

23. *Some* say, 'They were three, the fourth was their dog,' and *others* say, 'They were five, the sixth was their dog,' guessing at random. And *yet others* say, 'They were seven, the eighth was their dog.' Say, 'My Lord knows best their number. None knows them except a few.' So argue not concerning them except with arguing *that is* overpowering, nor seek information about them from any one of them.

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24. And say not of anything, 'I am going to do it tomorrow,'

25. Unless Allāh should will. And remember thy Lord when thou forgettest, and say, 'I hope my Lord will guide me to what is even nearer than this to the right path.'

26. And they stayed in their Cave
three hundred years, and added
nine more.

*27. Say, 'Allāh knows best how long they tarried.' To Him belong the secrets of the heavens and the earth. How Seeing is He! and how Hearing! They have no helper beside Him, and He does not let anyone share in His government.

*23. Say, 'My Lord knows best **what their real number was. Very few are those who know regarding them. So do not argue concerning them except for a casual discussion, nor seek information about them from any one of them.**'

*27. Say, 'Allāh knows best how long they tarried *therein*.' To Him belongs the unseen of the heavens and the earth. What a sight He has and what a hearing! There is no friend for them other than He and He does not permit anyone to have a share in His authority.

سَيَقُولُونَ ثَلَاثَةٌ رَّابِعُهُمْ كَلْبُهُمْ
وَيَقُولُونَ خَمْسَةٌ سَادِسُهُمْ كَلْبُهُمْ
رَجْمًا بِالْغَيْبِ ۖ وَيَقُولُونَ سَبْعَةٌ
وَأَثَامُهُمْ كَلْبُهُمْ ۖ قُلْ رَّبِّي أَعْلَمُ
بِعَدَّتِهِمْ مَّا يَعْلَمُهُمْ إِلَّا قَلِيلٌ ۚ فَلَا
تُمَارِ فِيهِمْ إِلَّا مِرَاءً ظَاهِرًا ۖ وَلَا
تَسْتَفْتِ فِيهِمْ مِّنْهُمْ أَحَدًا ۝

وَلَا تَقُولَنَّ لِشَيْءٍ إِنِّي فَاعِلٌ ذَٰلِكَ
غَدًا ۖ (۳۸)

إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ ۚ وَادْكُرْ رَبَّكَ إِذَا
نَسِيتَ وَقُلْ عَسَى أَنْ يَهْدِيَنِي رَبِّي
لَأَقْرَبَ مِنْ هَذَا رَشْدًا ﴿٣٥﴾

وَلَبِثُوا فِي كَهْفِهِمْ ثَلَاثَ مِائَةٍ سِنِينَ
وَأَزْدَادُوا تِسْعًا ﴿٣٩﴾

قُلِ اللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا لَيْسُوا لَهُ غَيْبُ
السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَبْصِرْ بِهِ وَأَسْمِعْ
مَا لَهُمْ مِنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا يُشْرِكُ
فِي حُكْمِهِ أَحَدٌ ﴿٤٧﴾

28. And recite what has been revealed to thee of the Book of thy Lord. There is none who can change His words, and thou wilt find no refuge beside Him.

29. And keep thyself attached to those who call on their Lord, morning and evening, seeking His pleasure; and let not thy eyes pass beyond them, seeking the adornment of the life of the world; and obey not him whose heart We have made heedless of Our remembrance and who follows his evil inclinations, and his case exceeds all bounds.

30. And say, 'It is the truth from your Lord; wherefore let him who will, believe, and let him who will, disbelieve.' Verily, We have prepared for the wrongdoers a fire whose *flaming* canopy shall enclose them. And if they cry for help, they will be helped with water like molten lead which will burn the faces. How dreadful the drink, and how evil is *the Fire* as a resting place!

31. Verily, those who believe and do good works—surely, We suffer not the reward of those who do good works to be lost.

32. It is these who will have Gardens of Eternity beneath which streams shall flow. They will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold and will wear green garments of fine silk and heavy brocade, reclining therein upon raised

وَ أَتْلُ مَا أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ كِتَابِ رَبِّكَ ۚ لَا مُبَدِّلَ لِكَلِمَاتِهِ ۚ وَ لَنْ تَجِدَ مِنْ دُونِهِ مُلْتَحَدًا ﴿٢٨﴾

وَأَصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ
رَبَّهُم بِالْعَدْوَةِ وَالْعَشِيِّ يُرِيدُونَ
وَجْهَهُ وَلَا تَعْدُ عَيْنُكَ عَنْهُمْ تُرِيدُ
زِينَةَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَلَا تَطْعَمْ مِنْ
أَعْمَلْنَا قُلُوبَهُ عَنْ ذِكْرِنَا وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ
وَكَانَ أَمْرُهُ فُرُطًا ﴿١٩﴾

وَقُلِ الْحَقُّ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ ۖ فَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُؤْمِنْ وَمَنْ شَاءَ فَلْيُكْفُرْ ۚ إِنَّآ أَعْتَدْنَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ نَارًا ۖ أَحَاطَ بِهِمْ سُرَادِقُهَا ۚ وَإِنْ يَسْتَغِيثُوا يُعَاثُوا بِمَاءٍ كَالْمُهْلِ يَشْوِي الْوُجُوهَ ۚ بِئْسَ الشَّرَابُ ۚ وَسَاءَتْ مُرْتَفَقًا ﴿٥٠﴾

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ
إِنَّا لَنُضِيعُ أَجْرَ مَنْ أَحْسَنَ عَمَلًا ﴿٣١﴾

أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ جَنَّتٌ عَذْنٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ
تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ يُحَلَّونَ فِيهَا مِنْ أَسَاوِرَ
مِنْ ذَهَبٍ وَ يَلْبَسُونَ ثِيَابًا خُضْرًا
مِّن سُنْدُسٍ وَ اسْتَبْرَقٍ مُّتَّكِنِينَ

