

attractive to Pharaoh the evil of his deed, and he was averted from the [right] way. And the plan of Pharaoh was not except in ruin.

38. And he who believed said, "O my people, follow me; I will guide you to the way of right conduct.
39. O my people, this worldly life is only [temporary] enjoyment, and indeed, the Hereafter – that is the home of [permanent] settlement.
40. Whoever does an evil deed will not be recompensed except by the like thereof; but whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer – those will enter Paradise, being given provision therein without account.
41. And O my people, how is it that I invite you to salvation while you invite me to the Fire?
42. You invite me to disbelieve in Allāh and associate with Him that of which I have no knowledge, and I invite you to the Exalted in Might, the Perpetual Forgiver.
43. Assuredly, that to which you invite me has no [response to a] supplication in this world or in the Hereafter; and indeed, our return is to Allāh, and indeed, the transgressors will be companions of the Fire.
44. And you will remember what I [now] say to you, and I entrust my affair to Allāh. Indeed, Allāh is Seeing of [His] servants."
45. So Allāh protected him from the evils they plotted, and the people of Pharaoh were enveloped by the worst of punishment –
46. The Fire; they are exposed to it morning and evening.<sup>1279</sup> And the Day the Hour appears [it will be said], "Make the people of Pharaoh enter the severest punishment."
47. And [mention] when they will argue within the Fire, and the weak will say to those who had been arrogant, "Indeed, we

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<sup>1279</sup>From the time of their death until the Day of Resurrection, when they will be driven into it.

- were [only] your followers, so will you relieve us of a share of the Fire?"
48. Those who had been arrogant will say, "Indeed, all [of us] are in it. Indeed, Allāh has judged between the servants."
  49. And those in the Fire will say to the keepers of Hell, "Supplicate your Lord to lighten for us a day from the punishment."
  50. They will say, "Did there not come to you your messengers with clear proofs?" They will say, "Yes." They will reply, "Then supplicate [yourselves], but the supplication of the disbelievers is not except in error [i.e., futility]."
  51. Indeed, We will support Our messengers and those who believe during the life of this world and on the Day when the witnesses will stand –
  52. The Day their excuse will not benefit the wrongdoers, and they will have the curse, and they will have the worst home [i.e., Hell].
  53. And We had certainly given Moses guidance, and We caused the Children of Israel to inherit the Scripture
  54. As guidance and a reminder for those of understanding.
  55. So be patient, [O Muḥammad]. Indeed, the promise of Allāh is truth. And ask forgiveness for your sin<sup>1280</sup> and exalt [Allāh] with praise of your Lord in the evening and the morning.
  56. Indeed, those who dispute concerning the signs of Allāh without [any] authority having come to them – there is not within their breasts except pride, [the extent of] which they cannot reach. So seek refuge in Allāh. Indeed, it is He who is the Hearing, the Seeing.
  57. The creation of the heavens and earth is greater than the creation of mankind, but most of the people do not know.

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<sup>1280</sup>What is intended is "fault" or "error" in judgement, since all prophets were protected by Allāh from falling into sin. The implication is that all believers should seek forgiveness for their sins.