

87. 'And sit not on every path, threatening and turning away from the path of Allāh those who believe in Him, and seeking to make it crooked. And remember when you were few and He multiplied you. And behold, what was the end of those who created disorder!

88. 'And if there is a party among you who believes in that with which I have been sent, and a party who does not believe, then have patience until Allāh judges between us. And He is the Best of judges.'

وَلَا تَقْعُدُوا بِكُلِّ صِرَاطٍ تُوعِدُونَ
وَتَصُدُّونَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ مَنْ آمَنَ بِهِ
وَتَبْغُونَهَا عِوَجًا ۖ وَأَذْكَرُوا إِذْ كُنْتُمْ
قَلِيلًا فكَثَّرَكُمْ ۖ وَانْظُرُوا كَيْفَ
كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾

وَإِنْ كَانَ طَائِفَةٌ مِّنْكُمْ آمَنُوا بِالَّذِي
أُرْسِلْتُ بِهِ وَطَائِفَةٌ لَّمْ يُؤْمِنُوا
فَاصْبِرُوا حَتَّى يَحْكُمَ اللَّهُ بَيْنَنَا
وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الْحَاكِمِينَ ﴿٨٨﴾

Part 9

89. The chief men of his people who were arrogant said, 'Assuredly, we will drive thee out, O Shu'aib, and the believers *that are* with thee, from our town, or you shall have to return to our religion.' He said: 'Even though we be unwilling?

90. 'We have indeed been forging a lie against Allāh, if we *now* return to your religion after Allāh has saved us therefrom. And it behoves us not to return thereto except that Allāh, our Lord, should *so* will.
*Our Lord comprehends all things in *His* knowledge. In Allāh have we put our trust. So O our Lord, decide Thou between us and between our people with truth, and Thou art the Best of those who decide.'

قَالَ الْمَلَأُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا مِن قَوْمِهِ
لَنُخْرِجَنَّكَ يَشْعِيبُ ۖ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا
مَعَكَ مِن قَرْيَتِنَا أَوْ لَنَعُودَنَّ فِي
مِلَّتِنَا ۚ قَالَ أَوَلَوْ كُنَّا كَارِهِينَ ﴿٨٩﴾
قَدِ افْتَرَيْنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا إِنْ عُدْنَا
فِي مِلَّتِكُمْ بَعْدَ إِذْ جَبَّنَا اللَّهُ مِنْهَا ۚ
وَمَا يَكُونُ لَنَا أَنْ نَعُودَ فِيهَا إِلَّا أَنْ
يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ رَبُّنَا ۚ وَسِعَ رَبُّنَا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ
عِلْمًا ۚ عَلَى اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا ۚ رَبَّنَا افْتَحْ
بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ قَوْمِنَا بِالْحَقِّ ۚ وَأَنْتَ
خَيْرُ الْفَاتِحِينَ ﴿٩٠﴾

*90. In knowledge our Lord comprehends all things.

91. And the chief men of his people who disbelieved said, 'If you follow Shu'aib, you shall then certainly be the losers.'

وَقَالَ الْمَلَأَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ لَئِنْ أَتَيْتُمْ شُعَيْبًا إِتَّكُم إِذَا الْخُسِرُونَ ﴿٩١﴾

92. So the earthquake seized them and in their homes they lay prostrate upon the ground.

فَاخَذَتْهُمْ الرَّجْفَةُ فَأَصْبَحُوا فِي دَارِهِمْ جِثْمِينَ ﴿٩٢﴾

93. Those who accused Shu'aib of lying became as if they had never dwelt therein. Those who accused Shu'aib of lying—it was they who were the losers.

الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا شُعَيْبًا كَانُوا لَمْ يَكُنُوا فِيهَا ۚ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا شُعَيْبًا كَانُوا هُمُ الْخُسِرِينَ ﴿٩٣﴾

94. Then he turned away from them and said, 'O my people, indeed, I delivered to you the messages of my Lord and gave you sincere counsel. How then should I sorrow for a disbelieving people?'

فَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ وَقَالَ يَاقَوْمِ لَقَدْ أَبْلَغْتُكُمْ رِسَالِ رَبِّي وَنَصَحْتُ لَكُمْ ۖ فَكَيْفَ آسَىٰ عَلَىٰ قَوْمٍ كَافِرِينَ ﴿٩٤﴾

R. 12.

95. And never did We send a Prophet to any town but We seized the people thereof with adversity and suffering, that they might become humble.

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِي قَرْيَةٍ مِّن نَّبِيٍّ إِلَّا أَخَذْنَا أَهْلَهَا بِالْبَأْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَاءِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَضُرَّعُونَ ﴿٩٥﴾

96. Then We changed *their* evil condition into good until they grew in affluence and number and said, 'Suffering and happiness betided our fathers *also*.' Then We seized them suddenly, while they perceived not.

ثُمَّ بَدَّلْنَا مَكَانَ السَّيِّئَةِ الْحَسَنَةَ حَتَّىٰ عَفَوْا ۖ وَقَالُوا قَدْ مَسَّ آبَاءَنَا الضَّرَاءُ وَالسَّرَاءُ فَأَخَذْنَاهُمْ بَغْتَةً وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾

97. And if the people of *those* towns had believed and been righteous, We would have surely opened for

وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَىٰ آمَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم بَرَكَاتٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ

them blessings from heaven and earth; but they disbelieved, so We seized them because of that which they used to earn.

98. Are the people of *these* towns, then, secure from the coming of Our punishment upon them by night while they are asleep?

99. And are the people of *these* towns secure from the coming of Our punishment upon them in the early part of the forenoon while they are engaged in play?

100. Are they then secure from the design of Allāh? And none feels secure from the design of Allāh save the people that perish.

R. 13.

101. Does it not afford guidance to those who have inherited the earth in succession to its *former* inhabitants, that if We please, We can smite them for their sins and seal up their hearts, so that they should not hear?

102. Such were the towns some of whose news We have related to thee. And their Messengers did indeed come to them with clear Signs. But they would not believe what they had disbelieved before. In this manner does Allāh seal up the hearts of the disbelievers.

وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَكِنْ كَذَّبُوا فَأَخَذْنَهُمْ
بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٩٨﴾

أَفَأَمِنَ أَهْلُ الْقُرَىٰ أَن يَأْتِيَهُمْ
بَأْسُنَا بَيَاتًا وَهُمْ نَائِمُونَ ﴿٩٩﴾

أَوَ آمِنَ أَهْلُ الْقُرَىٰ أَن يَأْتِيَهُمْ
بَأْسُنَا ضُحًى وَهُمْ يُلْعَبُونَ ﴿١٠٠﴾

أَفَأَمِنُوا مَكْرَ اللَّهِ ۚ فَلَا يَأْمَنُ
مَكْرَ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْقَوْمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾

أَوَلَمْ يَهْدِ لِلَّذِينَ يَرِثُونَ الْأَرْضَ
مِنْ بَعْدِ أَهْلِهَا أَن لَّوْ نَشَاءُ أَصَبْنَاهُمْ
بِذُنُوبِهِمْ ۚ وَنُطْبِعَ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِهِمْ فَهُمْ
لَا يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾

تِلْكَ الْقُرَىٰ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ أَنبَاءِهَا
وَلَقَدْ جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُم بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ ۚ فَمَا
كَانُوا لِيُؤْمِنُوا بِمَا كَذَّبُوا مِنْ
قَبْلُ ۚ كَذَٰلِكَ يَطْبَعُ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِ
الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٠٣﴾

وَمَا وَجَدْنَا لِأَكْثَرِهِمْ مِنْ عَهْدٍ

*103. And We found not in most of

*103. And We found not in most of them any **regard for observance of covenant** and surely We found most of them to be evil-doers.