

Sūrah Saba'¹²¹⁷

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. [All] praise is [due] to Allāh, to whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth, and to Him belongs [all] praise in the Hereafter. And He is the Wise, the Aware.
2. He knows what penetrates into the earth and what emerges from it and what descends from the heaven and what ascends therein. And He is the Merciful, the Forgiving.
3. But those who disbelieve say, "The Hour will not come to us." Say, "Yes, by my Lord, it will surely come to you [from] the Knower of the unseen." Not absent from Him is an atom's weight¹²¹⁸ within the heavens or within the earth or [what is] smaller than that or greater, except that it is in a clear register –
4. That He may reward those who believe and do righteous deeds. Those will have forgiveness and noble provision.
5. But those who strive against Our verses [seeking] to cause failure¹²¹⁹ – for them will be a painful punishment of foul nature.

أَحْمَدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ وَهُوَ الْحَكِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ ﴿١﴾

يَعْلَمُ مَا يَلْجُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا وَهُوَ الرَّحِيمُ الْغَفُورُ ﴿٢﴾

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَا تَأْتِينَا السَّاعَةُ قُلْ بَلَىٰ وَرَبِّي لَتَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ لَا يَعْزُبُ عَنْهُ مِثْقَالُ ذَرَّةٍ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا أَصْغَرُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَلَا أَكْبَرُ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٣﴾

لَيَجْزِيَنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ أَوْلِيَاءَ هُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٤﴾

وَالَّذِينَ سَعَوْا فِي آيَاتِنَا مُعْجِزِينَ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمْ عَذَابٌ مِّن رَّجْزٍ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٥﴾

¹²¹⁷Saba': (The People of) Saba' or Sabaeans.

¹²¹⁸Or "the weight of a small ant."

¹²¹⁹i.e., to undermine their credibility in order to defeat the Prophet (ﷺ).

6. And those who have been given knowledge see that what is revealed to you from your Lord is the truth, and it guides to the path of the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy.
7. But those who disbelieve say, "Shall we direct you to a man who will inform you [that] when you have disintegrated in complete disintegration, you will [then] be [recreated] in a new creation?"
8. Has he invented about Allāh a lie or is there in him madness?" Rather, they who do not believe in the Hereafter will be in the punishment and [are in] extreme error.
9. Then, do they not look at what is before them and what is behind them of the heaven and earth? If We should will, We could cause the earth to swallow them or [could] let fall upon them fragments from the sky. Indeed in that is a sign for every servant turning back [to Allāh].
10. And We certainly gave David from Us bounty. [We said], "O mountains, repeat [Our] praises with him, and the birds [as well]." And We made pliable for him iron,
11. [Commanding him], "Make full coats of mail and calculate [precisely] the links, and work [all of you] righteousness. Indeed I, of what you do, am Seeing."
- وَوَيْرَى الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ هُوَ الْحَقُّ وَيَهْدِي إِلَى صِرَاطِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ ﴿٦﴾
- وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا هَلْ نَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَى رَجُلٍ يُنْبِئُكُمْ إِذَا مُزِقْتُمْ كُلُّ مَزْقٍ إِنْكُمْ لَنْ يَخْلُقَ جَدِيدًا ﴿٧﴾
- أَفَتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَمْ بِهِ جِنَّةٌ بَلِ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ فِي الْعَذَابِ وَالضَّلَالِ الْبَعِيدِ ﴿٨﴾
- أَفَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ مِنْ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِنْ نَشَأْ نُخَسِفْ بِهِمُ الْأَرْضَ أَوْ نُسْقِطَ عَلَيْهِمْ كِسَفًا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِكُلِّ عَبْدٍ مُنِيبٍ ﴿٩﴾
- ﴿١٠﴾ وَقَدَدَّ آتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ مِنَّا فَضْلًا يَجْعَلُ أُوْبَى مَعَهُ وَالطَّيْرُ وَاللَّنَّا لَهُ الْخَدِيدُ ﴿١٠﴾
- أَنْ أَعْمَلْ سَبِغْتِ وَقَدَّرَ فِي السَّرْدِ وَأَعْمَلُوا صَلِحًا إِنِّي بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١١﴾

12. And to Solomon [We subjected] the wind – its morning [journey was that of] a month – and its afternoon [journey was that of] a month, and We made flow for him a spring of [liquid] copper. And among the jinn were those who worked for him by the permission of his Lord. And whoever deviated among them from Our command – We will make him taste of the punishment of the Blaze.

