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- That⁸⁷⁴ is because Allah causes the night to enter the day and 61 causes the day to enter the night and because Allah is Hearing and Seeing.
- 62. That is because Allah is the Truth, and that which they call upon other than Him is falsehood, and because Allah is the Most High, the Grand.
- 63. Do you not see that Allāh has sent down rain from the sky and the earth becomes green? Indeed, Allah is Subtle and Acquainted.875
- 64. To Him belongs what is in the heavens and what is on the earth. And indeed. Allāh is the Free of need, the Praiseworthy,
- Do you not see that Allah has subjected to you whatever is on 65. the earth and the ships which run through the sea by His command? And He restrains the sky from falling upon the earth, unless by His permission. Indeed Allah, to the people, is Kind and Merciful
- 66. And He is the one who gave you life; then He causes you to die and then will [again] give you life. Indeed, mankind is ungrateful.
- 67. For every religion We have appointed rites which they perform. So, [O Muhammad], let them [i.e., the disbelievers] not contend with you over the matter but invite them to your Lord. Indeed, you are upon straight guidance.
- 68. And if they dispute with you, then say, "Allah is most knowing of what you do.
- Allāh will judge between you on the Day of Resurrection 69. concerning that over which you used to differ."
- 70. Do you not know that Allah knows what is in the heaven and

 $^{^{873}}$ In spite of His ability to take vengeance. The statement contains a suggestion that the believers pardon as well. 874.e., Allāh's capability to give assistance or victory to the oppressed.

⁸⁷⁵With His creation and with the needs of His creatures.

earth? Indeed, that is in a Record.^{876} Indeed that, for Allāh, is easy.

- 71. And they worship besides Allāh that for which He has not sent down authority and that of which they have no knowledge. And there will not be for the wrongdoers any helper.
- 72. And when Our verses are recited to them as clear evidences, you recognize in the faces of those who disbelieve disapproval. They are almost on the verge of assaulting those who recite to them Our verses. Say, "Then shall I inform you of [what is] worse than that?⁸⁷⁷ [It is] the Fire which Allāh has promised those who disbelieve, and wretched is the destination."
- 73. O people, an example is presented, so listen to it. Indeed, those you invoke besides Allāh will never create [as much as] a fly, even if they gathered together for it [i.e., that purpose]. And if the fly should steal from them a [tiny] thing, they could not recover it from him. Weak are the pursuer and pursued.⁸⁷⁸
- 74. They have not appraised Allāh with true appraisal.⁸⁷⁹ Indeed, Allāh is Powerful and Exalted in Might.
- Allāh chooses from the angels messengers and from the people. Indeed, Allāh is Hearing and Seeing.
- 76. He knows what is [presently] before them and what will be after them.⁸⁸⁰ And to Allāh will be returned [all] matters.
- 77. O you who have believed, bow and prostrate and worship your Lord and do good that you may succeed.
- 78. And strive for Allāh with the striving due to Him. He has chosen you and has not placed upon you in the religion any

⁸⁷⁶ The Preserved Slate (al-Lawh al-Mahfūth), which is with Allāh.

⁸⁷⁷ i.e., worse than the rage you feel against those who recite Allāh's verses 878 or worse than your threats against them.

 ⁸⁷⁸A comparison is made here to the worshipper of a false deity and that
⁸⁷⁹Which he worships.
⁸⁷⁹They have not assessed Him with the assessment due to Him, meaning

⁸⁷⁵They have not assessed Him with the assessment due to Him, meaning conthat they did not take into account His perfect attributes.

⁸⁸⁰See footnote to 2:255.