

- those who disbelieve in the Most Merciful – for their houses – ceilings and stairways of silver upon which to mount
34. And for their houses – doors and couches [of silver] upon which to recline
35. And gold ornament. But all that is not but the enjoyment of worldly life. And the Hereafter with your Lord is for the righteous.
36. And whoever is blinded from remembrance of the Most Merciful – We appoint for him a devil, and he is to him a companion.
37. And indeed, they [i.e., the devils] avert them from the way [of guidance] while they think that they are [rightly] guided
38. Until, when he comes to Us [at Judgement], he says [to his companion], "Oh, I wish there was between me and you the distance between the east and west – how wretched a companion."
39. And never will it benefit you that Day, when you have wronged, that you are [all] sharing in the punishment.
40. Then will you make the deaf hear, [O Muḥammad], or guide the blind or he who is in clear error?
41. And whether [or not] We take you away [in death], indeed, We will take retribution upon them.
42. Or whether [or not] We show you that which We have promised them, indeed, We are Perfect in Ability.
43. So adhere to that which is revealed to you. Indeed, you are on a straight path.
44. And indeed, it is a remembrance¹³⁴⁰ for you and your people, and you [all] are going to be questioned.
45. And ask those We sent before you of Our messengers; have We made besides the Most Merciful deities to be worshipped?
46. And certainly did We send Moses with Our signs to Pharaoh

¹³⁴⁰i.e., an honor. Or "a reminder."

- and his establishment, and he said, "Indeed, I am the messenger of the Lord of the worlds."
47. But when he brought them Our signs, at once they laughed at them.
 48. And We showed them not a sign except that it was greater than its sister, and We seized them with affliction that perhaps they might return [to faith].
 49. And they said [to Moses], "O magician, invoke for us your Lord by what He has promised you. Indeed, we will be guided."
 50. But when We removed from them the affliction, at once they broke their word.
 51. And Pharaoh called out among his people; he said, "O my people, does not the kingdom of Egypt belong to me, and these rivers flowing beneath me; then do you not see?"
 52. Or am I [not] better than this one [i.e., Moses] who is insignificant and hardly makes himself clear?¹³⁴¹
 53. Then why have there not been placed upon him bracelets of gold or come with him the angels in conjunction?"
 54. So he bluffed his people, and they obeyed him. Indeed, they were [themselves] a people defiantly disobedient [of Allāh].
 55. And when they angered Us, We took retribution from them and drowned them all.
 56. And We made them a precedent and an example for the later peoples.
 57. And when the son of Mary was presented as an example,¹³⁴² immediately your people laughed aloud.
 58. And they said, "Are our gods better, or is he?"¹³⁴³ They did not present it [i.e., the comparison] except for [mere] argument. But, [in fact], they are a people prone to dispute.

¹³⁴¹That was true previous to his appointment as a prophet, at which time Allāh corrected his speech impediment.

¹³⁴²Of a creation of Allāh which is being worshipped along with Him.

¹³⁴³Implying that they must all be the same.