

the heavens and the earth and [by] the birds with wings spread [in flight]? Each [of them] has known his [means of] prayer and exalting [Him], and Allāh is Knowing of what they do.

42. And to Allāh belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and to Allāh is the destination.
43. Do you not see that Allāh drives clouds? Then He brings them together; then He makes them into a mass, and you see the rain emerge from within it. And He sends down from the sky, mountains [of clouds] within which is hail, and He strikes with it whom He wills and averts it from whom He wills. The flash of its lightning almost takes away the eyesight.
44. Allāh alternates the night and the day. Indeed in that is a lesson for those who have vision.
45. Allāh has created every [living] creature from water. And of them are those that move on their bellies, and of them are those that walk on two legs, and of them are those that walk on four. Allāh creates what He wills. Indeed, Allāh is over all things competent.
46. We have certainly sent down distinct verses. And Allāh guides whom He wills to a straight path.
47. But they [i.e., the hypocrites] say, "We have believed in Allāh and in the Messenger, and we obey"; then a party of them turns away after that. And those are not believers.
48. And when they are called to [the words of] Allāh and His Messenger to judge between them, at once a party of them turns aside [in refusal].
49. But if the right is theirs, they come to him in prompt obedience.
50. Is there disease in their hearts? Or have they doubted? Or do they fear that Allāh will be unjust to them, or His Messenger? Rather, it is they who are the wrongdoers [i.e., the unjust].
51. The only statement of the [true] believers when they are called to Allāh and His Messenger to judge between them is that they say, "We hear and we obey." And those are the successful.

52. And whoever obeys Allāh and His Messenger and fears Allāh and is conscious of Him – it is those who are the attainers.
53. And they swear by Allāh their strongest oaths that if you ordered them, they would go forth [in Allāh's cause]. Say, "Do not swear. [Such] obedience is known.⁹³² Indeed, Allāh is Acquainted with that which you do."
54. Say, "Obey Allāh and obey the Messenger; but if you turn away – then upon him is only that [duty] with which he has been charged, and upon you is that with which you have been charged. And if you obey him, you will be [rightly] guided. And there is not upon the Messenger except the [responsibility for] clear notification."
55. Allāh has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession [to authority] upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves⁹³³ after that – then those are the defiantly disobedient.
56. And establish prayer and give zakāh and obey the Messenger – that you may receive mercy.
57. Never think that the disbelievers are causing failure [to Allāh] upon the earth. Their refuge will be the Fire – and how wretched the destination.
58. O you who have believed, let those whom your right hands possess and those who have not [yet] reached puberty among you ask permission of you [before entering] at three times: before the dawn prayer and when you put aside your clothing [for rest] at noon and after the night prayer. [These are] three times of privacy⁹³⁴ for you. There is no blame upon you nor upon

⁹³²i.e., the hypocrites' pretense of obedience is known to be a lie.

⁹³³i.e., denies the favor of Allāh or does not live by His ordinance.

⁹³⁴Literally, "exposure" or "being uncovered."