

and argue with them in a way that is best. Indeed, your Lord is most knowing of who has strayed from His way, and He is most knowing of who is [rightly] guided.

126. And if you punish [an enemy, O believers], punish with an equivalent of that with which you were harmed.⁶⁶⁶ But if you are patient – it is better for those who are patient.
127. And be patient, [O Muḥammad], and your patience is not but through Allāh. And do not grieve over them and do not be in distress over what they conspire.
128. Indeed, Allāh is with those who fear Him and those who are doers of good.

⁶⁶⁶Not exceeding it.

*Sūrah al-Isrā'*⁶⁶⁷

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. Exalted⁶⁶⁸ is He who took His Servant [i.e., Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ)] by night from al-Masjid al-Ḥarām to al-Masjid al-Aqṣā,⁶⁶⁹ whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Seeing.
2. And We gave Moses the Scripture and made it a guidance for the Children of Israel that you not take other than Me as Disposer of affairs,⁶⁷⁰
3. O descendants of those We carried [in the ship] with Noah. Indeed, he was a grateful servant.
4. And We conveyed⁶⁷¹ to the Children of Israel in the Scripture that, "You will surely cause corruption on the earth twice, and you will surely reach [a degree of] great haughtiness."
5. So when the [time of] promise came for the first of them,⁶⁷² We sent against you servants of Ours – those of great military might, and they probed [even] into the homes,⁶⁷³ and it was a promise fulfilled.
6. Then We gave back to you a return victory over them. And We reinforced you with wealth and sons and made you more numerous in manpower
7. [And said], "If you do good, you do good for yourselves; and if you do evil, [you do it] to them [i.e., yourselves]." Then when

⁶⁶⁷ *Al-Isrā'*: The Night Journey. The *sūrah* is also known as *Banī Isrā'eel* (The Children of Israel).

⁶⁶⁸ Above any imperfection or failure to do as He wills.

⁶⁶⁹ In Jerusalem.

⁶⁷⁰ i.e., trust in Allāh, knowing that He (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*) is responsible for every occurrence.

⁶⁷¹ Foretold out of divine knowledge of what they would do.

⁶⁷² i.e., the promised punishment for the first of their two transgressions.

⁶⁷³ Violating their sanctity, to kill and plunder.