

278. Surely, those who believe and do good deeds, and observe Prayer and pay the Zakāt, shall have their reward from their Lord, and no fear *shall come* on them, nor shall they grieve.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ
وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ لَهُمْ
أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ۖ وَلَا خَوْفٌ
عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٢٧٨﴾

279. O ye who believe! fear Allāh and relinquish what remains of interest, if you are believers.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَذَرُوا مَا
بَقِيَ مِنَ الرِّبَا إِن كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢٧٩﴾

280. But if you do *it* not, then beware of war from Allāh and His Messenger; and if you repent, then you shall have your original sums; *thus* you shall not wrong, nor shall you be wronged.

فَإِن لَّمْ تَفْعَلُوا فَأْذَنُوا بِحَرْبٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ
وَرَسُولِهِ ۖ وَإِن تُبْتِغُوا فَكُمُ رُءُوسُ
أَمْوَالِكُمْ ۖ لَا تَظْلِمُونَ وَلَا تُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٨٠﴾

281. And if any *debtor* be in straitened circumstances, then *grant him* respite till a time of ease. And that you remit it as charity shall be better for you, if only you knew.

وَإِن كَانَ ذُو عُسْرَةٍ فَنَظِرَةٌ إِلَىٰ
مَيْسَرَةٍ ۗ وَأَن تَصَدَّقُوا خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ
إِن كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٨١﴾

282. And fear the day when you shall be made to return to Allāh; then shall every soul be paid in full what it has earned; and they shall not be wronged.

وَاتَّقُوا يَوْمًا تُرْجَعُونَ فِيهِ إِلَى اللَّهِ ۖ
ثُمَّ تَوَفَّىٰ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ
لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٨٢﴾

R. 39.

283. O ye who believe! when you borrow one from another for a fixed period, then write it down. And let a scribe write *it* in your presence faithfully; and no scribe should refuse to write, because Allāh has taught him, so let him write and let him who incurs the liability dictate; and he should fear Allāh, his Lord, and not diminish

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا تَدَايَيْتُمْ
بِذَيْنَ إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى فَاصْتُبُوهُ
وَلْيَكْتُبْ بَيْنَكُمْ كَاتِبٌ بِالْعَدْلِ ۚ
وَلَا يَأْبَ كَاتِبٌ أَن يَكْتُبَ كَمَا عَلَّمَهُ
اللَّهُ فَلْيَكْتُبْ ۚ وَلْيُمْلِلِ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِ
الْحَقُّ وَلْيَتَّقِ اللَّهَ رَبَّهُ وَلَا يَبْخَسْ

anything therefrom. But if the person incurring the liability be of low understanding or be weak or be unable himself to dictate, then let someone who can watch his interest dictate with justice. And call two witnesses from among your men; and if two men be not *available*, then a man and two women, of such as you like as witnesses, so that if either of two *women* should err in memory, then one may remind the other. And the witnesses should not refuse when they are called. And do not feel weary of writing it down, whether it be small or large, along with its appointed time *of payment*. This is more equitable in the sight of Allāh and makes testimony surer and is more likely to keep you away from doubts; *therefore omit not to write* except that it be ready merchandise which you give or take from hand to hand, in which case it shall be no sin for you that you write it not. And have witnesses when you sell one to another; and let no harm be done to the scribe or the witness. And if you do *that*, then certainly it shall be disobedience on your part. And fear Allāh. And Allāh grants you knowledge and Allāh knows all things well.

