

127. And they request from you, [O Muḥammad], a [legal] ruling concerning women. Say, "Allāh gives you a ruling about them and [about] what has been recited to you in the Book concerning the orphan girls to whom you do not give what is decreed for them<sup>191</sup> – and [yet] you desire to marry them – and concerning the oppressed among children and that you maintain for orphans [their rights] in justice." And whatever you do of good – indeed, Allāh is ever Knowing of it.
128. And if a woman fears from her husband contempt or evasion, there is no sin upon them if they make terms of settlement between them – and settlement is best. And present in [human] souls is stinginess.<sup>192</sup> But if you do good and fear Allāh – then indeed Allāh is ever, with what you do, Acquainted.
129. And you will never be able to be equal [in feeling] between wives, even if you should strive [to do so]. So do not incline completely [toward one] and leave another hanging.<sup>193</sup> And if you amend [your affairs] and fear Allāh – then indeed, Allāh is ever Forgiving and Merciful.
130. But if they separate [by divorce], Allāh will enrich each [of them] from His abundance. And ever is Allāh Encompassing and Wise.
131. And to Allāh belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And We have instructed those who were given the Scripture before you and yourselves to fear Allāh. But if you disbelieve – then to Allāh belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And ever is Allāh Free of need and Praiseworthy.
132. And to Allāh belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And sufficient is Allāh as Disposer of affairs.
133. If He wills, He can do away with you, O people, and bring others [in your place]. And ever is Allāh competent to do that.

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<sup>191</sup>i.e., their rights, in general, and their *mahr*, specifically.

<sup>192</sup>i.e., holding on to self-interests.

<sup>193</sup>Neither divorced nor enjoying the rights of marriage.

134. Whoever desires the reward of this world – then with Allāh is the reward of this world and the Hereafter. And ever is Allāh Hearing and Seeing.
135. O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allāh, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allāh is more worthy of both.<sup>194</sup> So follow not [personal] inclination, lest you not be just. And if you distort [your testimony] or refuse [to give it], then indeed Allāh is ever, with what you do, Acquainted.
136. O you who have believed, believe<sup>195</sup> in Allāh and His Messenger and the Book that He sent down upon His Messenger and the Scripture which He sent down before. And whoever disbelieves in Allāh, His angels, His books, His messengers, and the Last Day has certainly gone far astray.
137. Indeed, those who have believed then disbelieved, then believed then disbelieved, and then increased in disbelief – never will Allāh forgive them, nor will He guide them to a way.
138. Give tidings to the hypocrites that there is for them a painful punishment –
139. Those who take disbelievers as allies instead of the believers. Do they seek with them honor [through power]? But indeed, honor belongs to Allāh entirely.<sup>196</sup>
140. And it has already come down to you in the Book [i.e., the Qur'ān] that when you hear the verses of Allāh [recited], they are denied [by them] and ridiculed; so do not sit with them until they enter into another conversation. Indeed, you would then be like them.<sup>197</sup> Indeed, Allāh will gather the hypocrites and disbelievers in Hell all together –

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<sup>194</sup> i.e., more knowledgeable of their best interests. Therefore, adhere to what He has enjoined upon you and testify honestly.

<sup>195</sup> i.e., renew, confirm and adhere to your belief.

<sup>196</sup> Being the source of all power and honor, Allāh grants them to whom He wills.

<sup>197</sup> In this world, by participation in their blasphemy, and in the next, where you will share their punishment.