيْءُ وَسَيَحْلِفُونَ بِاللَّهِ لَوِ اسْتَطَعْنَا  
لَخَرَجْنَا مَعَكُمْ يُهْلِكُونَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ  
وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِنَّهُمْ لَكَاذِبُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾

R. 7.

43. Allāh remove thy *cares*. Why didst thou permit them *to stay*

عَفَا اللَّهُ عَنْكَ لِمَ أَذِنْتَ لَهُمْ حَتَّى

*behind* until those who spoke the truth had become known to thee and *until* thou hadst known the liars?

44. Those who believe in Allāh and the Last Day will not ask leave of thee *to be exempted* from striving with their property and their persons. And Allāh well knows the righteous.

45. Only those will ask leave of thee *to be exempted* who do not believe in Allāh and the Last Day, and whose hearts are full of doubt, and in their doubt they waver.

46. And if they had intended to go forth they would certainly have made some preparation for it; but Allāh was averse to their marching forth. So He kept them back, and it was said: 'Sit ye *at home* with those who sit.'

47. If they had gone forth with you, they would have added to you nothing but trouble, and would have hurried to and fro in your midst, seeking *to create* discord \*among you. And there are among you those who would listen to them. And Allāh well knows the wrongdoers.

48. They sought *to create* disorder even before *this*, and they devised plots against thee till the truth came and the purpose of Allāh prevailed, though they did not like *it*.

يَتَّبِعِينَ لَكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَ تَعْلَمَ  
الْكَاذِبِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾

لَا يَسْتَأْذِنُكَ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ  
وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ أَنْ يُجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ  
وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِالْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾

إِنَّمَا يَسْتَأْذِنُكَ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ  
بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَارْتَابَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ  
فَهُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِنْهُمْ يَتَرَدَّدُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

وَلَوْ أَرَادُوا الْخُرُوجَ لَا عُدُوًّا لَهُ عُدَّةٌ  
وَلَكِنْ كَرِهَ اللَّهُ انْبِعَاثَهُمْ فَثَبَّطَهُمْ  
وَقِيلَ اقْعُدُوا مَعَ الْقَاعِدِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾

لَوْ خَرَجُوا فِيكُمْ مَا زَادُوكُمْ إِلَّا خَبَالًا  
وَلَا أَوْضَعُوا خِلَافَكُمْ يَبْغُؤْكُمْ  
الْفِتْنَةَ ۖ وَفِيكُمْ سَمْعُونَ لَهُمْ ۖ  
وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِالظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾

لَقَدْ ابْتِغَوْا الْفِتْنَةَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَ قَلْبُوا  
لَكَ الْأُمُورَ حَتَّى جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَ ظَهَرَ  
أَمْرُ اللَّهِ وَ هُمْ كَرِهُونُ ﴿٣٨﴾

\*47. And there are among you those who **are wont** to listen to them.