وَلُسَلِّمَنَّ الْرِّيحَ غُدُوها سَهْرٌ وَرَوْاحُها
سَهْرٌ وَأَسَلَّنَا لَهُ عَيْنَ الْقَطْرِ وَمِنَ الْجِنِّ مَنْ
يَعْمَلُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِ ۗ وَمَنْ يَبْزَغْ مِنْهُمْ
عَنْ أَمْرِنَا نُذِقْهُ مِنْ عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ ﴿١٢﴾

13. They made for him what he willed of elevated chambers,¹²²⁰ statues,¹²²¹ bowls like reservoirs, and stationary kettles. [We said], "Work, O family of David, in gratitude." And few of My servants are grateful.

يَعْمَلُونَ لَهُ مَا يَشَاءُ مِنْ مَحْرَبٍ وَتَمَثِيلٍ
وَجِفَانٍ كَالْجَوَابِ وَقُدُورٍ رَاسِيَتٍ ۗ أَعْمَلُوا
ءَالَ دَاوُدَ شُكْرًا وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنْ عِبَادِيَ
الشُّكُورِ ﴿١٣﴾

14. And when We decreed for him [i.e., Solomon] death, nothing indicated to them [i.e., the jinn] his death except a creature of the earth eating his staff.¹²²² But when he fell, it became clear to the jinn that if they had known the unseen, they would not have remained in humiliating punishment.¹²²³

فَلَمَّا فَصَّيْنَا عَلَيْهِ الْمَوْتَ مَا دَهَمَ عَلَى
مَوْتِهِ ۗ إِلَّا دَابَّةُ الْأَرْضِ تَأْكُلُ مِن سَأْتِهِ ۗ
فَلَمَّا خَرَّ تَبَيَّنَتِ الْجِنُّ أَن لَّو كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ
الْغَيْبَ مَا لَبِثُوا فِي الْعَذَابِ الْمُهِينِ ﴿١٤﴾

15. There was for [the tribe of] Saba' in their dwelling place a sign: two [fields of] gardens on the right and on the left. [They were

لَقَدْ كَانَ لِسَبَإٍ فِي مَسْكِنِهِمْ ءَايَةٌ ۗ جَنَّتَانِ
عَنْ يَمِينٍ وَشِمَالٍ ۗ كُلُوا مِن رِّزْقِ رَبِّكُمْ

¹²²⁰Described by commentators as palaces, dwellings, or places of prayer.

¹²²¹Which were not prohibited until the time of Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ).

¹²²²Upon which he was leaning at the time of his death. A termite continued to gnaw into the stick until it collapsed under his weight.

¹²²³i.e., hard labor. This verse is evidence that the jinn do not possess knowledge of the unseen, which belongs exclusively to Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*).

told], "Eat from the provisions of your Lord and be grateful to Him. A good land [have you], and a forgiving Lord."

16. But they turned away [refusing], so We sent upon them the flood of the dam,¹²²⁴ and We replaced their two [fields of] gardens with gardens of bitter fruit, tamarisks and something of sparse lote trees.
17. [By] that We repaid them because they disbelieved. And do We [thus] repay except the ungrateful?
18. And We placed between them and the cities which We had blessed¹²²⁵ [many] visible cities. And We determined between them the [distances of] journey,¹²²⁶ [saying], "Travel between them by night or by day in safety."
19. But [insolently] they said, "Our Lord, lengthen the distance between our journeys," and wronged themselves, so We made them narrations¹²²⁷ and dispersed them in total dispersion. Indeed in that are signs for everyone patient and grateful.
20. And Iblees had already confirmed through them¹²²⁸ his

