

34. And he had fruit, so he said to his companion while he was conversing with him, "I am greater than you in wealth and mightier in [numbers of] men."
35. And he entered his garden while he was unjust to himself.<sup>730</sup> He said, "I do not think that this will perish – ever."
36. And I do not think the Hour will occur. And even if I should be brought back to my Lord, I will surely find better than this as a return."
37. His companion said to him while he was conversing with him, "Have you disbelieved in He who created you from dust and then from a sperm-drop and then proportioned you [as] a man?"
38. But as for me, He is Allāh, my Lord, and I do not associate with my Lord anyone.
39. And why did you, when you entered your garden, not say, 'What Allāh willed [has occurred]; there is no power except in Allāh'? Although you see me less than you in wealth and children,
40. It may be that my Lord will give me [something] better than your garden and will send upon it a calamity from the sky, and it will become a smooth, dusty ground,
41. Or its water will become sunken [into the earth], so you would never be able to seek it."
42. And his fruits were encompassed [by ruin], so he began to turn his hands about [in dismay] over what he had spent on it, while it had collapsed upon its trellises, and said, "Oh, I wish I had not associated with my Lord anyone."<sup>731</sup>
43. And there was for him no company to aid him other than Allāh, nor could he defend himself.
44. There<sup>732</sup> the authority is [completely] for Allāh, the Truth. He is best in reward and best in outcome.

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<sup>730</sup> i.e., proud and ungrateful to Allāh.

<sup>731</sup> He attributed his prosperity to himself rather than to Allāh and disbelieved in the account of the Hereafter.

<sup>732</sup> i.e., at such a time or on the Day of Judgement.

45. And present to them the example of the life of this world, [its being] like rain which We send down from the sky, and the vegetation of the earth mingles with it<sup>733</sup> and [then] it becomes dry remnants, scattered by the winds. And Allāh is ever, over all things, Perfect in Ability.
46. Wealth and children are [but] adornment of the worldly life. But the enduring good deeds are better to your Lord<sup>734</sup> for reward and better for [one's] hope.
47. And [warn of] the Day when We will remove the mountains and you will see the earth prominent,<sup>735</sup> and We will gather them and not leave behind from them anyone.
48. And they will be presented before your Lord in rows, [and He will say], "You have certainly come to Us just as We created you the first time. But you claimed that We would never make for you an appointment."
49. And the record [of deeds] will be placed [open], and you will see the criminals fearful of that within it, and they will say, "Oh, woe to us! What is this book that leaves nothing small or great except that it has enumerated it?" And they will find what they did present [before them]. And your Lord does injustice to no one.
50. And [mention] when We said to the angels, "Prostrate to Adam," and they prostrated, except for Iblees. He was of the jinn and departed from [i.e., disobeyed] the command of his Lord. Then will you take him and his descendants as allies other than Me while they are enemies to you? Wretched it is for the wrongdoers as an exchange.
51. I did not make them witness to the creation of the heavens and the earth or to the creation of themselves, and I would not have taken the misguiders as assistants.

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<sup>733</sup> Absorbs it, growing lush and thick.

<sup>734</sup> i.e., in His sight or evaluation.

<sup>735</sup> i.e., bare and exposed.