

*48. O ye People of the Book! believe in what We have sent down, fulfilling that which is with you, before We destroy *some of* the leaders and turn them on their backs or curse them as We cursed the People of the Sabbath. And the decree of Allāh is *bound* to be carried out.

49. Surely, Allāh will not forgive that any partner be associated with Him; but He will forgive whatever is short of that to whomsoever He pleases. And whoso associates partners with Allāh has indeed devised a very great sin.

50. Dost thou not know of those who hold themselves to be pure? Nay, it is Allāh Who purifies whomsoever He pleases, and they will not be wronged a whit.

51. Behold, how they forge a lie against Allāh! And sufficient is that as a manifest sin.

R. 8.

52. Dost thou not know of those who were given a portion of the Book? They believe in evil things and *follow* those who transgress, and they say of the disbelievers, 'These are better guided in religion than those who believe.'

53. They it is whom Allāh has cursed; and he whom Allāh curses, thou shalt not find for him a helper.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ آمِنُوا بِمَا
نَزَّلْنَا مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا مَعَكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ
تَطْمِسَ وُجُوهٌ فَرُدَّهَا عَلَى أَدْبَارِهَا أَوْ
نَلْعَنَهُمْ كَمَا لَعَنَّا أَصْحَابَ السَّبْتِ ؕ
وَكَانَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ مَفْعُولًا ﴿٥٨﴾

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ
مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ
بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ افْتَرَىٰ إِثْمًا عَظِيمًا ﴿٥٩﴾

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يُزَكُّونَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ ؕ
بَلِ اللَّهُ يُزَكِّي مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَلَا يُظْلَمُونَ
شَيْئًا ﴿٦٠﴾

أُنْظُرْ كَيْفَ يَفْتَرُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ
وَكَفَىٰ بِهِ إِثْمًا مُّبِينًا ﴿٦١﴾

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا نَصِيبًا مِّنَ
الْكِتَابِ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْجِبْتِ وَالطَّاغُوتِ
وَيَقُولُونَ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا هَؤُلَاءِ أَهْدَىٰ
مِنَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا سَبِيلًا ﴿٦٢﴾

أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ لَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ ۖ وَ مَنْ
يَلْعَنِ اللَّهُ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ نَصِيرًا ﴿٦٣﴾

*48. O ye People of the Book! Believe in what We have sent down, fulfilling that which is with you, before **We inflict humiliation upon some of your leaders causing them to turn their backs and take to their heels**, or curse them as We cursed the People of the Sabbath. And the decree of Allāh is *bound* to be carried out.

54. Have they a share in the kingdom? Then would they not give men *even so much as* the little hollow in the back of a date-stone.

55. Or do they envy men for what Allāh has given them out of His bounty? *If that is so*, surely, We gave the Book and Wisdom to the children of Abraham *also* and We *also* gave them a great kingdom.

56. And of them were some who believed in him; and of them were others who turned away from him. And sufficient is Hell as a blazing fire.

57. Those who disbelieve in Our Signs, We shall soon cause them to enter Fire. As often as their skins are burnt up, We shall give them in exchange other skins that they may taste the punishment. Surely, Allāh is Mighty, Wise.

58. And those who believe and do good works, We shall make them enter Gardens through which streams *flow, to abide therein for ever; therein shall they have pure spouses; and We shall admit them to a *place of pleasant and plenteous shade*.

