

the son of Mary.⁴⁶⁸ And they were not commanded except to worship one God; there is no deity except Him. Exalted is He above whatever they associate with Him.

أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا ۚ لَّا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
هُوَ ۚ سُبْحَنَهُ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٩١﴾

32. They want to extinguish the light of Allāh with their mouths, but Allāh refuses except to perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it.

يُرِيدُونَ أَن يُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ
وَيَأْتِي اللَّهَ إِلَّا أَن يَتِمَّ نُورُهُ ۖ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ
الْكَافِرُونَ ﴿٩٢﴾

33. It is He who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion, although they who associate others with Allāh dislike it.

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ
الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ ۚ وَلَوْ
كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾

34. O you who have believed, indeed many of the scholars and the monks devour the wealth of people unjustly⁴⁶⁹ and avert [them] from the way of Allāh. And those who hoard gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allāh – give them tidings of a painful punishment.

۞ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ
الْأَحْبَارِ وَالرُّهْبَانِ لَيَأْكُلُونَ أَمْوَالَ النَّاسِ
بِالْبَاطِلِ وَيَصُدُّونَ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ
وَالَّذِينَ يَكْتِزُونَ الذَّهَبَ وَالْفِضَّةَ وَلَا
يُنْفِقُونَهَا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَبَشِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ
أَلِيمٍ ﴿٩٤﴾

35. The Day when it⁴⁷⁰ will be heated in the fire of Hell and seared therewith will be their foreheads, their flanks, and their backs, [it will be said], "This is what you hoarded for yourselves, so taste what you used to hoard."

يَوْمَ نَحْمِي عَلَيْهَا فِي نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ فُتُكُومًا
بِهَا جِبَاهُهُمْ وَجُنُوبُهُمْ وَظُهُورُهُمْ ۚ هَذَا مَا
كَتَبْتُمْ لَأَنفُسِكُمْ فَذُوقُوا مَا كُنْتُمْ
تَكْتُمُونَ ﴿٩٥﴾

36. Indeed, the number of months

إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا

⁴⁶⁸By their worship of him in conjunction with Allāh.

⁴⁶⁹i.e., through false pretense.

⁴⁷⁰The gold and silver which was hoarded, i.e., whose *zakāh* was not paid.

with Allāh is twelve [lunar] months in the register of Allāh [from] the day He created the heavens and the earth; of these, four are sacred.⁴⁷¹ That is the correct religion [i.e., way], so do not wrong yourselves during them.⁴⁷² And fight against the disbelievers collectively as they fight against you collectively. And know that Allāh is with the righteous [who fear Him].

فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ
وَالْأَرْضِ مِنْهَا أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرُمٌ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ
الَّذِينَ لَقِيتُمْ ۖ فَلَا تَظْلِمُوا فِيهِنَّ أَنْفُسَكُمْ
وَقَاتِلُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ كَافَّةً ۚ كَمَا
يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ كَافَّةً ۚ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ
الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٩﴾

37. Indeed, the postponing [of restriction within sacred months] is an increase in disbelief by which those who have disbelieved are led [further] astray. They make it⁴⁷³ lawful one year and unlawful another year to correspond to the number made unlawful by Allāh⁴⁷⁴ and [thus] make lawful what Allāh has made unlawful. Made pleasing to them is the evil of their deeds; and Allāh does not guide the disbelieving people.

إِنَّمَا النَّسِيءُ زِيَادَةٌ فِي الْكُفْرِ يُضِلُّ بِهِ
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا تَحِلُّونَهُ عَامًا وَيُحَرِّمُونَهُ
عَامًا لِّيُوَاطِئُوا عِدَّةَ مَا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ فَيَحِلُّوا مَا
حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ لَهُمْ سُوءُ أَعْمَالِهِمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ
لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٠﴾

38. O you who have believed, what is [the matter] with you that, when you are told to go forth in the cause of Allāh, you adhere heavily to the earth?⁴⁷⁵ Are you satisfied with the life of this world rather than the Hereafter? But what is the enjoyment of worldly life compared to the Hereafter except a [very] little.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مَا لَكُمْ إِذَا قِيلَ
لَكُمْ أَنْفِرُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَنْتَقَلْتُمْ إِلَى
الْأَرْضِ ۚ أَرْضَيْتُمْ بِالْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا مِنَ
الْآخِرَةِ ۚ فَمَا مَتَّعَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا فِي
الْآخِرَةِ إِلَّا قَلِيلٌ ﴿١١﴾

⁴⁷¹ See footnote to 9:5.

