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22. And when the believers saw the companies, they said, "This is what Allāh and His Messenger had promised us, and Allāh and His Messenger spoke the truth." And it increased them only in faith and acceptance.

- 23. Among the believers are men true to what they promised Allāh. Among them is he who has fulfilled his vow [to the death], and among them is he who awaits [his chance]. And they did not alter [the terms of their commitment] by any alteration –
- 24. That Allāh may reward the truthful for their truth and punish the hypocrites if He wills or accept their repentance. Indeed, Allāh is ever Forgiving and Merciful.
- 25. And Allāh repelled those who disbelieved, in their rage, not having obtained any good. And sufficient was Allāh for the believers in battle, and ever is Allāh Powerful and Exalted in Might.
- 26. And He brought down those who supported them among the People of the Scripture<sup>1116</sup> from their fortresses and cast terror into their hearts [so that] a party [i.e., their men] you killed, and you took captive a party [i.e., the women and children].
- 27. And He caused you to inherit their land and their homes and their properties and a land which you have not trodden. And ever is Allāh, over all things, competent.
- 28. O Prophet, say to your wives, "If you should desire the worldly life and its adornment, then come, I will provide for you and give you a gracious release.
- But if you should desire Allāh and His Messenger and the home of the Hereafter – then indeed, Allāh has prepared for the doers of good among you a great reward."
- O wives of the Prophet, whoever of you should commit a clear immorality – for her the punishment would be doubled two fold, and ever is that, for Allāh, easy.

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 $<sup>\</sup>frac{1116}{1117}$ The Jews of Banū Quraythah, who had violated their treaty with the Muslims.

<sup>1117</sup> i.e., that taken in subsequent conquests.

31. And whoever of you devoutly obeys Allāh and His Messenger and does righteousness – We will give her her reward twice; and We have prepared for her a noble provision.

- 32. O wives of the Prophet, you are not like anyone among women. If you fear Allāh, then do not be soft in speech [to men], li18 lest he in whose heart is disease should covet, but speak with appropriate speech.
- 33. And abide in your houses and do not display yourselves as [was] the display of the former times of ignorance. And establish prayer and give zakāh and obey Allāh and His Messenger. Allāh intends only to remove from you the impurity [of sin], O people of the [Prophet's] household, and to purify you with [extensive] purification.
- 34. And remember what is recited in your houses of the verses of Allāh and wisdom.<sup>1119</sup> Indeed, Allāh is ever Subtle and Acquainted [with all things].
- 35. Indeed, the Muslim men and Muslim women, the believing men and believing women, the obedient men and obedient women, the truthful men and truthful women, the patient men and patient women, the humble men and humble women, the charitable men and charitable women, the fasting men and fasting women, the men who guard their private parts and the women who do so, and the men who remember Allāh often and the women who do so for them Allāh has prepared forgiveness and a great reward.
- 36. It is not for a believing man or a believing woman, when Allāh and His Messenger have decided a matter, that they should [thereafter] have any choice about their affair. And whoever disobeys Allāh and His Messenger has certainly strayed into clear error.

<sup>1118</sup> The meaning has also been given as "You are not like any among women if you fear Allāh. So do not be soft in speech..."

The teachings of the Prophet ( ) or his *sunnah*.