

17. It invites he who turned his back [on truth] and went away [from obedience]
18. And collected [wealth] and hoarded.
19. Indeed, mankind was created anxious:
20. When evil touches him, impatient,
21. And when good touches him, withholding [of it],
22. Except the observers of prayer –
23. Those who are constant in their prayer
24. And those within whose wealth is a known right¹⁶²⁶
25. For the petitioner and the deprived –
26. And those who believe in the Day of Recompense
27. And those who are fearful of the punishment of their Lord –
28. Indeed, the punishment of their Lord is not that from which one is safe –
29. And those who guard their private parts
30. Except from their wives or those their right hands possess,¹⁶²⁷ for indeed, they are not to be blamed –
31. But whoever seeks beyond that, then they are the transgressors –
32. And those who are to their trusts and promises attentive
33. And those who are in their testimonies upright
34. And those who [carefully] maintain their prayer:
35. They will be in gardens,¹⁶²⁸ honored.
36. So what is [the matter] with those who disbelieve, hastening [from] before you, [O Muḥammad],
37. [To sit] on [your] right and [your] left in separate groups?¹⁶²⁹

1626. i.e., a specified share, meaning the obligatory *zakāh*.

1627. i.e., female slaves.

1628. In Paradise.

1629. They sat at a distance in order to oppose and mock the Prophet (ﷺ), claiming that they would enter Paradise before the believers.

38. Does every person among them aspire to enter a garden of pleasure?
39. No! Indeed, We have created them from that which they know.¹⁶³⁰
40. So I swear by the Lord of [all] risings and settings¹⁶³¹ that indeed We are able
41. To replace them with better than them; and We are not to be outdone.
42. So leave them to converse vainly and amuse themselves until they meet their Day which they are promised –
43. The Day they will emerge from the graves rapidly as if they were, toward an erected idol, hastening.¹⁶³²
44. Their eyes humbled, humiliation will cover them. That is the Day which they had been promised.

¹⁶³⁰i.e., a liquid disdained. So how can they expect to enter Paradise except by the will of their Creator?

¹⁶³¹i.e., Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta‘ālā*), who determines the point at which the sun, moon and stars rise and set according to season and every position of observation.

¹⁶³²i.e., just as they used to race, whenever an idol was newly appointed, to be the first of its worshippers.