⁴⁷² i.e., do not violate the sacred months or commit aggression therein.

⁴⁷³ Fighting during a sacred month.

⁴⁷⁴ If they found it advantageous to violate a sacred month, they would do so, designating another month in its place in which to observe the restrictions concerning fighting.

⁴⁷⁵ i.e., inclining toward the comforts of worldly life.

39. If you do not go forth, He will punish you with a painful punishment and will replace you with another people, and you will not harm Him at all. And Allāh is over all things competent.

إِلَّا تَنْفِرُوا يُعَذِّبَكُمُ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا
وَيَسْتَبْدِلَ قَوْمًا غَيْرَكُمْ وَلَا تَضُرُّهُ شَيْئًا
وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٣٩﴾

40. If you do not aid him [i.e., the Prophet (ﷺ)] – Allāh has already aided him when those who disbelieved had driven him out [of Makkah] as one of two,⁴⁷⁶ when they were in the cave and he [i.e., Muḥammad (ﷺ)] said to his companion, "Do not grieve; indeed Allāh is with us." And Allāh sent down His tranquility upon him and supported him with soldiers [i.e., angels] you did not see and made the word⁴⁷⁷ of those who disbelieved the lowest,⁴⁷⁸ while the word of Allāh⁴⁷⁹ – that is the highest. And Allāh is Exalted in Might and Wise.

إِلَّا تَنْصُرُوهُ فَقَدْ نَصَرَهُ اللَّهُ إِذْ أَخْرَجَهُ
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ثَانِيَ اثْنَيْنِ إِذْ هُمَا فِي
الْغَارِ إِذْ يَقُولُ لِصَاحِبِهِ لَا تَحْزَنْ إِنَّا
اللَّهُ مَعَنَا فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَيْهِ
وَأَيَّدَهُ بِجُنُودٍ لَمْ تَرَوْهَا وَجَعَلَ كَلِمَةَ
الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا السُّفْلَىٰ وَكَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ
هِيَ الْعُلْيَا ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٤٠﴾

41. Go forth, whether light or heavy,⁴⁸⁰ and strive with your wealth and your lives in the cause of Allāh. That is better for you, if you only knew.

انْفِرُوا خِفَافًا وَثِقَالًا وَجَاهِدُوا
بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ
ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

42. Had it been a near [i.e., easy] gain and a moderate trip, they [i.e., the hypocrites] would have followed you, but distant to them was the journey. And they will

لَوْ كَانَ عَرَضًا قَرِيبًا وَسَفَرًا قَاصِدًا
لَّاتَّبَعُوكَ وَلَكِنْ بَعُدَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ الشُّقَّةُ
وَسَيَحْلِفُونَ بِاللَّهِ لَوِ اسْتَطَعْنَا لَخَرَجْنَا

⁴⁷⁶The second was his companion, Abū Bakr.

⁴⁷⁷i.e., their claims and slogans.

⁴⁷⁸i.e., degraded and dishonored.

⁴⁷⁹"*Lā ilāha ill-Allāh*" ("There is no deity except Allāh").

⁴⁸⁰i.e., young or old, riding or walking, in ease or in hardship – in all circumstances and conditions.

swear by Allāh,⁴⁸¹ "If we were able, we would have gone forth with you," destroying themselves [through false oaths], and Allāh knows that indeed they are liars.

مَعَكُمْ يُلَٰكُونَ أَنفُسَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِنَّهُمْ
لَكَٰذِبُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

43. Allāh has pardoned you, [O Muḥammad, but] why did you give them permission [to remain behind]? [You should not have] until it was evident to you who were truthful and you knew [who were] the liars.

