

*Sūrah Muḥammad*¹³⁸⁹

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. Those who disbelieve and avert [people] from the way of Allāh – He will waste their deeds.¹³⁹⁰
2. And those who believe and do righteous deeds and believe in what has been sent down upon Muḥammad – and it is the truth from their Lord – He will remove from them their misdeeds and amend their condition.
3. That is because those who disbelieve follow falsehood, and those who believe follow the truth from their Lord. Thus does Allāh present to the people their comparisons.¹³⁹¹
4. So when you meet those who disbelieve [in battle], strike [their] necks until, when you have inflicted slaughter upon them, then secure their bonds,¹³⁹² and either [confer] favor¹³⁹³ afterwards or ransom [them] until the war lays down its burdens.¹³⁹⁴ That [is the command]. And if Allāh had willed, He could have taken vengeance upon them [Himself], but [He ordered armed struggle] to test some of you by means of others. And those who are killed in the cause of Allāh – never will He waste their deeds.
5. He will guide them and amend their condition
6. And admit them to Paradise, which He has made known to them.
7. O you who have believed, if you support Allāh, He will support you and plant firmly your feet.
8. But those who disbelieve – for them is misery, and He will waste their deeds.

¹³⁸⁹ *Muḥammad*: (The Prophet) Muḥammad (ﷺ).

¹³⁹⁰ i.e., cause them to be lost or make them worthless, earning no reward.

¹³⁹¹ So that they may know the results of their choice.

¹³⁹² i.e., take those remaining as captives.

¹³⁹³ i.e., release them without ransom.

¹³⁹⁴ i.e., its armor, machinery, etc., meaning "until the war is over."

9. That is because they disliked what Allāh revealed, so He rendered worthless their deeds.
10. Have they not traveled through the land and seen how was the end of those before them? Allāh destroyed [everything] over them,¹³⁹⁵ and for the disbelievers is something comparable.
11. That is because Allāh is the protector of those who have believed and because the disbelievers have no protector.
12. Indeed, Allāh will admit those who have believed and done righteous deeds to gardens beneath which rivers flow, but those who disbelieve enjoy themselves and eat as grazing livestock eat, and the Fire will be a residence for them.
13. And how many a city was stronger than your city [i.e., Makkah] which drove you out? We destroyed them; and there was no helper for them.
14. So is he who is on clear evidence from his Lord like him to whom the evil of his work has been made attractive and they follow their [own] desires?
15. Is the description of Paradise, which the righteous are promised, wherein are rivers of water unaltered,¹³⁹⁶ rivers of milk the taste of which never changes, rivers of wine delicious to those who drink, and rivers of purified honey, in which they will have from all [kinds of] fruits and forgiveness from their Lord... [Are its inhabitants] like those who abide eternally in the Fire and are given to drink scalding water that will sever their intestines?
16. And among them, [O Muḥammad], are those who listen to you, until when they depart from you, they say to those who were given knowledge,¹³⁹⁷ "What has he said just now?" Those are the ones of whom Allāh has sealed over their hearts and who have followed their [own] desires.

¹³⁹⁵ i.e., destroyed them and all they owned.

¹³⁹⁶ In taste or smell, neither stagnant nor polluted.

¹³⁹⁷ From among the Prophet's companions.