

the distinct verses of Allāh that He may bring out those who believe and do righteous deeds from darkneses into the light. And whoever believes in Allāh and does righteousness – He will admit him into gardens beneath which rivers flow to abide therein forever. Allāh will have perfected for him a provision.

12. It is Allāh who has created seven heavens and of the earth, the like of them.<sup>1580</sup> [His] command descends among them so you may know that Allāh is over all things competent and that Allāh has encompassed all things in knowledge.

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<sup>1580</sup>i.e., a similar number: seven.

## *Sūrah at-Taḥreem*<sup>1581</sup>

### *Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem*

1. O Prophet, why do you prohibit [yourself from] what Allāh has made lawful for you, seeking the approval of your wives? And Allāh is Forgiving and Merciful.
2. Allāh has already ordained for you [Muslims] the dissolution of your oaths.<sup>1582</sup> And Allāh is your protector, and He is the Knowing, the Wise.
3. And [remember] when the Prophet confided to one of his wives a statement; and when she informed [another] of it and Allāh showed it to him, he made known part of it and ignored a part. And when he informed her about it, she said, "Who told you this?" He said, "I was informed by the Knowing, the Acquainted."
4. If you two [wives] repent to Allāh, [it is best], for your hearts have deviated. But if you cooperate against him – then indeed Allāh is his protector, and Gabriel and the righteous of the believers and the angels, moreover, are [his] assistants.
5. Perhaps his Lord, if he divorced you [all], would substitute for him wives better than you – submitting [to Allāh], believing, devoutly obedient, repentant, worshipping, and traveling<sup>1583</sup> – [ones] previously married and virgins.
6. O you who have believed, protect yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is people and stones, over which are [appointed] angels, harsh and severe; they do not disobey Allāh in what He commands them but do what they are commanded.
7. O you who have disbelieved, make no excuses that Day. You will only be recompensed for what you used to do.

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<sup>1581</sup> *At-Taḥreem*: Prohibition.

<sup>1582</sup> By means of a *kaffārah* (expiation). This is required when one is unable to fulfill an oath or when one has taken an oath which would not be pleasing to Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*). See 5:89.

<sup>1583</sup> Emigrating for the cause of Allāh.