

9. Say, "I am not something original among the messengers,<sup>1377</sup> nor do I know what will be done with me or with you. I only follow that which is revealed to me, and I am not but a clear warner."
10. Say, "Have you considered: if it [i.e., the Qur'ān] was from Allāh, and you disbelieved in it while a witness from the Children of Israel has testified to something similar<sup>1378</sup> and believed while you were arrogant...?"<sup>1379</sup> Indeed, Allāh does not guide the wrongdoing people.
11. And those who disbelieve say of those who believe, "If it had [truly] been good, they would not have preceded us to it." And when they are not guided by it, they will say, "This is an ancient falsehood."
12. And before it was the scripture of Moses to lead and as a mercy. And this is a confirming Book in an Arabic tongue to warn those who have wronged and as good tidings to the doers of good.
13. Indeed, those who have said, "Our Lord is Allāh," and then remained on a right course – there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.
14. Those are the companions of Paradise, abiding eternally therein as reward for what they used to do.
15. And We have enjoined upon man, to his parents, good treatment. His mother carried him with hardship and gave birth to him with hardship, and his gestation and weaning [period] is thirty months. [He grows] until, when he reaches maturity and reaches [the age of] forty years, he says, "My Lord, enable me<sup>1380</sup> to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to work righteousness of which You

<sup>1377</sup> i.e., I am neither the first messenger to be sent, nor do I bring something different from the other messengers.

<sup>1378</sup> Based upon information from the Torah.

<sup>1379</sup> The conclusion is estimated to be "...would you not then be the most unjust of people?" or "...in what condition would you then be?"

<sup>1380</sup> Literally, "gather within me the utmost strength and ability."

will approve and make righteous for me my offspring. Indeed, I have repented to You, and indeed, I am of the Muslims."

16. Those are the ones from whom We will accept the best of what they did and overlook their misdeeds, [their being] among the companions of Paradise. [That is] the promise of truth which they had been promised.
17. But one who says to his parents, "Uff!<sup>1381</sup> to you; do you promise me that I will be brought forth [from the earth] when generations before me have already passed on [into oblivion]?" while they call to Allāh for help [and to their son], "Woe to you! Believe! Indeed, the promise of Allāh is truth." But he says, "This is not but legends of the former peoples" –
18. Those are the ones upon whom the word [i.e., decree] has come into effect, [who will be] among nations which had passed on before them of jinn and men. Indeed, they [all] were losers.
19. And for all there are degrees [of reward and punishment] for what they have done, and [it is] so that He may fully compensate them for their deeds, and they will not be wronged.
20. And the Day those who disbelieved are exposed to the Fire [it will be said], "You exhausted your pleasures during your worldly life and enjoyed them, so this Day you will be awarded the punishment of [extreme] humiliation because you were arrogant upon the earth without right and because you were defiantly disobedient."
21. And mention, [O Muḥammad], the brother of 'Aad,<sup>1382</sup> when he warned his people in [the region of] al-Aḥqāf – and warners had already passed on before him and after him – [saying], "Do not worship except Allāh. Indeed, I fear for you the punishment of a terrible day."<sup>1383</sup>

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<sup>1381</sup> An expression of distaste and irritation.

<sup>1382</sup> i.e., the prophet Hūd.

<sup>1383</sup> Upon the earth. It could also refer to "a tremendous Day," i.e., that of resurrection.