59. Verily, Allāh commands you to make over the trusts to those entitled to them, and that, when you judge between men, you judge with justice. And surely excellent is that with which Allāh admonishes you! Allāh is All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

أَمْ لَهُمْ نَصِيبٌ مِّنَ الْمُلْكِ فَإِذَا لَا يُؤْتُونَ النَّاسَ نَقِيرًا ۝٥٤

أَمْ يَحْسَدُونَ النَّاسَ عَلَىٰ مَا آتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۚ فَقَدْ آتَيْنَا آلَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَآتَيْنَهُمْ مُلْكًا عَظِيمًا ۝٥٥

فَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ آمَنَ بِهِ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ صَدَّ عَنْهُ ۚ وَكَفَىٰ بِجَهَنَّمَ سَعِيرًا ۝٥٦

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِنَا سَوْفَ نُصْلِيهِمْ نَارًا كُلَّمَا نَضِجَتْ جُلُودُهُمْ بَدَّلْنَاهُمْ جُلُودًا غَيْرَهَا لِيَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَزِيزًا حَكِيمًا ۝٥٧

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ سَنُدْخِلُهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِن تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا لَهُمْ فِيهَا أَزْوَاجٌ مُّطَهَّرَةٌ وَهُمْ فِيهَا ظِلِيلًا ۝٥٨

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَنْ تُؤَدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا ۚ وَإِذَا حَكَمْتُم بَيْنَ النَّاسِ أَنْ تَحْكُمُوا بِالْعَدْلِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ نِعِمَّا يَعِظُكُمْ بِهِ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ سَمِيعًا بَصِيرًا ۝٥٩

*58. therein shall they have spouses purified by Us;

*60. O ye who believe! obey Allāh, and obey *His* Messenger and those who are in authority among you. And if you differ in anything among yourselves, refer it to Allāh and *His* Messenger if you are believers in Allāh and the Last Day. That is best and most commendable in the end.

R. 9.

61. Dost thou not know of those who pretend that they believe in what has been revealed to thee and what has been revealed before thee? They desire to seek judgment from the rebellious, although they were commanded not to obey them. And Satan desires to lead them far astray.

62. And when it is said to them, 'Come ye to what Allāh has sent down and to *His* Messenger,' thou seest the hypocrites turn away from thee with aversion.

*63. Then how is it that when an affliction befalls them because of what their hands have sent on

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ
وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِيَ الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ
فَإِنْ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ
وَالرَّسُولِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ
وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ
تَأْوِيلًا ۝٩

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ يَزْعُمُونَ أَنَّهُمْ آمَنُوا
بِمَا أُنْزِلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ
يُرِيدُونَ أَن يُتَّخَاكُمُوا إِلَى الطَّاغُوتِ
وَقَدْ أُمِرُوا أَن يَكْفُرُوا بِهِ ۖ وَيُرِيدُ
الشَّيْطَانُ أَن يُضِلَّهُمْ ضَلَالًا بَعِيدًا ۝١٠
وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمُ تَعَالَوْا إِلَىٰ مَا أُنْزِلَ
اللَّهُ وَإِلَى الرَّسُولِ رَأَيْتَ الْمُنَافِقِينَ
يَصُدُّونَ عَنْكَ صُدُودًا ۝١١

فَكَيْفَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمْ مُصِيبَةٌ
قَدِمَتْ آيَاتُهُمْ ثُمَّ جَاءُوكَ يَحْلِفُونَ ۝١٢

*60. O ye who believe! obey Allāh, and obey *His* Messenger and those who are in authority over you.

Note: The Arabic construction of the phrase *ulil amri minkum* (أُولِيَ الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ) (who are in authority over you) has not been properly understood by some. Of particular interest is the word (مِنْكُمْ) which in fact is composed of two prepositions joined together, that is (مِنْ) and (كُم). (مِنْ) means 'from' and (كُم) means 'you.' Literally translating this phrase some translators understand it to mean 'from among yourselves.' That is to say you should obey only that authority which happens to be from among yourselves, meaning Muslim authority alone. In this particular instance the preposition (مِنْ) only plays a role of linking the preposition (كُم) with the word (أُولِيَ الْأَمْرِ) and the translation should be 'Those who are in authority over you.', as given above in the alternative translation.

*63. Then how is it that when an affliction befalls them because of what their hands have sent on before them, they come to thee swearing by Allāh, saying, 'We meant nothing but **an act of kindness and conciliation**'?