عَفَا اللَّهُ عَنْكَ لِمَ أَذِنْتَ لَهُمْ حَتَّى
يَتَّبِعَنَّ لَكَ الَّذِي نَصَدَقُوا وَتَعْلَمَ
الْكَاذِبِينَ ﴿١٨﴾

44. Those who believe in Allāh and the Last Day would not ask permission of you to be excused from striving [i.e., fighting] with their wealth and their lives. And Allāh is Knowing of those who fear Him.

لَا يَسْتَغْذِرُكَ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ
وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ أَنْ يُجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ
وَأَنفُسِهِمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِالْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿١٩﴾

45. Only those would ask permission of you who do not believe in Allāh and the Last Day and whose hearts have doubted, and they, in their doubt, are hesitating.

إِنَّمَا يَسْتَغْذِرُكَ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ
وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَارْتَابَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ فَهُمْ فِي
رَيْبِهِمْ يَتَرَدَّدُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

46. And if they had intended to go forth, they would have prepared for it [some] preparation. But Allāh disliked their being sent, so He kept them back, and they were told, "Remain [behind] with those who remain."⁴⁸²

﴿ وَلَوْ أَرَادُوا الْخُرُوجَ لَأَعَدُّوا لَهُ عُدَّةً
وَلَكِنْ كَرِهَ اللَّهُ انْبِعَاثَهُمْ فَثَبَّطَهُمْ وَقِيلَ
اقْعَدُوا مَعَ الْفَاعِلِينَ ﴾ ﴿٢١﴾

47. Had they gone forth with you, they would not have increased you except in confusion, and they would have been active among

لَوْ خَرَجُوا فِيكُمْ مَا زَادُوكُمْ إِلَّا خَبَالًا
وَلَا وَضَعُوا حِلَالَكُمْ يَبْغُونَكُمُ الْفِتْنَةَ

⁴⁸¹When you return from the Tabūk expedition.

⁴⁸²i.e., the women and children.

you, seeking [to cause] you fitnah [i.e., chaos and dissension]. And among you are avid listeners to them. And Allāh is Knowing of the wrongdoers.

48. They had already desired dissension before and had upset matters for you⁴⁸³ until the truth came and the ordinance [i.e., victory] of Allāh appeared, while they were averse.

49. And among them is he who says, "Permit me [to remain at home] and do not put me to trial." Unquestionably, into trial they have fallen.⁴⁸⁴ And indeed, Hell will encompass the disbelievers.

50. If good befalls you, it distresses them; but if disaster strikes you, they say, "We took our matter [in hand] before,"⁴⁸⁵ and turn away while they are rejoicing.

51. Say, "Never will we be struck except by what Allāh has decreed for us; He is our protector." And upon Allāh let the believers rely.

52. Say, "Do you await for us except one of the two best things [i.e., martyrdom or victory] while we await for you that Allāh will afflict you with punishment from Himself or at our hands? So wait; indeed we, along with you, are waiting."

وَفِيكُمْ سَمْعُونَ هُمْ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِالظَّالِمِينَ

﴿١٧﴾

لَقَدْ أَتَبَعُوا الْفِتْنَةَ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَقَلَبُوا لَكَ
الْأُمُورَ حَتَّى جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَظَهَرَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ
وَهُمْ كَارِهُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

وَمِنْهُمْ مَن يَقُولُ أَئِذْنَ لِي وَلَا تَفْتِنِّي أَلَا
فِي الْفِتْنَةِ سَقَطُوا وَإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ لَمُحِيطَةٌ
بِالْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٩﴾

إِنْ نَصَبْتَ حَسَنَةً تَسُوهُمْ وَإِنْ تُصِيبَكَ
مُصِيبَةٌ يَقُولُوا قَدْ أَخَذْنَا أَمْرَنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ
وَيَتَوَلَّوْا وَهُمْ فَرِحُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

قُلْ لَنْ يُصِيبَنَا إِلَّا مَا كَتَبَ اللَّهُ لَنَا
هُوَ مَوْلَانَا وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ
الْمُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

قُلْ هَلْ تَرْتَضُونَ بِنَا إِلَّا إِحْدَى
الْحُسَيْنَيْنِ وَخَنَ تَرْتَضِ بِكُمْ أَنْ يُصِيبَكُمْ
اللَّهُ بِعَذَابٍ مِنْ عِنْدِهِ أَوْ بِأَيْدِينَا
فَتَرْتَضُوا إِنَّا مَعَكُمْ مُتَرْتَضُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾

⁴⁸³Or "turned matters related to you over [in their minds, considering how to cause you failure]."

