

9. That you [people] may believe in Allāh and His Messenger and honor him and respect him [i.e., the Prophet (ﷺ)] and exalt Him [i.e., Allāh] morning and afternoon.
10. Indeed, those who pledge allegiance to you, [O Muḥammad] – they are actually pledging allegiance to Allāh. The hand<sup>1406</sup> of Allāh is over their hands.<sup>1407</sup> So he who breaks his word only breaks it to the detriment of himself. And he who fulfills that which he has promised Allāh – He will give him a great reward.
11. Those who remained behind of the bedouins will say to you, "Our properties and our families occupied us, so ask forgiveness for us." They say with their tongues what is not within their hearts. Say, "Then who could prevent Allāh at all if He intended for you harm or intended for you benefit? Rather, ever is Allāh, with what you do, Acquainted.
12. But you thought that the Messenger and the believers would never return to their families, ever, and that was made pleasing in your hearts. And you assumed an assumption of evil and became a people ruined."
13. And whoever has not believed in Allāh and His Messenger – then indeed, We have prepared for the disbelievers a Blaze.
14. And to Allāh belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. He forgives whom He wills and punishes whom He wills. And ever is Allāh Forgiving and Merciful.
15. Those who remained behind will say when you set out toward the war booty to take it, "Let us follow you." They wish to change the words of Allāh. Say, "Never will you follow us. Thus did Allāh say before." So they will say, "Rather, you envy us." But [in fact] they were not understanding except a little.<sup>1408</sup>
16. Say to those who remained behind of the bedouins, "You will be called to [face] a people of great military might; you may

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<sup>1406</sup>See footnote to 2:19.

<sup>1407</sup>Meaning that He (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*) accepted their pledge.

<sup>1408</sup>i.e., they only understood the material aspects of life.

- fight them, or they will submit.<sup>1409</sup> So if you obey, Allāh will give you a good reward; but if you turn away as you turned away before, He will punish you with a painful punishment."
17. There is not upon the blind any guilt or upon the lame any guilt or upon the ill any guilt [for remaining behind]. And whoever obeys Allāh and His Messenger – He will admit him to gardens beneath which rivers flow; but whoever turns away – He will punish him with a painful punishment.
  18. Certainly was Allāh pleased with the believers when they pledged allegiance to you, [O Muḥammad], under the tree, and He knew what was in their hearts, so He sent down tranquility upon them and rewarded them with an imminent conquest<sup>1410</sup>
  19. And much war booty which they will take. And ever is Allāh Exalted in Might and Wise.
  20. Allāh has promised you much booty that you will take [in the future] and has hastened for you this [victory] and withheld the hands of people from you – that it may be a sign for the believers and [that] He may guide you to a straight path.
  21. And [He promises] other [victories] that you were [so far] unable to [realize] which Allāh has already encompassed.<sup>1411</sup> And ever is Allāh, over all things, competent.
  22. And if those [Makkans] who disbelieve had fought you, they would have turned their backs [in flight]. Then they would not find a protector or a helper.
  23. [This is] the established way of Allāh which has occurred before. And never will you find in the way of Allāh any change.
  24. And it is He who withheld their hands from you and your hands from them within [the area of] Makkah after He caused you to overcome them. And ever is Allāh, of what you do, Seeing.

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<sup>1409</sup>To Allāh in Islām.

<sup>1410</sup>That of Khaybar, which preceded the conquest of Makkah.

<sup>1411</sup>i.e., prepared for you or decreed.