

53. And thus We have tried some of them through others that they [i.e., the disbelievers] might say, "Is it these whom Allāh has favored among us?" Is not Allāh most knowing of those who are grateful?²⁷⁷
54. And when those come to you who believe in Our verses, say, "Peace be upon you. Your Lord has decreed upon Himself mercy: that any of you who does wrong out of ignorance and then repents after that and corrects himself – indeed, He is Forgiving and Merciful."
55. And thus do We detail the verses, and [thus] the way of the criminals will become evident.
56. Say, "Indeed, I have been forbidden to worship those you invoke besides Allāh." Say, "I will not follow your desires, for I would then have gone astray, and I would not be of the [rightly] guided."
57. Say, "Indeed, I am on clear evidence from my Lord, and you have denied it. I do not have that for which you are impatient.²⁷⁸ The decision is only for Allāh. He relates the truth, and He is the best of deciders."
58. Say, "If I had that for which you are impatient, the matter would have been decided between me and you, but Allāh is most knowing of the wrongdoers."
59. And with Him are the keys of the unseen; none knows them except Him. And He knows what is on the land and in the sea. Not a leaf falls but that He knows it. And no grain is there within the darknesses of the earth and no moist or dry [thing] but that it is [written] in a clear record.

²⁷⁷Those referred to in verses 52-54 are the poor Muslims who were sincere believers and students of the Prophet (ﷺ). The influential leaders of Quraysh had disdained to sit with them, saying to Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ), "Perhaps if you evicted them, we would follow you."

²⁷⁸The disbelievers would challenge the Prophet (ﷺ), telling him to bring on Allāh's punishment if he should be truthful in his warning.

60. And it is He who takes your souls by night²⁷⁹ and knows what you have committed by day. Then He revives you therein [i.e., by day] that a specified term²⁸⁰ may be fulfilled. Then to Him will be your return; then He will inform you about what you used to do.
61. And He is the subjugator over His servants, and He sends over you guardian-angels until, when death comes to one of you, Our messengers [i.e., angels of death] take him, and they do not fail [in their duties].
62. Then they [i.e., His servants] are returned to Allāh, their true Lord. Unquestionably, His is the judgement, and He is the swiftest of accountants.
63. Say, "Who rescues you from the darkneses of the land and sea [when] you call upon Him imploring [aloud] and privately, 'If He should save us from this [crisis], we will surely be among the thankful.'"
64. Say, "It is Allāh who saves you from it and from every distress; then you [still] associate others with Him."
65. Say, "He is the [one] Able to send upon you affliction from above you or from beneath your feet or to confuse you [so you become] sects²⁸¹ and make you taste the violence of one another." Look how We diversify the signs that they might understand.
66. But your people have denied it while it is the truth. Say, "I am not over you a manager [i.e., authority]."
67. For every news [i.e., happening] is a finality;²⁸² and you are going to know.
68. And when you see those who engage in [offensive] discourse²⁸³ concerning Our verses, then turn away from them until they

²⁷⁹i.e., when you sleep.

²⁸⁰One's decreed life span.

²⁸¹Following your own inclinations rather than the truth, biased and hostile toward each other.

²⁸²Other shades of meaning include "a permanence," "a realization" and "a time of stability."

²⁸³i.e., denials or mockery.