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- 118. And [He also forgave] the three who were left alone [i.e., boycotted, and then regretted their error] to the point that the earth closed in on them in spite of its vastness⁴⁶⁴ and their souls confined [i.e., anguished] them and they were certain that there is no refuge from Allāh except in Him. Then He turned to them so they could repent. Indeed, Allāh is the Accepting of repentance, the Merciful.
- 119. O you who have believed, fear Allāh and be with those who are true.
- 120. It was not [proper] for the people of Madīnah and those surrounding them of the bedouins that they remain behind after [the departure of] the Messenger of Allāh or that they prefer themselves over his self.⁴⁶⁵ That is because they are not afflicted by thirst or fatigue or hunger in the cause of Allāh, nor do they tread on any ground that enrages the disbelievers, nor do they inflict upon an enemy any infliction but that it is registered for them as a righteous deed. Indeed, Allāh does not allow to be lost the reward of the doers of good.
- 121. Nor do they spend an expenditure, small or large, or cross a valley but that it is registered for them that Allāh may reward them for the best of what they were doing.
- 122. And it is not for the believers to go forth [to battle] all at once. For there should separate from every division of them a group [remaining] to obtain understanding in the religion and warn [i.e., advise] their people when they return to them that they might be cautious.
- 123. O you who have believed, fight those adjacent to you of the disbelievers and let them find in you harshness. And know that Allāh is with the righteous.
- 124. And whenever a sūrah is revealed, there are among them [i.e., the hypocrites] those who say, "Which of you has this

⁴⁶⁴ Thus it seemed to them in their extreme distress.

⁴⁶⁵ In times of hardship. Rather, they should have been willing to endure with the Prophet (ﷺ) whatever was necessary for Islām.

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increased in faith?" As for those who believed, it has increased them in faith, while they are rejoicing.

- 125. But as for those in whose hearts is disease, it has [only] increased them in evil [in addition] to their evil.⁴⁶⁶ And they will have died while they are disbelievers.
- 126. Do they not see that they are tried every year once or twice but then they do not repent nor do they remember?
- 127. And whenever a sūrah is revealed, they look at each other, [saying], "Does anyone see you?" and then they dismiss themselves. Allāh has dismissed their hearts because they are a people who do not understand.
- 128. There has certainly come to you a Messenger from among yourselves. Grievous to him is what you suffer; [he is] concerned over you [i.e., your guidance] and to the believers is kind and merciful.
- 129. But if they turn away, [O Muḥammad], say, "Sufficient for me is Allāh; there is no deity except Him. On Him I have relied, and He is the Lord of the Great Throne."

⁴⁶⁶Literally, "filth," i.e., disbelief and hypocrisy.