

other than what we used to do?" They will have lost themselves, and lost from them is what they used to invent.

54. Indeed, your Lord is Allāh, who created the heavens and earth in six days and then established Himself above the Throne.<sup>342</sup> He covers the night with the day, [another night] chasing it rapidly; and [He created] the sun, the moon, and the stars, subjected by His command. Unquestionably, His is the creation and the command; blessed is Allāh, Lord of the worlds.
55. Call upon your Lord in humility and privately; indeed, He does not like transgressors.<sup>343</sup>
56. And cause not corruption upon the earth after its reformation. And invoke Him in fear and aspiration. Indeed, the mercy of Allāh is near to the doers of good.
57. And it is He who sends the winds as good tidings before His mercy [i.e., rainfall] until, when they have carried heavy rainclouds, We drive them to a dead land and We send down rain therein and bring forth thereby [some] of all the fruits. Thus will We bring forth the dead; perhaps you may be reminded.
58. And the good land – its vegetation emerges by permission of its Lord; but that which is bad – nothing emerges except sparsely, with difficulty. Thus do We diversify the signs for a people who are grateful.
59. We had certainly sent Noah to his people, and he said, "O my people, worship Allāh; you have no deity other than Him. Indeed, I fear for you the punishment of a tremendous Day."
60. Said the eminent among his people, "Indeed, we see you in clear error."
61. [Noah] said, "O my people, there is not error in me, but I am a messenger from the Lord of the worlds.
62. I convey to you the messages of my Lord and advise you; and I know from Allāh what you do not know.

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<sup>342</sup>See footnote to 2:19.

<sup>343</sup>In supplication or otherwise.

63. Then do you wonder that there has come to you a reminder from your Lord through a man from among you, that he may warn you and that you may fear Allāh so you might receive mercy?"
64. But they denied him, so We saved him and those who were with him in the ship. And We drowned those who denied Our signs. Indeed, they were a blind people.<sup>344</sup>
65. And to the 'Aad [We sent] their brother Hūd. He said, "O my people, worship Allāh; you have no deity other than Him. Then will you not fear Him?"
66. Said the eminent ones who disbelieved among his people, "Indeed, we see you in foolishness, and indeed, we think you are of the liars."
67. [Hūd] said, "O my people, there is not foolishness in me, but I am a messenger from the Lord of the worlds.
68. I convey to you the messages of my Lord, and I am to you a trustworthy adviser.
69. Then do you wonder that there has come to you a reminder from your Lord through a man from among you, that he may warn you? And remember when He made you successors after the people of Noah and increased you in stature extensively. So remember the favors of Allāh that you might succeed."
70. They said, "Have you come to us that we should worship Allāh alone and leave what our fathers have worshipped? Then bring us what you promise us,<sup>345</sup> if you should be of the truthful."
71. [Hūd] said, "Already have defilement and anger fallen upon you from your Lord. Do you dispute with me concerning [mere] names you have named them,<sup>346</sup> you and your fathers, for which Allāh has not sent down any authority? Then wait; indeed, I am with you among those who wait."
72. So We saved him and those with him by mercy from Us. And

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<sup>344</sup>For a more detailed account, see 11:25-48.

<sup>345</sup>i.e., Allāh's punishment.

<sup>346</sup>The false objects of worship which you have called "gods."