

Allāh desires [for you] the Hereafter. And Allāh is Exalted in Might and Wise.

68. If not for a decree from Allāh that preceded,<sup>421</sup> you would have been touched for what you took by a great punishment.
69. So consume what you have taken of war booty [as being] lawful and good, and fear Allāh. Indeed, Allāh is Forgiving and Merciful.
70. O Prophet, say to whoever is in your hands of the captives, "If Allāh knows [any] good in your hearts, He will give you [something] better than what was taken from you, and He will forgive you; and Allāh is Forgiving and Merciful."
71. But if they intend to betray you – then they have already betrayed Allāh before, and He empowered [you] over them. And Allāh is Knowing and Wise.
72. Indeed, those who have believed and emigrated and fought with their wealth and lives in the cause of Allāh and those who gave shelter and aided – they are allies of one another. But those who believed and did not emigrate – for you there is no support of them until they emigrate. And if they seek help of you for the religion, then you must help, except against a people between yourselves and whom is a treaty. And Allāh is Seeing of what you do.
73. And those who disbelieved are allies of one another. If you do not do so [i.e., ally yourselves with other believers], there will be fitnah [i.e., disbelief and oppression] on earth and great corruption.
74. But those who have believed and emigrated and fought in the cause of Allāh and those who gave shelter and aided – it is they who are the believers, truly. For them is forgiveness and noble provision.

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<sup>421</sup>Three interpretations of the "decree" are given: that by which the companions of Badr were forgiven, that by which indeliberate errors in judgement by believers are not punished, and that which made lawful the spoils of war.

75. And those who believed after [the initial emigration] and emigrated and fought with you – they are of you. But those of [blood] relationship are more entitled [to inheritance] in the decree of Allāh.<sup>422</sup> Indeed, Allāh is Knowing of all things.

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<sup>422</sup>This applies to Muslim relatives only. Others may be given by bequest. See 4:11.