284. And if you be on a journey, and you find not a scribe, then let there be a pledge with possession.

مِنْهُ شَيْئًا ۖ فَإِنْ كَانَ الَّذِي عَلَيْهِ
الْحَقُّ سَفِيهًا أَوْ ضَعِيفًا أَوْ لَا
يَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ يُجِدَّ هُوَ فَلْيُمْلِلْ وَلِيُّهُ
بِالْعَدْلِ ۚ وَاسْتَشْهِدُوا شَهِيدَيْنِ
مِنْ رِّجَالِكُمْ ۖ فَإِنْ لَمْ يَكُونَا رَجُلَيْنِ
فَرَجُلٌ وَامْرَأَتَيْنِ مِمَّنْ تَرْضَوْنَ
مِنَ الشُّهَدَاءِ أَنْ تَضِلَّ إِحْدَاهُمَا
فَتَذْكُرَ إِحْدَاهُمَا الْآخَرَى ۚ وَلَا يَأْبَ
الشُّهَدَاءُ إِذَا مَا دُعُوا ۚ وَلَا تَسْأَمُوا
أَنْ تَكْتُبُوهُ صَغِيرًا أَوْ كَبِيرًا إِلَى
أَجَلِهِ ۚ ذَلِكُمْ أَقْسَطُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ
وَأَقْوَمُ لِلشَّهَادَةِ وَأَدْنَىٰ أَلَّا تَرْتَابُوا
إِلَّا أَنْ تَكُونَ تِجَارَةً حَاضِرَةً
تُدِيرُونَهَا بَيْنَكُمْ فَلَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ
جُنَاحٌ أَلَّا تَكْتُبُوهَا ۚ وَأَشْهِدُوا
إِذَا تَبَايَعْتُمْ ۚ وَلَا يُضَارَّ كَاتِبٌ
وَلَا شَهِيدٌ ۚ وَإِنْ تَفْعَلُوا فَإِنَّهُ
فُسُوقٌ بِكُمْ ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ ۚ وَيَعْلَمُكُمْ
اللَّهُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٨٤﴾

وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ عَلَىٰ سَفَرٍ وَلَمْ تَجِدُوا
كَاتِبًا فَرِهْهُنَّ مَقْبُوضَةً ۚ فَإِنْ

And if one of you entrusts another with something, then let him who is entrusted surrender his trust and let him fear Allāh, his Lord. And conceal not testimony; and whoever conceals it, his heart is certainly sinful. And Allāh is well aware of what you do.

R. 40.

285. To Allāh belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth; and whether you disclose what is in your minds or keep it hidden, Allāh will call you to account for it; then will He forgive whomsoever He pleases and punish whomsoever He pleases; and Allāh has the power to do all that He wills.

286. This Messenger of Ours believes in that which has been revealed to him from his Lord, and so do the believers: all of them believe in Allāh, and in His angels, and in His Books, and in His Messengers, saying, 'We make no distinction between any of His Messengers;' and they say, 'We hear, and we obey. We implore Thy forgiveness, O our Lord, and to Thee is the returning.'

*287. Allāh burdens not any soul beyond its capacity. It shall have the reward it earns, and it shall get

أَمِنْ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا فَلْيُؤَدِّ الَّذِي
أُؤْتِمِنَ أَمَانَتَهُ وَلْيَتَّقِ اللَّهَ رَبَّهُ
وَلَا تَكْتُمُوا الشَّهَادَةَ ۚ وَمَنْ يَكْتُمْهَا
فَأِنَّهُ إِثْمٌ قَلْبُهُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ
عَلِيمٌ ﴿٤٠﴾

لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ
وَأِلٰهٌ تُبَدِّلُ مَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَوِ
تُخْفُوهُ يُحَاسِبُكُمْ بِهِ اللَّهُ ۚ فَيَغْفِرُ
لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيُعَذِّبُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ
وَاللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٤٠﴾

أَمِنَ الرَّسُولُ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ
رَبِّهِ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ ۚ كُلٌّ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ
وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ۚ لَا
نُفَرِّقُ بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِنْ رُسُلِهِ ۚ وَقَالُوا
سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا ۚ غُفِرَ لَكَ رَبَّنَا
وَأِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٤١﴾

لَا يَكِلِفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا ۚ لَهَا
مَا كَسَبَتْ وَعَلَيْهَا مَا اكْتَسَبَتْ ۚ

*287. **Note:** This refers to earlier peoples who were entrusted with religious responsibilities but treated them with disrespect and deemed them to be a burden. As such professional clergy from the lower ranks of society were made to carry that burden on their shoulders and a religious clergy came to be born which monopolised the knowledge of religion while they were incapable of doing full justice to it. This process ultimately led to the creation of a religious clergy which was narrow-minded, arrogant and intolerant and few among