

111. They will not harm you except for [some] annoyance. And if they fight you, they will show you their backs [i.e., retreat]; then they will not be aided.
112. They have been put under humiliation [by Allāh] wherever they are overtaken, except for a rope [i.e., covenant] from Allāh and a rope [i.e., treaty] from the people [i.e., the Muslims].<sup>124</sup> And they have drawn upon themselves anger from Allāh and have been put under destitution. That is because they disbelieved in [i.e., rejected] the verses of Allāh and killed the prophets without right. That is because they disobeyed and [habitually] transgressed.
113. They are not [all] the same; among the People of the Scripture is a community<sup>125</sup> standing [in obedience], reciting the verses of Allāh during periods of the night and prostrating [in prayer].
114. They believe in Allāh and the Last Day, and they enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and hasten to good deeds. And those are among the righteous.
115. And whatever good they do – never will it be removed from them. And Allāh is Knowing of the righteous.
116. Indeed, those who disbelieve – never will their wealth or their children avail them against Allāh at all, and those are the companions of the Fire; they will abide therein eternally.
117. The example of what they spend in this worldly life is like that of a wind containing frost which strikes the harvest of a people who have wronged themselves [i.e., sinned] and destroys it. And Allāh has not wronged them, but they wrong themselves.
118. O you who have believed, do not take as intimates those other than yourselves [i.e., believers], for they will not spare you

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<sup>124</sup>Once they have surrendered, the People of the Scripture retain their rights and honor (in spite of their refusal of Islām) through payment of the *jizyah* tax in place of *zakāh* and military service due from Muslims. They are then under the protection of the Islāmic state.

<sup>125</sup>Of people who accepted Islām.

[any] ruin. They wish you would have hardship. Hatred has already appeared from their mouths, and what their breasts conceal is greater. We have certainly made clear to you the signs, if you will use reason.

119. Here you are loving them but they are not loving you, while you believe in the Scripture – all of it.<sup>126</sup> And when they meet you, they say, "We believe." But when they are alone, they bite their fingertips at you in rage. Say, "Die in your rage. Indeed, Allāh is Knowing of that within the breasts."
120. If good touches you, it distresses them; but if harm strikes you, they rejoice at it. And if you are patient and fear Allāh, their plot will not harm you at all. Indeed, Allāh is encompassing of what they do.
121. And [remember] when you, [O Muḥammad], left your family in the morning to post the believers at their stations for the battle [of Uḥud] – and Allāh is Hearing and Knowing –
122. When two parties among you were about to lose courage, but Allāh was their ally; and upon Allāh the believers should rely.
123. And already had Allāh given you victory at [the battle of] Badr while you were weak [i.e., few in number]. Then fear Allāh; perhaps you will be grateful.
124. [Remember] when you said to the believers, "Is it not sufficient for you that your Lord should reinforce you with three thousand angels sent down?"
125. Yes, if you remain patient and conscious of Allāh and they [i.e., the enemy] come upon you [attacking] in rage, your Lord will reinforce you with five thousand angels having marks [of distinction]."
126. And Allāh made it not except as [a sign of] good tidings for you and to reassure your hearts thereby. And victory is not except from Allāh, the Exalted in Might, the Wise –

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<sup>126</sup>That of it revealed by Allāh, not what was subsequently altered by men.