

50. Say, "If I should err, I would only err against myself. But if I am guided, it is by what my Lord reveals to me. Indeed, He is Hearing and near."
51. And if you could see<sup>1157</sup> when they are terrified but there is no escape, and they will be seized from a place nearby.
52. And they will [then] say, "We believe in it!" But how for them will be the taking<sup>1158</sup> [of faith] from a place far away?<sup>1159</sup>
53. And they had already disbelieved in it before and would assault<sup>1160</sup> the unseen from a place far away.<sup>1161</sup>
54. And prevention will be placed between them and what they desire,<sup>1162</sup> as was done with their kind before. Indeed, they were in disquieting doubt [i.e., denial].

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1157; i.e., have a glimpse of the Hereafter.

1158 Literally, "taking of something within easy reach," in other words, "How can they expect to obtain faith at this point?"

1159. i.e., their former life on earth, wherein they had every opportunity but which is now gone, never to return.

1160 Verbally, by conjecture and denial.

1161; i.e., a position far from truth.

1162 Meaning the attainment of faith and its benefits or entrance into Paradise.

## *Sūrah Fāṭir*<sup>1163</sup>

### *Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem*

1. [All] praise is [due] to Allāh, Creator of the heavens and the earth, [who] made the angels messengers having wings, two or three or four. He increases in creation what He wills. Indeed, Allāh is over all things competent.
2. Whatever Allāh grants to people of mercy – none can withhold it; and whatever He withholds – none can release it thereafter. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.
3. O mankind, remember the favor of Allāh upon you. Is there any creator other than Allāh who provides for you from the heaven and earth? There is no deity except Him, so how are you deluded?
4. And if they deny you, [O Muḥammad] – already were messengers denied before you. And to Allāh are returned [all] matters.
5. O mankind, indeed the promise of Allāh is truth, so let not the worldly life delude you and be not deceived about Allāh by the Deceiver [i.e., Satan].
6. Indeed, Satan is an enemy to you; so take him as an enemy. He only invites his party to be among the companions of the Blaze.
7. Those who disbelieve will have a severe punishment, and those who believe and do righteous deeds will have forgiveness and great reward.
8. Then is one to whom the evil of his deed has been made attractive so he considers it good [like one rightly guided]? For indeed, Allāh sends astray whom He wills and guides whom He wills. So do not let yourself perish over them in regret. Indeed, Allāh is Knowing of what they do.

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<sup>1163</sup>*Fāṭir*: The Creator, Originator (of creation), or He who brings (it) into existence from nothing. Also called *al-Malā'ikah* (The Angels).