

*Sūrah al-‘Ankabūt*¹⁰⁵¹

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. Alif, Lām, Meem.¹⁰⁵²
2. Do the people think that they will be left to say, "We believe" and they will not be tried?
3. But We have certainly tried those before them, and Allāh will surely make evident those who are truthful, and He will surely make evident the liars.
4. Or do those who do evil deeds think they can outrun [i.e., escape] Us? Evil is what they judge.
5. Whoever should hope for the meeting with Allāh – indeed, the term [decreed by] Allāh is coming. And He is the Hearing, the Knowing.
6. And whoever strives only strives for [the benefit of] himself. Indeed, Allāh is Free from need of the worlds.
7. And those who believe and do righteous deeds – We will surely remove from them their misdeeds and will surely reward them according to the best of what they used to do.
8. And We have enjoined upon man goodness to parents. But if they endeavor to make you associate with Me that of which you have no knowledge,¹⁰⁵³ do not obey them. To Me is your return, and I will inform you about what you used to do.
9. And those who believe and do righteous deeds – We will surely admit them among the righteous [into Paradise].
10. And of the people are some who say, "We believe in Allāh," but when one [of them] is harmed for [the cause of] Allāh, they consider the trial [i.e., harm] of the people as [if it were]

¹⁰⁵¹ *Al-‘Ankabūt*: The Spider.

¹⁰⁵² See footnote to 2:1.

¹⁰⁵³ i.e., no knowledge of its divinity. There can be no knowledge about something which is non-existent or untrue.

the punishment of Allāh. But if victory comes from your Lord, they say, "Indeed, We were with you." Is not Allāh most knowing of what is within the breasts of the worlds [i.e., all creatures]?

11. And Allāh will surely make evident those who believe, and He will surely make evident the hypocrites.
12. And those who disbelieve say to those who believe, "Follow our way, and we will carry your sins."¹⁰⁵⁴ But they will not carry anything of their sins. Indeed, they are liars.
13. But they will surely carry their [own] burdens and [other] burdens along with their burdens,¹⁰⁵⁵ and they will surely be questioned on the Day of Resurrection about what they used to invent.
14. And We certainly sent Noah to his people, and he remained among them a thousand years minus fifty years, and the flood seized them while they were wrongdoers.
15. But We saved him and the companions of the ship, and We made it¹⁰⁵⁶ a sign for the worlds.
16. And [We sent] Abraham, when he said to his people, "Worship Allāh and fear Him. That is best for you, if you should know.
17. You only worship, besides Allāh, idols, and you produce a falsehood. Indeed, those you worship besides Allāh do not possess for you [the power of] provision. So seek from Allāh provision and worship Him and be grateful to Him. To Him you will be returned."
18. And if you [people] deny [the message] – already nations before you have denied. And there is not upon the Messenger except [the duty of] clear notification.¹⁰⁵⁷

¹⁰⁵⁴The phrase may also read: "and let us carry your sins," i.e., the responsibility for your sins.

¹⁰⁵⁵Besides their own sins, they will carry those of the people they misled, although it will not lessen the burden of the latter.

¹⁰⁵⁶i.e., the ship, the event or the story.

¹⁰⁵⁷Commentators have differed over this verse – whether it is a continuation of the words of Prophet Abraham or words of comfort given by Allāh to Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ), which according to context seems more likely.