وَأَشْكُرُوا لَهُمْ بَلَدًا طَيِّبَةً وَرَبًّا غَفُورًا ﴿١٦﴾

فَأَعْرَضُوا فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ سَيْلَ الْعَرِمِ
وَبَدَّلْنَاهُمْ بِجَنَّتَيْهِمْ جَنَّتَيْنِ ذَوَاتِ أُكُلٍ
خَمْطٍ وَأُتْلٍ وَشَيْءٍ مِّن سِدْرٍ قَلِيلٍ ﴿١٧﴾

ذَٰلِكَ جَزَيْنَاهُمْ بِمَا كَفَرُوا وَهَلْ نُجْزِي إِلَّا
الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٨﴾

وَجَعَلْنَا بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ الْقُرَىٰ الَّتِي بَرَكْنَا
فِيهَا قُرَىٰ ظَهْرَةً وَقَدَّرْنَا فِيهَا السَّيْرَ سِيرُوا
فِيهَا لَيَالِيًّا وَأَيَّامًا آمِنِينَ ﴿١٩﴾

فَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا بَعْدَ بَيْنِ أَسْفَارِنَا وَظَلَمُوا
أَنْفُسَهُمْ فَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ أَحَادِيثَ وَمَزَّقْنَاهُمْ كُلَّ
مُمَزَّقٍ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ
شَكُورٍ ﴿٢٠﴾

وَلَقَدْ صَدَّقَ عَلَيْهِمْ إِبْلِيسُ ظَنَّهُ فَاتَّبَعُوهُ

¹²²⁴i.e., caused by a break in their dam. Another meaning is "the overwhelming flood."

¹²²⁵In the lands of what is now southern Syria and Palestine.

¹²²⁶i.e., We placed the intermediate settlements at calculated distances for the convenience of travelers.

¹²²⁷Stories related to others as lessons or examples.

¹²²⁸i.e., the people of Saba' or mankind in general.

assumption,¹²²⁹ so they followed him, except for a party of believers.

إِلَّا فَرِيقًا مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٢٢٩﴾

21. And he had over them no authority except [it was decreed] that We might make evident who believes in the Hereafter from who is thereof in doubt. And your Lord, over all things, is Guardian.¹²³⁰

وَمَا كَانَ لَهُ عَلَيْهِم مِّن سُلْطَانٍ إِلَّا لِنَعْلَمَ مَنْ يُّؤْمِنُ بِالْآخِرَةِ مِمَّنْ هُوَ مِنهَا فِي شَكٍّ وَرَبُّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَفِيظٌ ﴿١٢٣٠﴾

22. Say, [O Muḥammad], "Invoke those you claim [as deities] besides Allāh." They do not possess an atom's weight [of ability] in the heavens or on the earth, and they do not have therein any partnership [with Him], nor is there for Him from among them any assistant.

قُلْ ادْعُوا الَّذِينَ زَعَمْتُمْ مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا لَهُمْ فِيهِمَا مِن شِرْكٍ وَمَا لَهُ مِنْهُمْ مِّن ظَهِيرٍ ﴿١٢٣١﴾

23. And intercession does not benefit with Him except for one whom He permits. [And those wait] until, when terror is removed from their hearts,¹²³¹ they will say [to one another], "What has your Lord said?" They will say, "The truth." And He is the Most High, the Grand.

وَلَا تَنْفَعُ الشَّفَعَةُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا لِمَن أَذِنَ لَهُ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا فُزِعَ عَن قُلُوبِهِمْ قَالُوا مَاذَا قَالَ رَبُّكُمْ قَالُوا الْحَقُّ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْكَبِيرُ ﴿١٢٣٢﴾

24. Say, "Who provides for you from the heavens and the earth?" Say, "Allāh. And indeed, we or you are either upon guidance or in clear error."

قُلْ مَن يَرْزُقُكُم مِّنَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ قُلْ اللَّهُ وَإِنَّا أَوْ إِيَّاكُمْ لَعَلَىٰ هُدًى أَوْ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿١٢٣٣﴾

25. Say, "You will not be asked about what we committed, and we will not be asked about what you do."

قُلْ لَا تَسْأَلُونِي عَمَّا أَجْرَمْنَا وَلَا نَسْأَلُكُمْ عَمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٢٣٤﴾

¹²²⁹That mankind could readily be misled by him.

¹²³⁰Protecting and preserving the existence and attributes of His creations.

