

who disbelieved...⁴¹⁶ They are striking their faces and their backs and [saying], "Taste the punishment of the Burning Fire.

51. That is for what your hands have put forth [of evil] and because Allāh is not ever unjust to His servants."
52. [Theirs is] like the custom of the people of Pharaoh and of those before them. They disbelieved in the signs of Allāh, so Allāh seized them for their sins. Indeed, Allāh is Powerful and severe in penalty.
53. That is because Allāh would not change a favor which He had bestowed upon a people until they change what is within themselves. And indeed, Allāh is Hearing and Knowing.
54. [Theirs is] like the custom of the people of Pharaoh and of those before them. They denied the signs of their Lord, so We destroyed them for their sins, and We drowned the people of Pharaoh. And all [of them] were wrongdoers.
55. Indeed, the worst of living creatures in the sight of Allāh are those who have disbelieved, and they will not [ever] believe –
56. The ones with whom you made a treaty but then they break their pledge every time, and they do not fear Allāh.
57. So if you, [O Muḥammad], gain dominance over them in war, disperse by [means of] them those behind them that perhaps they will be reminded.⁴¹⁷
58. If you [have reason to] fear from a people betrayal, throw [their treaty] back to them, [putting you] on equal terms.⁴¹⁸ Indeed, Allāh does not like traitors.

⁴¹⁶This sentence is left incomplete for additional effect. Its conclusion is left to the imagination of the reader or listener and estimated as "...you would see a dreadful sight."

⁴¹⁷i.e., kill them and make an example of them to discourage those who follow them.

⁴¹⁸When you see signs of treachery from those with whom you have made a treaty, announce to them its dissolution so they will know exactly where they stand.

59. And let not those who disbelieve think they will escape. Indeed, they will not cause failure [to Allāh].
60. And prepare against them whatever you are able of power and of steeds of war⁴¹⁹ by which you may terrify the enemy of Allāh and your enemy and others besides them whom you do not know [but] whom Allāh knows. And whatever you spend in the cause of Allāh will be fully repaid to you, and you will not be wronged.
61. And if they incline to peace, then incline to it [also] and rely upon Allāh. Indeed, it is He who is the Hearing, the Knowing.
62. But if they intend to deceive you – then sufficient for you is Allāh. It is He who supported you with His help and with the believers
63. And brought together their hearts. If you had spent all that is in the earth, you could not have brought their hearts together; but Allāh brought them together. Indeed, He is Exalted in Might and Wise.
64. O Prophet, sufficient for you is Allāh and for whoever follows you of the believers.
65. O Prophet, urge the believers to battle. If there are among you twenty [who are] steadfast, they will overcome two hundred. And if there are among you one hundred [who are] steadfast, they will overcome a thousand of those who have disbelieved because they are a people who do not understand.
66. Now, Allāh has lightened [the hardship] for you, and He knows that among you is weakness. So if there are from you one hundred [who are] steadfast, they will overcome two hundred. And if there are among you a thousand, they will overcome two thousand by permission of Allāh. And Allāh is with the steadfast.
67. It is not for a prophet to have captives [of war] until he inflicts a massacre [upon Allāh's enemies] in the land. You [i.e., some Muslims] desire the commodities of this world,⁴²⁰ but

⁴¹⁹Or equipment which serves the same purpose.

⁴²⁰i.e., material benefit, such as the ransom paid for prisoners.