

37. And [remember, O Muḥammad], when you said to the one on whom Allāh bestowed favor and you bestowed favor,¹¹²⁰ "Keep your wife and fear Allāh," while you concealed within yourself that which Allāh is to disclose.¹¹²¹ And you feared the people,¹¹²² while Allāh has more right that you fear Him.¹¹²³ So when Zayd had no longer any need for her, We married her to you in order that there not be upon the believers any discomfort [i.e., guilt] concerning the wives of their claimed [i.e., adopted] sons when they no longer have need of them. And ever is the command [i.e., decree] of Allāh accomplished.
38. There is not to be upon the Prophet any discomfort concerning that which Allāh has imposed upon him.¹¹²⁴ [This is] the established way of Allāh with those [prophets] who have passed on before. And ever is the command of Allāh a destiny decreed.
39. [Allāh praises] those who convey the messages of Allāh¹¹²⁵ and fear Him and do not fear anyone but Allāh. And sufficient is Allāh as Accountant.
40. Muḥammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allāh and seal [i.e., last] of the prophets. And ever is Allāh, of all things, Knowing.
41. O you who have believed, remember Allāh with much remembrance
42. And exalt Him morning and afternoon.

¹¹²⁰Referring to the Prophet's freed slave, Zayd bin Ḥārithah.

¹¹²¹i.e., Allāh's command to the Prophet (ﷺ) to marry Zaynab after Zayd divorced her. This was to demonstrate that a man may marry a woman formerly married to his adopted son.

¹¹²²i.e., feared their saying that the Prophet (ﷺ) had married the (former) wife of his son (which is prohibited by Allāh in the case of a true, begotten son).

¹¹²³By making known His command.

¹¹²⁴Or permitted to him.

¹¹²⁵i.e., the prophets (peace be upon them all) and after them, the followers of the final prophet, Muḥammad (ﷺ), who honestly convey Allāh's message to the people.

43. It is He who confers blessing upon you,¹¹²⁶ and His angels [ask Him to do so] that He may bring you out from darknesses into the light. And ever is He, to the believers, Merciful.
44. Their greeting the Day they meet Him will be, "Peace." And He has prepared for them a noble reward.
45. O Prophet, indeed We have sent you as a witness and a bringer of good tidings and a warner
46. And one who invites to Allāh, by His permission, and an illuminating lamp.
47. And give good tidings to the believers that they will have from Allāh great bounty.
48. And do not obey the disbelievers and the hypocrites but do not harm them, and rely upon Allāh. And sufficient is Allāh as Disposer of affairs.
49. O you who have believed, when you marry believing women and then divorce them before you have touched them [i.e., consummated the marriage], then there is not for you any waiting period to count concerning them. So provide for them and give them a gracious release.
50. O Prophet, indeed We have made lawful to you your wives to whom you have given their due compensation¹¹²⁷ and those your right hand possesses from what Allāh has returned to you [of captives] and the daughters of your paternal uncles and the daughters of your paternal aunts and the daughters of your maternal uncles and the daughters of your maternal aunts who emigrated with you and a believing woman if she gives herself to the Prophet [and] if the Prophet wishes to marry her; [this is] only for you, excluding the [other] believers. We certainly know what We have made obligatory upon them

¹¹²⁶ i.e., Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*) cares for you and covers you with His mercy. An additional meaning is that He praises you in the presence of the angels.

¹¹²⁷ i.e., bridal gifts (*mahr*).