

and Thou abasest whomsoever Thou pleasest. In Thy hand is all good. Thou surely hast power to do all things.

28. 'Thou makest the night pass into the day and makest the day pass into the night. And Thou bringest forth the living from the dead and bringest forth the dead from the living. And Thou givest to whomsoever Thou pleasest without measure.'

29. Let not the believers take disbelievers for friends in preference to believers—and whoever does that has no connection with Allāh—except that you \*cautiously guard against them. And Allāh cautions you against His punishment; and to Allāh is the returning.

30. Say, 'Whether you conceal what is in your breasts or reveal it, Allāh knows it; and He knows whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. And Allāh has power to do all things.'

31. *Beware of the Day* when every soul shall find itself confronted with *all* the good it has done and *all* the evil it has done. It will wish there were a great distance between it and that *evil*. And Allāh cautions you against His punishment. And

\* 29. **Note:** The Arabic words *yuhadhhdhiru kumullāhu nafsāhu* (يُحَذِّرُكُمُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ) literally means that 'Allāh cautions you against Himself,' which means that He cautions you against taking liberties regarding His commands and dictates.

إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٢٤﴾

تُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَتُولِجُ  
النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ ۖ وَتُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ  
الْمَيِّتِ وَتُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ ۚ  
وَتَرْزُقُ مَن تَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ﴿٢٥﴾

لَا يَتَّخِذِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الْكَافِرِينَ  
أَوْلِيَاءَ مِن دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۚ وَمَن  
يَفْعَلْ ذَٰلِكَ فَلَيْسَ مِنَ اللَّهِ فِي  
شَيْءٍ إِلَّا أَن تَتَّقُوا مِنْهُمْ تُقَاةً ۚ  
وَيُحَذِّرُكُمُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ  
الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٢٦﴾

قُلْ إِن تَخْفُوا مَا فِي صُدُورِكُمْ  
أَوْ تُبْدُوهُ يَعْلَمُهُ اللَّهُ ۚ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي  
السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ وَاللَّهُ عَلَىٰ  
كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٢٧﴾

يَوْمَ تَجِدُ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ  
خَيْرٍ مُّحْضَرًا ۖ وَمَا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ سُوءٍ  
تَوَدُّ لَوْ أَنَّ بَيْنَهَا وَبَيْنَهُ أَمَدًا  
بَعِيدًا ۚ وَيُحَذِّرُكُمُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ ۚ

Allāh is Most Compassionate to His servants.

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وَاللَّهُ رَءُوفٌ بِالْعِبَادِ ﴿٣١﴾

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32. Say, ‘If you love Allāh, follow me: *then* will Allāh love you and forgive you your faults. And Allāh is Most Forgiving, Merciful.’

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٣٢﴾

33. Say, ‘Obey Allāh and the Messenger;’ but if they turn away, then *remember that* Allāh loves not the disbelievers.

قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ ۚ فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾

34. Allāh did choose Adam and Noah and the family of Abraham and the family of ‘Imran above all peoples —

إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَىٰ آدَمَ وَنُوحًا وَآلَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَآلَ عِمْرَانَ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾

35. A race, co-related with one another. And Allāh is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

ذُرِّيَّةً بَعْضُهَا مِنْ بَعْضٍ ۗ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٣٥﴾

36. *Remember* when the woman of ‘Imrān said, ‘My Lord, I have vowed to Thee what is in my womb to be dedicated to Thy service. So do accept *it* of me; verily, Thou alone art All-Hearing, All-Knowing.’

إِذْ قَالَتِ امْرَأَتُ عِمْرَانَ رَبِّ إِنِّي نَذَرْتُ لَكَ مَا فِي بَطْنِي مُحَرَّرًا فَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي ۚ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٣٦﴾

\*37. But when she was delivered of it, she said, ‘My Lord, I am delivered of a female’—and Allāh knew best what she had brought forth and the male *she was thinking of* was not like the female *she had brought forth*—‘and I have named her Mary, and I commit her and her offspring to Thy protection from Satan, the rejected.’

