

77. Indeed, those who exchange the covenant of Allāh and their [own] oaths for a small price will have no share in the Hereafter, and Allāh will not speak to them or look at them on the Day of Resurrection, nor will He purify them; and they will have a painful punishment.
78. And indeed, there is among them a party who alter the Scripture with their tongues so you may think it is from the Scripture, but it is not from the Scripture. And they say, "This is from Allāh," but it is not from Allāh. And they speak untruth about Allāh while they know.
79. It is not for a human [prophet]¹¹⁴ that Allāh should give him the Scripture¹¹⁵ and authority and prophethood and then he would say to the people, "Be servants to me rather than Allāh," but [instead, he would say], "Be pious scholars of the Lord because of what you have taught of the Scripture and because of what you have studied."
80. Nor could he order you to take the angels and prophets as lords. Would he order you to disbelief after you had been Muslims?
81. And [recall, O People of the Scripture], when Allāh took the covenant of the prophets, [saying], "Whatever I give you of the Scripture and wisdom and then there comes to you a messenger confirming what is with you, you [must] believe in him and support him." [Allāh] said, "Have you acknowledged and taken upon that My commitment?"¹¹⁶ They said, "We have acknowledged it." He said, "Then bear witness, and I am with you among the witnesses."
82. And whoever turned away after that – they were the defiantly disobedient.
83. So is it other than the religion of Allāh they desire, while to Him have submitted [all] those within the heavens and earth, willingly or by compulsion, and to Him they will be returned?

¹¹⁴Or any believer.

¹¹⁵Or in the case of Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ), "the Book" (i.e., the Qur’ān).

¹¹⁶i.e., Have you accepted this obligation?

84. Say, "We have believed in Allāh and in what was revealed to us and what was revealed to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the Descendants [al-Asbāt], and in what was given to Moses and Jesus and to the prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and we are Muslims [submitting] to Him."
85. And whoever desires other than Islām as religion – never will it be accepted from him, and he, in the Hereafter, will be among the losers.
86. How shall Allāh guide a people who disbelieved after their belief and had witnessed that the Messenger is true and clear signs had come to them? And Allāh does not guide the wrongdoing people.
87. Those – their recompense will be that upon them is the curse of Allāh and the angels and the people, all together,
88. Abiding eternally therein. The punishment will not be lightened for them, nor will they be relieved,
89. Except for those who repent after that¹¹⁷ and correct themselves. For indeed, Allāh is Forgiving and Merciful.
90. Indeed, those who disbelieve [i.e., reject the message] after their belief and then increase in disbelief – never will their [claimed] repentance be accepted, and they are the ones astray.
91. Indeed, those who disbelieve and die while they are disbelievers – never would the [whole] capacity of the earth in gold be accepted from one of them if he would [seek to] ransom himself with it. For those there will be a painful punishment, and they will have no helpers.
92. Never will you attain the good [reward]¹¹⁸ until you spend [in the way of Allāh] from that which you love. And whatever you spend – indeed, Allāh is Knowing of it.

¹¹⁷After their wrongdoing.

¹¹⁸Another meaning is "You will never attain righteousness."