

given the Book, they would never follow thy Qiblah; nor wouldst thou follow their Qiblah; nor would some of them follow the Qiblah of others. And if thou shouldst follow their desires after the knowledge that has come to thee, then thou shalt surely be of the transgressors.

بِكُلِّ آيَةٍ مَا تَبِعُوا قِبْلَتَكَ ۚ وَمَا
أَنْتَ بِتَابِعٍ قِبْلَتَهُمْ ۚ وَمَا بَعْضُهُمْ
بِتَابِعٍ قِبْلَةَ بَعْضٍ ۚ وَلَئِنْ اتَّبَعْتَ
أَهْوَاءَهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَكَ مِنَ
الْعِلْمِ لَأَنْتَ إِذًا مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٤٦﴾
الَّذِينَ اتَّيْنَهُمُ الْكِتَابُ يَعْرِفُونَهُ
كَمَا يَعْرِفُونَ آبْنَاءَهُمْ ۚ وَلَا تَفَرِّقُهُمُ
فَرِيقًا ۚ إِنَّهُمْ لَيُكْتُمُونَ الْحَقَّ وَهُمْ
يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٤٧﴾

- * 147. Those to whom We have given the Book recognize it even as they recognize their sons, but surely some of them conceal the truth knowingly.

148. *It is* the truth from thy Lord; be not therefore of those who doubt.

R. 18.

149. And every one has a goal which dominates him; vie, then, with one another in good works. Wherever you be, Allāh will bring you all together. Surely, Allāh has the power to do all that He wills.

أَلْحَقَّ مِنْ رَبِّكَ فَلَا تَكُونَنَّ مِنَ
الْمُتَرَدِّينَ ﴿١٤٨﴾
وَلِكُلٍّ وِجْهَةٌ هُوَ مُوَلِّيهَا فَاسْتَبِقُوا
الْخَيْرَاتِ ۚ إِنَّمَا تَكُونُونَ يَاقُومُ
اللَّهُ جَمِيعًا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ ﴿١٤٩﴾

150. And from wheresoever thou comest forth, turn thy face towards the Sacred Mosque; for that is indeed the truth from thy Lord.

وَمِنْ حَيْثُ خَرَجْتَ فَوَلِّ وَجْهَكَ
شَطْرَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ ۚ وَإِنَّهُ لَلْحَقُّ

- * 147. Those to whom We have given the Book recognise it *as the truth* even as they recognise their sons, but surely some of them conceal the truth knowingly.

Note: The word *it* primarily refers to the signs of the truth which they witness in the conduct of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him). It is evident that he is a godly person because he displays God's attributes. As they recognise their sons from the signs and imprints of their own character upon them and know them thereby to truly belong to them, so a man of God has to be recognised by the attributes of God which are displayed in his conduct and way of life.

And Allāh is not unmindful of what you do.

مِنْ رَبِّكَ ؕ وَمَا اللَّهُ بِغَافِلٍ عَمَّا
تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٥٠﴾

151. And from wheresoever thou comest forth, turn thy face towards the Sacred Mosque; and wherever you be, turn your faces towards it that people may have no argument against you, except from among those who are unjust—so fear them not, but fear Me—and that I may perfect My favour upon you; and that you may be rightly guided.

وَمِنْ حَيْثُ خَرَجْتَ فَوَلِّ وَجْهَكَ
شَطْرَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ ؕ وَحَيْثُ مَا
كُنْتُمْ فَوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ شَطْرَهُ ۚ لِئَلَّا
يَكُونَ لِلنَّاسِ عَلَيْكُمْ حُجَّةٌ ۖ
إِلَّا الظَّالِمِينَ ظَلَمُوا بِهِمْ ۖ فَلَا تُخْشَوُهُمْ
وَإَخْشَوْنِي ۖ وَلَا تَمِمْ نِعْمَتِي عَلَيْكُمْ
وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٥١﴾

152. Even as We have sent to you a Messenger from among yourselves who recites Our Signs to you, and purifies you, and teaches you the Book and Wisdom, and teaches you that which you did not know.

كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِيكُمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْكُمْ
يَتْلُوا عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِنَا وَيُزَكِّيكُمْ
وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ
وَيُعَلِّمُكُم مَّا لَمْ تَكُونُوا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٥٢﴾

153. Therefore remember Me, and I will remember you; and be thankful to Me and do not be ungrateful to Me.

فَاذْكُرُونِي أَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِي
وَلَا تَكْفُرُونِ ﴿١٥٣﴾

R. 19.

154. O ye who believe! seek help with patience and Prayer; surely, Allāh is with the steadfast.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَعِينُوا
بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ ؕ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ
الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٤﴾

155. And say not of those who are killed in the cause of Allāh that they are dead; nay, they are living; only you perceive not.

وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنْ يُقْتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ
اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتٌ ؕ بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ وَلَكِنْ
لَّا تَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٥٥﴾

156. And We will try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives, and fruits; but give glad tidings to the patient,

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ
وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ
وَالْأَنفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ ؕ وَبَشِّرِ
الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٦﴾

157. Who, when a misfortune overtakes them, say, 'Surely, to Allāh we belong and to Him shall we return.'

الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمْ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا
إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ﴿١٥٧﴾

158. It is these on whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy, and it is these who are rightly guided.

أُولَٰئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ
وَرَحْمَةٌ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٥٨﴾

159. Surely, Aş-Şafā and Al-Marwah are among the Signs of Allāh. It is, therefore, no sin for him who is on pilgrimage to the House, or performs 'Umrah, to go round the two. And whoso does good beyond what is obligatory, surely then, Allāh is Appreciating, All-Knowing.

إِنَّ الصَّفَا وَالْمَرْوَةَ مِن شَعَائِرِ
اللَّهِ ؕ فَمَن حَجَّ الْبَيْتَ أَوِ اعْتَمَرَ
فَلَا جُنَاحَ عَلَيْهِ أَن يَطَّوَّفَ بِهِمَا
وَمَن تَطَوَّعَ خَيْرًا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَاكِرٌ
عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٥٩﴾

160. Those who conceal what We have sent down of Signs and guidance after We have made it clear for the people in the Book, it is these whom Allāh curses; and so curse them those who curse.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْتُمُونَ مَا أَنزَلْنَا مِنَ
الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالْهُدَىٰ مِن بَعْدِ مَا بَيَّنَّاهُ
لِلنَّاسِ فِي الْكِتَابِ ؕ أُولَٰئِكَ يَلْعَنُهُمُ
اللَّهُ وَيَلْعَنُهُمُ اللَّعُنُونَ ﴿١٦٠﴾

161. But they who repent and amend and openly declare *the truth*, it is these to whom I turn with forgiveness, and I am Oft-Returning with compassion and Merciful.

إِلَّا الَّذِينَ تَابُوا وَأَصْلَحُوا وَبَيَّنَّاهُ
فَأُولَٰئِكَ أَتُوبُ عَلَيْهِمْ ؕ وَأَنَا التَّوَّابُ
الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٦١﴾

162. Those who disbelieve and die while they are disbelievers, on

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَمَاتُوا وَهُمْ كُفَّارًا