فَلَمَّا وَضَعَتْهَا قَالَتْ رَبِّ إِنِّي وَضَعْتُهَا أُنْثَىٰ ۗ وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا وَضَعْتَ ۗ وَلَيْسَ الذَّكَرُ كَالْأُنْثَىٰ ۚ وَإِنِّي سَمَّيْتُهَا مَرْيَمَ ۚ وَإِنِّي أُعِيذُهَا بِكَ وَذُرِّيَّتَهَا مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ﴿٣٧﴾

\*37. But when she was delivered of it, she said, ‘My Lord, I am delivered of a female’—**while** Allāh **knows** best what she had **delivered** and the male she was *thinking of* was not like the female *she had brought forth* — ...

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38. So her Lord accepted her with a gracious acceptance and caused her to grow an excellent growth and made Zachariah her guardian. Whenever Zachariah visited her in the chamber, he found with her provisions. He said, ‘O Mary, whence hast thou this?’ She replied, ‘It is from Allāh.’ Surely, Allāh gives to whomsoever He pleases without measure.

فَتَقَبَّلَهَا رَبُّهَا بِقَبُولٍ حَسَنٍ  
وَأَنْبَتَهَا نَبَاتًا حَسَنًا ۖ وَكَفَّلَهَا  
زَكَرِيَّا ۖ كُلَّمَا دَخَلَ عَلَيْهَا زَكَرِيَّا  
الْمِحْرَابَ ۖ وَجَدَ عِنْدَهَا رِزْقًا ۚ قَالَ  
يَمْرُئِمُ أَتَىٰ لَكَ هَٰذَا ۖ قَالَتْ هُوَ مِنْ  
عِنْدِ اللَّهِ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ  
بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ﴿٣٨﴾

39. There *and then* did Zachariah pray to his Lord, saying, ‘My Lord, grant me from Thyself pure offspring; surely, Thou art the Hearer of prayer.’

هُنَالِكَ دَعَا زَكَرِيَّا رَبَّهُ ۖ قَالَ رَبِّ  
هَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ ذُرِّيَّةً طَيِّبَةً ۚ  
إِنَّكَ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ ﴿٣٩﴾

40. And the angels called to him as he stood praying in the chamber: ‘Allāh gives thee glad tidings of Yahyāḏ, who shall testify to the truth of a word from Allāh—noble and chaste and a Prophet, from among the righteous.’

فَنَادَتْهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَهُوَ قَائِمٌ يُصَلِّي فِي  
الْمِحْرَابِ ۖ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُبَشِّرُكَ بِيَحْيَىٰ  
مُصَدِّقًا بِكَلِمَةٍ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَسَيِّدًا  
وَخَصُورًا ۚ وَنَبِيًّا مِّنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾

41. He said, ‘My Lord, how shall I have a son, when age has overtaken me, and my wife is barren?’ He answered, ‘Such is *the way of* Allāh: He does what He pleases.’

قَالَ رَبِّ أَنَّىٰ يَكُونُ لِي غُلَامٌ وَقَدْ  
بَلَغَنِيَ الْكِبَرُ وَامْرَأَتِي عَاقِرٌ ۖ قَالَ  
كَذَٰلِكَ اللَّهُ يَفْعَلُ مَا يَشَاءُ ﴿٤١﴾

42. He said, ‘My Lord, appoint a token for me.’ He replied, ‘Thy token shall be that thou shalt not speak to men for three days except by signs. And remember thy Lord much and glorify Him in the evening and in the early morning.’

قَالَ رَبِّ اجْعَلْ لِّي آيَةً ۖ قَالَ آيَتُكَ  
أَلَّا تُكَلِّمَ النَّاسَ ثَلَاثَةَ أَيَّامٍ إِلَّا  
رَمْزًا ۚ وَادْكُرْ رَبَّكَ كَثِيرًا وَسَبِّحْ  
بِالْعَشِيِّ وَالْإِبْكَارِ ﴿٤٢﴾

† John.