A Jahmiyah belief taught to some amongst Ahlus Sunnah

Shaykh Uthaymeen may Allah have mercy upon him said in his explanation of Soorah Al Kahf:

'And your Lord treats no one with injustice' (Soorah Al Kahf 18:49)

Tayyib, your Lord treats no one with injustice. **We say:** this is due to the perfection of His justice. **But the Jahmiyah say: He does not oppress because it is inconceivable for Him to oppress.** Not that He is able to oppress but He doesn't rather they say it is inconceivable for Him to oppress. How is this? They say: 'because everything is the creation of Allah, it all belongs to Allah. Thus because they all belong to Allah, if He punished the doer of good then He has punished what He owns. So there is no oppression. He can do with His creation what He wills. **But this statement of theirs is false.**

This is because Allah the Exalted has promised the doers of good a reward and the doers of evil a punishment. Then if the person does righteous actions and he is punished, and the sinner commits evil and is rewarded, then the least which can be said — and Allah is far above this — is that He broke His promise. This is the least which can be said. And no doubt this negates justice and truthfulness.

We say to them: Verily Allah the Exalted said in a hadith Qudsi:

O My slaves verily I have made oppression unlawful for Myself.

And this proves He has the ability to do so, but He prohibited it from Himself due to His complete justice. Thus we say Allah does not oppress anyone due to the completeness of His justice, not because oppression is not possible as it relates to Him; as the Jahmiyah say.

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