¹²³¹i.e., the hearts of the angels who will be permitted to intercede.

26. Say, "Our Lord will bring us together; then He will judge between us in truth. And He is the Knowing Judge."¹²³²
- قُلْ يَجْمَعُ بَيْنَنَا رَبُّنَا ثُمَّ يَفْتَحُ بَيْنَنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَهُوَ الْفَاتِحُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٦٦﴾
27. Say, "Show me those whom you have attached to Him as partners. No! Rather, He [alone] is Allāh, the Exalted in Might, the Wise."
- قُلْ أَرُونِي الَّذِينَ أَلْحَقْتُمْ بِهِ شُرَكَاءَ كَلَّا بَلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٦٧﴾
28. And We have not sent you except comprehensively¹²³³ to mankind as a bringer of good tidings and a warner. But most of the people do not know.
- وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَيَكُنْ أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾
29. And they say, "When is this promise, if you should be truthful?"
- وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هَذَا الْوَعْدُ إِن كُنتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٦٩﴾
30. Say, "For you is the appointment of a Day [when] you will not remain thereafter an hour, nor will you precede [it]."
- قُلْ لَّكُمْ مِيعَادُ يَوْمٍ لَا تَسْتَجِرُونَ عَنْهُ سَاعَةً وَلَا تَسْتَقْدِمُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾
31. And those who disbelieve say, "We will never believe in this Qur'an nor in that before it." But if you could see when the wrongdoers are made to stand before their Lord, refuting each others' words...¹²³⁴ Those who were oppressed will say to those who were arrogant, "If not for you, we would have been believers."
- وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَنْ نُؤْمِنَ بِهَذَا الْقُرْآنِ وَلَا بِالَّذِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَلَوْ تَرَى إِذِ الظَّالِمُونَ مَوْقُوفُونَ عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ يَرْجِعُ بَعْضُهُمْ إِلَى بَعْضٍ الْقَوْلَ يَقُولُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَضَعُّوا لِّلَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا لَوْلَا أَننَّم لَكُمَا مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٧١﴾
32. Those who were arrogant will say to those who were oppressed, "Did we avert you from guidance
- قَالَ الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا لِّلَّذِينَ اسْتَضَعُّوا أَنحُنَّ صَدَدْتِكُمْ عَنِ الْهُدَىٰ بَعْدَ إِذِ

¹²³²Literally, "Opener," i.e., He who decides and lays open all matters in truth and justice and who opens the way to victory, success, relief, knowledge and understanding.

¹²³³Literally, "inclusively, without exception."

¹²³⁴Having been left to the imagination, the conclusion of this sentence is estimated to be "...you would see a dreadful sight."

after it had come to you? Rather, you were criminals."

جَاءَكُمْ بَلٌّ كُنْتُمْ مُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٣٣﴾

33. Those who were oppressed will say to those who were arrogant, "Rather, [it was your] conspiracy of night and day when you were ordering us to disbelieve in Allāh and attribute to Him equals." But they will [all] confide regret when they see the punishment; and We will put shackles on the necks of those who disbelieved. Will they be recompensed except for what they used to do?

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ اسْتَضَعِفُوا لِلَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا بَلٌّ مَكْرٌ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ إِذْ تَأْمُرُونَنَا أَنْ نَكْفُرَ بِاللَّهِ وَنَجْعَلَ لَهُ أَنْدَادًا وَأَسْرُوا الدَّامَةَ لَمَّا رَأَوْا الْعَذَابَ وَجَعَلْنَا الْأَعْتَلَّ فِيْ أَعْتَاقِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا هَلْ تُجْزَوْنَ إِلَّا مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾

34. And We did not send into a city any warner except that its affluent said, "Indeed we, in that with which you were sent, are disbelievers."

