

He does not approve for His servants disbelief. And if you are grateful, He approves [i.e., likes] it for you; and no bearer of burdens will bear the burden of another. Then to your Lord is your return, and He will inform you about what you used to do. Indeed, He is Knowing of that within the breasts.

8. And when adversity touches man, he calls upon his Lord, turning to Him [alone]; then when He bestows on him a favor from Himself, he forgets Him whom he called upon before,<sup>1254</sup> and he attributes to Allāh equals to mislead [people] from His way. Say, "Enjoy your disbelief for a little; indeed, you are of the companions of the Fire."
9. Is one who is devoutly obedient during periods of the night, prostrating and standing [in prayer], fearing the Hereafter and hoping for the mercy of his Lord, [like one who does not]? Say, "Are those who know equal to those who do not know?" Only they will remember [who are] people of understanding.
10. Say,<sup>1255</sup> "O My servants who have believed, fear your Lord. For those who do good in this world is good, and the earth of Allāh is spacious. Indeed, the patient will be given their reward without account [i.e., limit]."
11. Say, [O Muḥammad], "Indeed, I have been commanded to worship Allāh, [being] sincere to Him in religion.
12. And I have been commanded to be the first [among you] of the Muslims."
13. Say, "Indeed I fear, if I should disobey my Lord, the punishment of a tremendous Day."
14. Say, "Allāh [alone] do I worship, sincere to Him in my religion,
15. So worship what you will besides Him." Say, "Indeed, the losers are the ones who will lose themselves and their families on the Day of Resurrection. Unquestionably, that is the manifest loss."

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<sup>1254</sup>Or "that for which he called upon Him before."

<sup>1255</sup>The Prophet (ﷺ) is instructed to say on behalf of Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*) to His believing servants.

16. They will have canopies [i.e., layers] of fire above them and below them, canopies. By that Allāh threatens [i.e., warns] His servants. O My servants, then fear Me.
17. But those who have avoided ṭāghūt,<sup>1256</sup> lest they worship it, and turned back to Allāh – for them are good tidings. So give good tidings to My servants
18. Who listen to speech and follow the best of it. Those are the ones Allāh has guided, and those are people of understanding.
19. Then, is one who has deserved the decree of punishment [to be guided]? Then, can you save one who is in the Fire?
20. But those who have feared their Lord – for them are chambers,<sup>1257</sup> above them chambers built high, beneath which rivers flow. [This is] the promise of Allāh. Allāh does not fail in [His] promise.
21. Do you not see that Allāh sends down rain from the sky and makes it flow as springs [and rivers] in the earth; then He produces thereby crops of varying colors; then they dry and you see them turned yellow; then He makes them [scattered] debris. Indeed in that is a reminder for those of understanding.
22. So is one whose breast Allāh has expanded to [accept] Islām and he is upon [i.e., guided by] a light from his Lord [like one whose heart rejects it]? Then woe to those whose hearts are hardened against the remembrance of Allāh. Those are in manifest error.
23. Allāh has sent down the best statement: a consistent Book wherein is reiteration. The skins shiver therefrom of those who fear their Lord; then their skins and their hearts relax at the remembrance [i.e., mention] of Allāh. That is the guidance of Allāh by which He guides whom He wills. And one whom Allāh leaves astray – for him there is no guide.

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<sup>1256</sup>; i.e., Satan or any false object of worship.

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