

25. They are the ones who disbelieved and obstructed you from al-Masjid al-Ḥarām while the offering<sup>1412</sup> was prevented from reaching its place of sacrifice. And if not for believing men and believing women whom you did not know – that you might trample [i.e., kill] them and there would befall you because of them dishonor without [your] knowledge – [you would have been permitted to enter Makkah]. [This was so] that Allāh might admit to His mercy whom He willed. If they had been apart [from them], We would have punished those who disbelieved among them with painful punishment
26. When those who disbelieved had put into their hearts chauvinism – the chauvinism of the time of ignorance. But Allāh sent down His tranquility upon His Messenger and upon the believers and imposed upon them the word of righteousness, and they were more deserving of it and worthy of it. And ever is Allāh, of all things, Knowing.
27. Certainly has Allāh showed to His Messenger the vision [i.e., dream] in truth. You will surely enter al-Masjid al-Ḥarām, if Allāh wills, in safety, with your heads shaved and [hair] shortened,<sup>1413</sup> not fearing [anyone]. He knew what you did not know and has arranged before that a conquest near [at hand].
28. It is He who sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion. And sufficient is Allāh as Witness.
29. Muḥammad is the Messenger of Allāh; and those with him are forceful against the disbelievers, merciful among themselves. You see them bowing and prostrating [in prayer], seeking bounty from Allāh and [His] pleasure. Their mark [i.e., sign] is on their faces [i.e., foreheads] from the trace of prostration. That is their description in the Torah. And their description in the Gospel is as a plant which produces its offshoots and strengthens them so they grow firm and stand upon their stalks,

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<sup>1412</sup>i.e., seventy camels intended for sacrifice and feeding of the poor.

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delighting the sowers – so that He [i.e., Allāh] may enrage by them<sup>1414</sup> the disbelievers. Allāh has promised those who believe and do righteous deeds among them forgiveness and a great reward.

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<sup>1414</sup>The given examples depict the Prophet (ﷺ) and his companions.