

18. Enjoying what their Lord has given them, and their Lord protected them from the punishment of Hellfire.
19. [They will be told], "Eat and drink in satisfaction for what you used to do."
20. They will be reclining on thrones lined up, and We will marry them to fair women with large, [beautiful] eyes.
21. And those who believed and whose descendants followed them in faith – We will join with them their descendants, and We will not deprive them of anything of their deeds.¹⁴⁴⁷ Every person, for what he earned, is retained.¹⁴⁴⁸
22. And We will provide them with fruit and meat from whatever they desire.
23. They will exchange with one another a cup [of wine] wherein [results] no ill speech or commission of sin.
24. There will circulate among them [servant] boys [especially] for them, as if they were pearls well-protected.
25. And they will approach one another, inquiring of each other.
26. They will say, "Indeed, we were previously among our people fearful [of displeasing Allāh]."
27. So Allāh conferred favor upon us and protected us from the punishment of the Scorching Fire.
28. Indeed, we used to supplicate Him before. Indeed, it is He who is the Beneficent, the Merciful."
29. So remind, [O Muḥammad], for you are not, by the favor of your Lord, a soothsayer or a madman.
30. Or do they say [of you], "A poet for whom we await a misfortune of time"?¹⁴⁴⁹
31. Say, "Wait, for indeed I am, with you, among the waiters."

¹⁴⁴⁷: i.e., the reward thereof.

¹⁴⁴⁸: i.e., subject or held responsible. Literally, "a hostage."

¹⁴⁴⁹: i.e., some accident or inevitable death.

32. Or do their minds¹⁴⁵⁰ command them to [say] this, or are they a transgressing people?
33. Or do they say, "He has made it up"? Rather, they do not believe.
34. Then let them produce a statement like it, if they should be truthful.
35. Or were they created by nothing, or were they the creators [of themselves]?
36. Or did they create the heavens and the earth? Rather, they are not certain.
37. Or have they the depositories [containing the provision] of your Lord? Or are they the controllers [of them]?
38. Or have they a stairway [into the heaven] upon which they listen? Then let their listener produce a clear authority [i.e., proof].
39. Or has He daughters while you have sons?
40. Or do you, [O Muḥammad], ask of them a payment, so they are by debt burdened down?
41. Or have they [knowledge of] the unseen, so they write [it] down?
42. Or do they intend a plan? But those who disbelieve – they are the object of a plan.
43. Or have they a deity other than Allāh? Exalted is Allāh above whatever they associate with Him.
44. And if they were to see a fragment from the sky falling,¹⁴⁵¹ they would say, "[It is merely] clouds heaped up."
45. So leave them until they meet their Day in which they will be struck insensible –
46. The Day their plan will not avail them at all, nor will they be helped.
47. And indeed, for those who have wronged is a punishment¹⁴⁵²

¹⁴⁵⁰In this expression is also a subtle allusion to the leaders of the Quraysh, who considered themselves to be great minds.

¹⁴⁵¹Marking the onset of Allāh's punishment, as they had requested.

¹⁴⁵²If not in this world, in the grave.