⁴⁸⁴By avoiding their obligation, they fell into destruction.

⁴⁸⁵The hypocrites claim to have protected themselves by remaining behind.

53. Say, "Spend willingly or unwillingly; never will it be accepted from you. Indeed, you have been a defiantly disobedient people."

قُلْ أَنْفِقُوا طَوْعًا أَوْ كَرْهًا لَنْ يُتَقَبَلَ مِنْكُمْ
إِنْ كُنْتُمْ كُفْرًا فَسِقِينَ ﴿٥٣﴾

54. And what prevents their expenditures from being accepted from them but that they have disbelieved in Allāh and in His Messenger and that they come not to prayer except while they are lazy and that they do not spend except while they are unwilling.

وَمَا مَنَعَهُمْ أَنْ تُقَبَلَ مِنْهُمْ نَفَقَتُهُمْ إِلَّا
أَنْهُمْ كَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَلَا يَأْتُونَ
الصَّلَاةَ إِلَّا وَهُمْ كُسَالَى وَلَا يُنْفِقُونَ
إِلَّا وَهُمْ كَرِهُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾

55. So let not their wealth or their children impress you. Allāh only intends to punish them through them in worldly life and that their souls should depart [at death] while they are disbelievers.

فَلَا تُعْجِبْكَ أَمْوَالُهُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُهُمْ إِنَّمَا
يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيُعَذِّبَهُمْ بِهَا فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا
وَيَزْهِقَ أَنْفُسُهُمْ وَهُمْ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

56. And they swear by Allāh that they are from among you while they are not from among you; but they are a people who are afraid.

وَيَخْلِفُونَ بِاللَّهِ إِيَّاهُمْ لِمَنْكُمُ وَمَا هُمْ
مِنْكُمْ وَلَكِنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ يَفْرُقُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

57. If they could find a refuge or some caves or any place to enter [and hide], they would turn to it while they run heedlessly.

لَوْ يَجِدُونَ مَلْجَأًا أَوْ مَغْرَتًا أَوْ مَدْخَلًا
لَوَلَّوْا إِلَيْهِ وَهُمْ يَجْمَحُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

58. And among them are some who criticize you concerning the [distribution of] charities. If they are given from them, they approve; but if they are not given from them, at once they become angry.

وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَلْمِزُكَ فِي الصَّدَقَاتِ فَإِنْ أُعْطُوا
مِنْهَا رَضُوا وَإِنْ لَمْ يُعْطَوْا مِنْهَا إِذَا هُمْ
يَسْتَخْطُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

59. If only they had been satisfied with what Allāh and His Messenger gave them and said, "Sufficient for us is Allāh; Allāh

وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ رَضُوا مَا آتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ
وَقَالُوا حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ سَيُؤْتِينَا اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ

will give us of His bounty, and [so will] His Messenger; indeed, we are desirous toward Allāh,⁴⁸⁶ [it would have been better for them].

وَرَسُولُهُ إِنَّا إِلَى اللَّهِ رَاغِبُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

60. Zakāh expenditures are only for the poor and for the needy and for those employed for it⁴⁸⁷ and for bringing hearts together [for Islām] and for freeing captives [or slaves] and for those in debt and for the cause of Allāh and for the [stranded] traveler – an obligation [imposed] by Allāh. And Allāh is Knowing and Wise.

﴿٥٩﴾ إِنَّمَا الصَّدَقَتُ لِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْعَمِلِينَ عَلَيْهَا وَالْمُؤَلَّفَةِ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَالْغُرَمِينَ وَفِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ فَرِيضَةٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٦٠﴾

61. And among them are those who abuse the Prophet and say, "He is an ear."⁴⁸⁸ Say, "[It is] an ear of goodness for you that believes in Allāh and believes the believers and [is] a mercy to those who believe among you." And those who abuse the Messenger of Allāh – for them is a painful punishment.

