

Allāh punished them for their sins, and Allāh is severe in punishing.

13. Say to those who disbelieve, ‘You shall be overcome and gathered unto Hell; and an evil place of rest it is.’

14. Certainly there was for you a Sign in the two armies that encountered each other, one army fighting in the cause of Allāh and the other disbelieving, whom they saw to be twice as many as themselves, actually with *their* eyes. *Thus* Allāh strengthens with His aid whomsoever He pleases. In that surely is a lesson for those who have eyes.

15. Beautified for men is the love of desired things—women and children, and stored-up heaps of gold and silver, and pastured horses and cattle and crops. That is the provision of the present life; but it is Allāh with Whom is an excellent home.

16. Say, ‘Shall I inform you of *something better than that?’ For those who fear God, there are Gardens with their Lord, beneath which rivers flow; therein shall they abide; and pure spouses and Allāh’s pleasure. And Allāh is Mindful of *His* servants,

*16. For those who fear God, there are Gardens with their Lord, beneath which rivers flow; therein shall they abide; **there are also spouses purified by Allāh** and Allāh’s pleasure. And Allāh is Mindful of *His* servants.

يَذُنُّوهُمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿١٣﴾
قُلْ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا سَتْغَلِبُونَ
وَتُحْشَرُونَ إِلَىٰ جَهَنَّمَ ۖ وَبُئْسَ
الْمِهَادُ ﴿١٤﴾

قَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ آيَةٌ فِي فِئَتَيْنِ الْتَقَتَا ۖ
فِئَةٌ تَقَاتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَأُخْرَىٰ
كَافِرَةٌ يَرَوْنَهُمْ مِّثْلَيْنِمْ رَأَىٰ الْعَيْنِ ۖ
وَاللَّهُ يُؤَيِّدُ بِنُصْرِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ ۖ إِنَّ
فِي ذَلِكَ لَعِبْرَةً لِّأُولِي الْأَبْصَارِ ﴿١٥﴾

زَيْنَ لِلنَّاسِ حُبُّ الشَّهَوَاتِ مِنَ
النِّسَاءِ وَالْبَنِينَ وَالْقَنَاطِيرِ
الْمُقَنْطَرَةِ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ وَالْفِصَّةِ
وَ الْخَيْلِ الْمُسَوَّمَةِ وَ الْأَنْعَامِ
وَالْحَرْثِ ۖ ذَلِكَ مَتَاعُ الدُّنْيَا
وَاللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ حَسَنُ الْمَاِبِ ﴿١٦﴾

قُلْ أَوْفَيْتُكُمْ بِخَيْرٍ مِّنْ ذَلِكُمْ ۖ
لِلَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٌ
تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ
فِيهَا وَ أَزْوَاجٌ مُّطَهَّرَةٌ وَ رِضْوَانٌ مِّنَ
اللَّهِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ بَصِيرٌ بِالْعِبَادِ ﴿١٧﴾

17. Those who say, ‘Our Lord, we do believe; forgive us, therefore, our sins and save us from the punishment of the Fire;’

18. The steadfast, and the truthful, and the humble, and those who spend in the way of God, and those who seek forgiveness in the latter part of the night.

19. Allāh bears witness that there is no God but He—and *also do* the angels and those possessed of knowledge—

*Maintainer of justice; there is no God but He, the Mighty, the Wise.

20. Surely, the *true* religion with Allāh is Islām (complete submission). And those who were given the Book did not disagree but after knowledge had come to them, out of mutual envy. And whoso denies the Signs of Allāh, then surely, Allāh is quick at reckoning.

21. But if they dispute with thee, say, ‘I have submitted myself to Allāh, and *also* those who follow me.’ And say to those who have been given the Book and to the unlearned, ‘Have you submitted?’ If they submit, then they will surely be guided; but if they turn back, then thy duty is only to convey the message. And Allāh is Watchful of *His* servants.

*19. **Note:** In fact the Arabic expression *qā’imam bil qist* (قَائِمٌ بِالْقِسْطِ) is much stronger than the translation ‘Maintainer of justice’ indicates. ‘Always standing guard over justice’ would be a better translation.

الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا إِنَّنَا أُمَمٌ
فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿١٧﴾

الصَّابِرِينَ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالْمُتَضَرِّعِينَ
وَالْمُنْفِقِينَ وَالْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ
بِالْأَسْحَارِ ﴿١٨﴾

شَهِدَ اللَّهُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ
وَأُولُوا الْعِلْمِ قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ ۚ لَا إِلَهَ
إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١٩﴾

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ
وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ
إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَغْيًا
بَيْنَهُمْ ۚ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ
اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ﴿٢٠﴾

فَإِنْ حَاجُّوكَ فَقُلْ أَسْلَمْتُ وَجْهِيَ
لِلَّهِ وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَنِ ۚ وَقُلْ لِلَّذِينَ
أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ وَالْأُمِّيِّينَ ءَ أَسْلَمْتُمْ
فَارِثَ أَسْلَمُوا فَقَدِ اهْتَدَوْا ۚ وَإِنْ
تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْكَ الْبَلْغُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ
بَصِيرٌ بِالْعِبَادِ ﴿٢١﴾

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22. Surely, those who deny the Signs of Allāh and seek to kill the Prophets unjustly, and seek to kill such men as enjoin equity— announce to them a painful punishment.

23. Those are they whose deeds shall come to naught in this world and in the next, and they shall have no helpers.

24. Dost thou not know of those who have been given *their* portion of the Book? They are called to the Book of Allāh that it may judge between them, but a party of them turn away in aversion.

25. That is because they say, ‘The Fire shall not touch us, except for a limited number of days.’ And what they used to forge has deceived them regarding their religion.

26. How *will they fare* when We will gather them together on the Day about which there is no doubt; and when every soul shall be paid in full what it has earned, and they shall not be wronged?

27. Say, ‘O Allāh, Lord of sovereignty, Thou givest sovereignty to whomsoever Thou pleasest; and Thou takest away sovereignty from whomsoever Thou pleasest. Thou exaltest whomsoever Thou pleasest

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْفُرُونَ بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ
وَيَقْتُلُونَ النَّبِيِّنَ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ
وَيَقْتُلُونَ الَّذِينَ يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْقِسْطِ
مِنَ النَّاسِ ۖ فَبَشِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٢٢﴾
أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ حَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ
فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۖ وَمَا لَهُمْ مِنْ
نَاصِرِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا نَصِيبًا
مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ يُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى كِتَابِ اللَّهِ
لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَهُمْ ثُمَّ يَتَوَلَّى فَرِيقٌ
مِّنْهُمْ وَهُمْ مُّعْرِضُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا لَنْ تَمَسَّنَا النَّارُ
إِلَّا أَيَّامًا مَّعْدُودَاتٍ ۖ وَغَرَّهُمْ فِي
دِينِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾

فَكَيْفَ إِذَا جَمَعْنَاهُمْ لِيَوْمٍ لَا رَيْبَ
فِيهِ ۖ وَوُفِّيَتْ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا كَسَبَتْ
وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ مِلْكُ الْمَلِكِ تُؤْتِي
الْمَلِكَ مَن تَشَاءُ وَتَنْزِعُ الْمَلِكَ
مِمَّن تَشَاءُ ۖ وَتُعِزُّ مَن تَشَاءُ
وَتُزِيلُ مَن تَشَاءُ ۖ بِيَدِكَ الْخَيْرُ ۚ