

37. [It is] so that Allāh may distinguish the wicked from the good and place the wicked some of them upon others and heap them all together and put them into Hell. It is those who are the losers.
38. Say to those who have disbelieved [that] if they cease, what has previously occurred will be forgiven for them. But if they return [to hostility] – then the precedent of the former [rebellious] peoples has already taken place.<sup>408</sup>
39. And fight them until there is no fitnah<sup>409</sup> and [until] the religion [i.e., worship], all of it, is for Allāh.<sup>410</sup> And if they cease – then indeed, Allāh is Seeing of what they do.
40. But if they turn away – then know that Allāh is your protector. Excellent is the protector, and excellent is the helper.
41. And know that anything you obtain of war booty – then indeed, for Allāh is one fifth of it and for the Messenger<sup>411</sup> and for [his] near relatives<sup>412</sup> and the orphans, the needy, and the [stranded] traveler,<sup>413</sup> if you have believed in Allāh and in that which We sent down to Our Servant<sup>414</sup> on the day of criterion [i.e., decisive encounter] – the day when the two armies met [at Badr]. And Allāh, over all things, is competent.
42. [Remember] when you were on the near side of the valley, and they were on the farther side, and the caravan was lower [in position] than you. If you had made an appointment [to meet], you would have missed the appointment. But [it was] so that Allāh might accomplish a matter already destined – that those who perished [through disbelief] would perish upon evidence

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<sup>408</sup>This is a warning that punishment is always the result of rebellion against Allāh and His messengers.

<sup>409</sup>Persecution. See footnote to 2:193.

<sup>410</sup>i.e., until polytheism is no longer dominant.

<sup>411</sup>To be spent in Allāh's cause.

<sup>412</sup>The tribes of Banū Hāshim and Banū Muṭṭalib, who were not eligible for *zakāh*.

<sup>413</sup>The remaining four fifths are divided among the soldiers.

<sup>414</sup>Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ).

and those who lived [in faith] would live upon evidence; and indeed, Allāh is Hearing and Knowing.

43. [Remember, O Muḥammad], when Allāh showed them to you in your dream as few; and if He had shown them to you as many, you [believers] would have lost courage and would have disputed in the matter [of whether to fight], but Allāh saved [you from that]. Indeed, He is Knowing of that within the breasts.
44. And [remember] when He showed them to you, when you met, as few in your eyes, and He made you [appear] as few in their eyes so that Allāh might accomplish a matter already destined. And to Allāh are [all] matters returned.
45. O you who have believed, when you encounter a company [from the enemy forces], stand firm and remember Allāh much that you may be successful.
46. And obey Allāh and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allāh is with the patient.
47. And do not be like those who came forth from their homes insolently and to be seen by people and avert [them] from the way of Allāh. And Allāh is encompassing<sup>415</sup> of what they do.
48. And [remember] when Satan made their deeds pleasing to them and said, "No one can overcome you today from among the people, and indeed, I am your protector." But when the two armies sighted each other, he turned on his heels and said, "Indeed, I am disassociated from you. Indeed, I see what you do not see; indeed, I fear Allāh. And Allāh is severe in penalty."
49. [Remember] when the hypocrites and those in whose hearts was disease [i.e., arrogance and disbelief] said, "Their religion has deluded those [Muslims]." But whoever relies upon Allāh – then indeed, Allāh is Exalted in Might and Wise.
50. And if you could but see when the angels take the souls of those

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<sup>415</sup>In knowledge. See footnote to 2:19.