وَمِنْهُمْ الَّذِينَ يُؤْذُونَ النَّبِيَّ وَيَقُولُونَ هُوَ أُذُنٌ قُلْ أُذُنٌ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَيُؤْمِنُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْذُونَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٦١﴾

62. They swear by Allāh to you [Muslims] to satisfy you. But Allāh and His Messenger are more worthy for them to satisfy,⁴⁸⁹ if they were to be believers.

يَخْلِفُونَ بِاللَّهِ لَكُمْ لِيَرْضَوْكُمْ وَاللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَحَقُّ أَن يُرْضَوْهُ إِنْ كَانُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٦٢﴾

63. Do they not know that whoever opposes Allāh and His Messenger – that for him is the

أَلَمْ يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّهُ مَن تَحَادِدِ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ فَأَنَّ لَهُ نَارَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدًا فِيهَا ذَلِكَ

⁴⁸⁶Meaning "We desire Allāh and His grace and acceptance," or "We desire whatever Allāh wills to give us of His bounty."

⁴⁸⁷By the state to collect, guard and distribute the zakāh.

⁴⁸⁸i.e., one who believes everything he hears.

⁴⁸⁹Literally, "to satisfy Him," meaning that Allāh would be satisfied by obedience to the Messenger (ﷺ).

fire of Hell, wherein he will abide eternally? That is the great disgrace.

الْخِزْيُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٦٤﴾

64. The hypocrites are apprehensive lest a sūrah be revealed about them, informing them of⁴⁹⁰ what is in their hearts. Say, "Mock [as you wish]; indeed, Allāh will expose that which you fear."

تَحْذَرُ الْمُنَافِقُونَ أَنْ تُنْزَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ سُورَةٌ تُنَبِّئُهُمْ بِمَا فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ قُلِ اسْتَخِرُوا إِنْ أَلَّاهُ مَخْرُجٌ مَا تَحْذَرُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

65. And if you ask them, they will surely say, "We were only conversing and playing." Say, "Is it Allāh and His verses and His Messenger that you were mocking?"

وَلَيْن سَأَلْتَهُمْ لَيَقُولُنَّ إِنَّمَا كُنَّا نَخُوضُ وَنَلْعَبُ قُلْ أَبِاللَّهِ وَآيَاتِهِ وَرَسُولِهِ كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَهْزِئُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾

66. Make no excuse; you have disbelieved [i.e., rejected faith] after your belief. If We pardon one faction of you – We will punish another faction because they were criminals.

لَا تَعْتَذِرُوا قَدْ كَفَرْتُمْ بَعْدَ إِيمَانِكُمْ إِنْ نَعْفُ عَنْ طَائِفَةٍ مِنْكُمْ نُعَذِّبْ طَائِفَةٌ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا مُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٦٧﴾

67. The hypocrite men and hypocrite women are of one another. They enjoin what is wrong and forbid what is right and close their hands.⁴⁹¹ They have forgotten Allāh, so He has forgotten them [accordingly]. Indeed, the hypocrites – it is they who are the defiantly disobedient.

الْمُنَافِقُونَ وَالْمُنَافِقَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ مِنْ بَعْضٍ يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمُنْكَرِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَقْبِضُونَ أَيْدِيَهُمْ نَسُوا اللَّهَ فَنَسِيَهُمْ إِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

68. Allāh has promised the hypocrite men and hypocrite women and the disbelievers the fire of Hell, wherein they will abide eternally. It is sufficient for them. And Allāh has cursed them, and for them is an enduring punishment.

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْمُنَافِقِينَ وَالْمُنَافِقَاتِ وَالْكُفَّارَ نَارَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا هِيَ حَسْبُهُمْ وَلَعْنُهُمُ اللَّهُ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّقِيمٌ ﴿٦٩﴾

⁴⁹⁰i.e., exposing the truth about.

⁴⁹¹i.e., refuse to spend in the way of Allāh.

