

15. So today no ransom will be taken from you or from those who disbelieved. Your refuge is the Fire. It is most worthy of you, and wretched is the destination."
16. Has the time not come for those who have believed that their hearts should become humbly submissive at the remembrance of Allāh and what has come down of the truth? And let them not be like those who were given the Scripture before, and a long period passed over them, so their hearts hardened; and many of them are defiantly disobedient.
17. Know that Allāh gives life to the earth after its lifelessness. We have made clear to you the signs; perhaps you will understand.¹⁵²¹
18. Indeed, the men who practice charity and the women who practice charity and [they who] have loaned Allāh a goodly loan – it will be multiplied for them, and they will have a noble reward.
19. And those who have believed in Allāh and His messengers – those are [in the ranks of] the supporters of truth and the martyrs, with their Lord. For them is their reward and their light.¹⁵²² But those who have disbelieved and denied Our verses – those are the companions of Hellfire.
20. Know that the life of this world is but amusement and diversion and adornment and boasting to one another and competition in increase of wealth and children – like the example of a rain whose [resulting] plant growth pleases the tillers; then it dries and you see it turned yellow; then it becomes [scattered] debris. And in the Hereafter is severe punishment and forgiveness from Allāh and approval. And what is the worldly life except the enjoyment of delusion.

¹⁵²¹That similarly, Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*) can soften a heart after its hardness and guide one who had previously been astray.

¹⁵²²Another accepted meaning is "And those who have believed in Allāh and His messengers – they are the supporters of truth. And the martyrs, with their Lord, will have their reward and their light."

21. Race [i.e., compete] toward forgiveness from your Lord and a Garden whose width is like the width of the heavens and earth, prepared for those who believed in Allāh and His messengers. That is the bounty of Allāh which He gives to whom He wills, and Allāh is the possessor of great bounty.
22. No disaster strikes upon the earth or among yourselves except that it is in a register¹⁵²³ before We bring it into being – indeed that, for Allāh, is easy –
23. In order that you not despair over what has eluded you and not exult [in pride] over what He has given you. And Allāh does not like everyone self-deluded and boastful –
24. [Those] who are stingy and enjoy upon people stinginess. And whoever turns away¹⁵²⁴ – then indeed, Allāh is the Free of need, the Praiseworthy.
25. We have already sent Our messengers with clear evidences and sent down with them the Scripture and the balance that the people may maintain [their affairs] in justice. And We sent down iron, wherein is great military might and benefits for the people, and so that Allāh may make evident those who support Him and His messengers unseen. Indeed, Allāh is Powerful and Exalted in Might.
26. And We have already sent Noah and Abraham and placed in their descendants prophethood and scripture; and among them is he who is guided, but many of them are defiantly disobedient.
27. Then We sent following their footsteps [i.e., traditions] Our messengers and followed [them] with Jesus, the son of Mary, and gave him the Gospel. And We placed in the hearts of those who followed him compassion and mercy and monasticism, which they innovated; We did not prescribe it for them except [that they did so] seeking the approval of Allāh. But they did not observe it with due observance. So We gave the ones who

¹⁵²³i.e., the Preserved Slate (*al-Lawḥ al-Maḥfūth*).

¹⁵²⁴Refusing to spend for Allāh's cause or refusing obedience to Him.