

59. If only they had been satisfied with what Allāh and His Messenger gave them and said, "Sufficient for us is Allāh; Allāh will give us of His bounty, and [so will] His Messenger; indeed, we are desirous toward Allāh,"⁴⁴⁹ [it would have been better for them].
60. Zakāh expenditures are only for the poor and for the needy and for those employed for it⁴⁵⁰ and for bringing hearts together [for Islām] and for freeing captives [or slaves] and for those in debt and for the cause of Allāh and for the [stranded] traveler – an obligation [imposed] by Allāh. And Allāh is Knowing and Wise.
61. And among them are those who abuse the Prophet and say, "He is an ear."⁴⁵¹ Say, "[It is] an ear of goodness for you that believes in Allāh and believes the believers and [is] a mercy to those who believe among you." And those who abuse the Messenger of Allāh – for them is a painful punishment.
62. They swear by Allāh to you [Muslims] to satisfy you. But Allāh and His Messenger are more worthy for them to satisfy, if they should be believers.
63. Do they not know that whoever opposes Allāh and His Messenger – that for him is the fire of Hell, wherein he will abide eternally? That is the great disgrace.
64. The hypocrites are apprehensive lest a sūrah be revealed about them, informing them of⁴⁵² what is in their hearts. Say, "Mock [as you wish]; indeed, Allāh will expose that which you fear."
65. And if you ask them, they will surely say, "We were only conversing and playing." Say, "Is it Allāh and His verses and His Messenger that you were mocking?"

⁴⁴⁹ Meaning "We desire Allāh and His grace and acceptance," or "We desire whatever Allāh wills to give us of His bounty."

⁴⁵⁰ By the state to collect, guard and distribute the zakāh.

⁴⁵¹ i.e., one who believes everything he hears.

⁴⁵² i.e., exposing the truth about.

66. Make no excuse; you have disbelieved [i.e., rejected faith] after your belief. If We pardon one faction of you – We will punish another faction because they were criminals.
67. The hypocrite men and hypocrite women are of one another. They enjoin what is wrong and forbid what is right and close their hands.⁴⁵³ They have forgotten Allāh, so He has forgotten them [accordingly]. Indeed, the hypocrites – it is they who are the defiantly disobedient.
68. Allāh has promised the hypocrite men and hypocrite women and the disbelievers the fire of Hell, wherein they will abide eternally. It is sufficient for them. And Allāh has cursed them, and for them is an enduring punishment.
69. [You disbelievers are] like those before you; they were stronger than you in power and more abundant in wealth and children. They enjoyed their portion [of worldly enjoyment], and you have enjoyed your portion as those before you enjoyed their portion, and you have engaged [in vanities] like that in which they engaged. [It is] those whose deeds have become worthless in this world and in the Hereafter, and it is they who are the losers.
70. Has there not reached them the news of those before them – the people of Noah and [the tribes of] ‘Aad and Thamūd and the people of Abraham and the companions [i.e., dwellers] of Madyan and the towns overturned?⁴⁵⁴ Their messengers came to them with clear proofs. And Allāh would never have wronged them, but they were wronging themselves.
71. The believing men and believing women are allies of one another. They enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and establish prayer and give zakāh and obey Allāh and His Messenger. Those – Allāh will have mercy upon them. Indeed, Allāh is Exalted in Might and Wise.

⁴⁵³i.e., refuse to spend in the way of Allāh.

⁴⁵⁴i.e., those to which Lot was sent and which earned for themselves Allāh's punishment. See 11:82-83.