69. [You disbelievers are] like those before you; they were stronger than you in power and more abundant in wealth and children. They enjoyed their portion [of worldly enjoyment], and you have enjoyed your portion as those before you enjoyed their portion, and you have engaged [in vanities] like that in which they engaged. [It is] those whose deeds have become worthless in this world and in the Hereafter, and it is they who are the losers.

كَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ كَانُوا أَشَدَّ مِنْكُمْ قُوَّةً وَآكَثَرَ أَمْوَالًا وَأُولَدًا فَاسْتَمْتَعُوا بِخَلْقِهِمْ فَاسْتَمْتَعْتُمْ بِخَلْقِكُمْ كَمَا اسْتَمْتَعَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ بِخَلْقِهِمْ وَخُضْتُمْ كَالَّذِي خَاضُوا أُولَئِكَ حَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾

70. Has there not reached them the news of those before them – the people of Noah and [the tribes of] 'Aad and Thamūd and the people of Abraham and the companions [i.e., dwellers] of Madyan and the towns overturned?⁴⁹² Their messengers came to them with clear proofs. And Allāh would never have wronged them, but they were wronging themselves.

أَلَمْ يَأْتِهِمْ نَبَأُ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ قَوْمِ نُوحٍ وَعَادٍ وَثَمُودَ وَقَوْمِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَأَصْحَابِ مَدْيَنَ وَالْمُؤْتَفِكَاتِ أَتَتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُم بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيَظْلِمَهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾

71. The believing men and believing women are allies of one another. They enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and establish prayer and give zakāh and obey Allāh and His Messenger. Those – Allāh will have mercy upon them. Indeed, Allāh is Exalted in Might and Wise.

وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَيُطِيعُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ أُولَئِكَ سَيَرْحَمُهُمُ اللَّهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٧١﴾

72. Allāh has promised the believing men and believing women gardens beneath which rivers flow,

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا

⁴⁹²...i.e., those to which Lot was sent and which earned for themselves Allāh's punishment.
See 11:82-83.

wherein they abide eternally, and pleasant dwellings in gardens of perpetual residence; but approval from Allāh is greater. It is that which is the great attainment.

وَمَسْكَنٌ طَيِّبَةٌ فِي جَنَّاتٍ عَدْنٍ
وَرِضْوَانٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ ذَلِكَ هُوَ
الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٧٦﴾

73. O Prophet, fight against the disbelievers and the hypocrites and be harsh upon them. And their refuge is Hell, and wretched is the destination.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ جَاهِدِ الْكُفَّارَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ
وَأَعِظْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَمَأْوَاهُمْ جَهَنَّمُ وَبِئْسَ
الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٧٧﴾

74. They swear by Allāh that they did not say [anything against the Prophet (ﷺ)] while they had said the word of disbelief and disbelieved after their [pretense of] Islām and planned that which they were not to attain.⁴⁹³ And they were not resentful except [for the fact] that Allāh and His Messenger had enriched them of His bounty.⁴⁹⁴ So if they repent, it is better for them; but if they turn away, Allāh will punish them with a painful punishment in this world and the Hereafter. And there will not be for them on earth any protector or helper.

تَخْلِفُونَ بِاللَّهِ مَا قَالُوا وَلَقَدْ قَالُوا كَلِمَةً
الْكُفْرِ وَكَفَرُوا بَعْدَ إِسْلَامِهِمْ وَهُمْ مَّا
لَمْ يَبَالُوا وَمَا نَعْمُوا إِلَّا أَنْ أَغْنَاهُمُ اللَّهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ فَإِنْ يَتُوبُوا يَكُ خَيْرًا
لَّهُمْ وَإِنْ يَتَوَلَّوْا يُعَذِّبُهُمُ اللَّهُ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا فِي
الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَمَا لَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ
وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ ﴿٧٨﴾

75. And among them are those who made a covenant with Allāh, [saying], "If He should give us from His bounty, we will surely spend in charity, and we will surely be among the righteous."

وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ عَاهَدَ اللَّهَ لَئِنْ آتَانَا مِنْ
فَضْلِهِ لَنَصَّدَّقَنَّ وَلَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ
﴿٧٩﴾

76. But when He gave them from His bounty, they were stingy with it and turned away while they refused.

فَلَمَّا آتَاهُم مِّن فَضْلِهِ نَخَلَوْا بِهِ وَتَوَلَّوْا
وَهُمْ مُّعْرِضُونَ ﴿٨٠﴾

⁴⁹³i.e., the murder of Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ).

⁴⁹⁴i.e., for no reason. On the contrary, they should have been grateful.

77. So He penalized them with hypocrisy in their hearts until the Day they will meet Him – because they failed Allāh in what they promised Him and because they [habitually] used to lie.

فَأَعَقَبَهُمُ بَغْيًا فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ إِلَى يَوْمِ يَلْقَوْنَهُ
بِمَا أَخْلَفُوا اللَّهَ مَا وَعَدُوهُ وَبِمَا كَانُوا
يَكْذِبُونَ ﴿٧٧﴾

78. Did they not know that Allāh knows their secrets and their private conversations and that Allāh is the Knower of the unseen?

أَلَمْ يَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ سِرَّهُمْ
وَنَجْوَاهُمْ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَّمَهُ الْغُيُوبِ ﴿٧٨﴾

79. Those who criticize the contributors among the believers concerning [their] charities and [criticize] the ones who find nothing [to spend] except their effort, so they ridicule them – Allāh will ridicule them, and they will have a painful punishment.

الَّذِينَ يَلْمِزُونَ الْمُطَّوِّعِينَ مِنَ
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي الصَّدَقَاتِ وَالَّذِينَ لَا
يَجِدُونَ إِلَّا جُهْدَهُمْ فَيَسْخَرُونَ مِنْهُمْ
سَخِرَ اللَّهُ مِنْهُمْ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٧٩﴾

80. Ask forgiveness for them, [O Muḥammad], or do not ask forgiveness for them. If you should ask forgiveness for them seventy times – never will Allāh forgive them. That is because they disbelieved in Allāh and His Messenger, and Allāh does not guide the defiantly disobedient people.

أَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ أَوْ لَا تَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ إِنْ
تَسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ سَبْعِينَ مَرَّةً فَلَنْ يَغْفِرَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ
ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَاللَّهُ
لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٨٠﴾

81. Those who remained behind⁴⁹⁵ rejoiced in their staying [at home] after [the departure of] the Messenger of Allāh and disliked to strive with their wealth and their lives in the cause of Allāh and said, "Do not go forth in the heat." Say, "The fire of Hell is

فَرِحَ الْمُخَلَّفُونَ بِمَقْعَدِهِمْ خِلَافَ
رَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَكَرِهُوا أَنْ يُجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ
وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَقَالُوا لَا تَنْفِرُوا فِي
الْحَرِّ قُلْ نَارُ جَهَنَّمَ أَشَدُّ حَرًّا لَوْ كَانُوا
يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٨١﴾

⁴⁹⁵Literally, "were left behind [as Allāh willed]" due to their false excuses having been accepted by the Prophet (ﷺ). While pleased with their assumed deception, in reality, Allāh had prevented their participation knowing of their hypocrisy and evil intent.

more intense in heat" – if they would but understand.

82. So let them laugh a little and [then] weep much as recompense for what they used to earn.

فَلْيَضْحَكُوا قَلِيلًا وَلْيَبْكُوا كَثِيرًا جَزَاءً بِمَا
كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾

83. If Allāh should return you to a faction of them [after the expedition] and then they ask your permission to go out [to battle], say, "You will not go out with me, ever, and you will never fight with me an enemy. Indeed, you were satisfied with sitting [at home] the first time, so sit [now] with those who stay behind."

فَإِنْ رَجَعَلَكَ اللَّهُ إِلَى طَائِفَةٍ مِنْهُمْ
فَاسْتَعِذْهُمْ لِلْخُرُوجِ فَقُلْ لَنْ تَخْرُجُوا
مَعِيَ أَبَدًا وَلَنْ تُقَاتِلُوا مَعِيَ عَدُوًّا إِنَّكُمْ
رَضِيتُمْ بِالْقُعُودِ أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ فَاقْعُدُوا مَعَ
الْخَالِفِينَ ﴿٨٣﴾

84. And do not pray [the funeral prayer, O Muḥammad], over any of them who has died – ever – or stand at his grave. Indeed, they disbelieved in Allāh and His Messenger and died while they were defiantly disobedient.

وَلَا تُصَلِّ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ مَاتَ أَبَدًا وَلَا
تَقُمْ عَلَى قَبْرِهِ إِنَّهُمْ كَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ
وَمَاتُوا وَهُمْ فَسِقُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾

85. And let not their wealth and their children impress you. Allāh only intends to punish them through them in this world and that their souls should depart [at death] while they are disbelievers.

وَلَا تُعْجِبْكَ أَمْوَالُهُمْ وَأَوْلَادُهُمْ إِنَّمَا يُرِيدُ
اللَّهُ أَنْ يُعَذِّبَهُمْ بِهَا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَتَزْهَقَ
أَنْفُسُهُمْ وَهُمْ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾

86. And when a sūrah was revealed [enjoining them] to believe in Allāh and to fight with His Messenger, those of wealth among them asked your permission [to stay back] and said, "Leave us to be with them who sit [at home]."

وَإِذَا أَنْزَلَتْ سُورَةٌ أَنْ ءَامِنُوا بِاللَّهِ
وَجَاهِدُوا مَعَ رَسُولِهِ اسْتَعِذْكَ أُولُوا
الْأَطْوَالِ مِنْهُمْ وَقَالُوا ذَرْنَا نَكُنْ مَعَ
الْقَاعِدِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾

87. They were satisfied to be with those who stay behind, and their hearts were sealed over, so they do not understand.

رَضُوا بِأَنْ يَكُونُوا مَعَ الْخَوَالِفِ وَطُبِعَ
عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ فَهُمْ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٨٧﴾

88. But the Messenger and those who believed with him fought with their wealth and their lives. Those will have [all that is] good, and it is those who are the successful.

لَكِنَّ الرُّسُولَ وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مَعَهُ جَاهَدُوا
بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ وَأُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ
الْخَيْرَاتُ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾

89. Allāh has prepared for them gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide eternally. That is the great attainment.

أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ
خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٨٩﴾

90. And those with excuses among the bedouins came to be permitted [to remain], and they who had lied⁴⁹⁶ to Allāh and His Messenger sat [at home]. There will strike those who disbelieved among them a painful punishment.

وَجَاءَ الْمُعَذِّرُونَ مِنَ الْأَعْرَابِ لِيُؤْذَنَ
لَهُمْ وَقَعَدَ الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ
سَيُصِيبُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿٩٠﴾

91. There is not upon the weak or upon the ill or upon those who do not find anything to spend any discomfort [i.e., guilt] when they are sincere to Allāh and His Messenger. There is not upon the doers of good any cause [for blame]. And Allāh is Forgiving and Merciful.

لَيْسَ عَلَى الضُّعَفَاءِ وَلَا عَلَى الْمَرْضَى وَلَا
عَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يَجِدُونَ مَا يَنْفِقُونَ
حَرَجٌ إِذَا نَصَحُوا لِلَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ مَا عَلَى
الْمُحْسِنِينَ مِنْ سَبِيلٍ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ
رَحِيمٌ ﴿٩١﴾

92. Nor [is there blame] upon those who, when they came to you for you to take them along, you said, "I can find nothing upon which to carry you."⁴⁹⁷ They turned back while their eyes overflowed with tears out of grief that they could not find something to spend [for the cause of Allāh].

وَلَا عَلَى الَّذِينَ إِذَا مَا أَتَوْكَ لِتَحْمِلَهُمْ
قُلْتَ لَا أَجِدُ مَا أَحْمِلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ تَوَلَّوْا
وَأَعْيُنُهُمْ تَفِيضُ مِنَ الدَّمْعِ حَزَنًا أَلَّا
يَجِدُوا مَا يَنْفِقُونَ ﴿٩٢﴾

⁴⁹⁶i.e., claimed faith.

⁴⁹⁷No mounts or even shoes were available.