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِي قَرْيَةٍ مِنْ نَذِيرٍ إِلَّا قَالَ مُتْرَفُوهَا إِنَّا بِمَا أُرْسِلْتُمْ بِهِ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

35. And they¹²³⁵ said, "We are more [than the believers] in wealth and children, and we are not to be punished."

وَقَالُوا خَنَّا أَكْثَرُ أَمْوَالًا وَأَوْلَادًا وَمَا خَنَّا بِمُعَذِّبِينَ ﴿٣٥﴾

36. Say, "Indeed, my Lord extends provision for whom He wills and restricts [it], but most of the people do not know."

قُلْ إِنْ رَبِّي يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَقْدِرُ وَلَكِنْ أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾

37. And it is not your wealth or your children that bring you nearer to Us in position, but it is [by being] one who has believed and done righteousness. For them there will be the double reward for what they did, and they will be in the upper chambers [of Paradise], safe [and secure].

وَمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُكُمْ بِالَّتِي تُقَرِّبُكُمْ عِندَنَا زُلْفَىٰ إِلَّا مَنْ ءَامَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمْ جَزَاءُ الضَّعْفِ بِمَا عَمِلُوا وَهُمْ فِي الْغُرُفَاتِ ءَامِنُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾

¹²³⁵The affluent ones in general or the people of Makkah specifically.

38. And the ones who strive against Our verses to cause [them] failure¹²³⁶ – those will be brought into the punishment [to remain].
39. Say, "Indeed, my Lord extends provision for whom He wills of His servants and restricts [it] for him. But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] – He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers."
40. And [mention] the Day when He will gather them all and then say to the angels, "Did these [people] used to worship you?"
41. They will say, "Exalted are You! You, [O Allāh], are our benefactor excluding [i.e., not] them. Rather, they used to worship the jinn; most of them were believers in them."
42. But today [i.e., the Day of Judgement] you do not hold for one another [the power of] benefit or harm, and We will say to those who wronged, "Taste the punishment of the Fire, which you used to deny."
43. And when Our verses are recited to them as clear evidences, they say, "This is not but a man who wishes to avert you from that which your fathers were worshipping." And they say, "This is not except a lie invented." And those who disbelieve say of the truth

وَالَّذِينَ يَسْعَوْنَ فِي آيَاتِنَا مُعْجِزِينَ
أُولَٰئِكَ فِي الْعَذَابِ مُحْضَرُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾

قُلْ إِنْ رَبِّي يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ
عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرُ لَهُ ۖ وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ
فَهُوَ مُخْلِفُهُ ۗ وَهُوَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾

وَيَوْمَ نَحْشُرُهُمْ جَمِيعًا ثُمَّ يَقُولُ لِلْمَلٰٓئِكَةِ
أَهٰٓؤٰلَآءِ اِيَّاكُمْ كَانُوۡا يَعْبُدُوۡنَ ﴿٤٠﴾

قَالُوۡا سُبْحٰنَكَ اَنْتَ وَاٰلِنَا مِنْ دُوۡنِهِمْ
بَلْ كَانُوۡا يَعْبُدُوۡنَ الْجِنَّ ۗ اَكْثَرُهُمْ
مُؤْمِنُوۡنَ ﴿٤١﴾

فَالْيَوْمَ لَا يَمْلِكُ بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ نَفْعًا وَلَا
ضَرًّا وَنَقُولُ لِلَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوۡا ذُقُوۡا عَذَابَ
النَّارِ الَّتِي كُنْتُمْ بِهَا تُكَذِّبُوۡنَ ﴿٤٢﴾

وَإِذَا تُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ قَالُوا مَا
هٰذَا إِلَّا رَجُلٌ يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَصُدَّكُمْ عَمَّا
كَانَ يَعْبُدُ آبَاؤَكُمْ وَقَالُوا مَا هٰذَا إِلَّا
إِفْكٌ مُّفْتَرَىٰ ۖ وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلْحَقِّ لَمَّا
جَاءَهُمْ إِنَّ هٰذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٤٣﴾

¹²³⁶See footnote to 34:5.

when it has come to them, "This is not but obvious magic."

44. And We had not given them any scriptures which they could study, and We had not sent to them before you, [O Muḥammad], any warner.
45. And those before them denied, and they [i.e., the people of Makkah] have not attained a tenth of what We had given them. But they [i.e., the former peoples] denied My messengers, so how [terrible] was My reproach.
46. Say, "I only advise you of one [thing] – that you stand for Allāh, [seeking truth] in pairs and individually, and then give thought." There is not in your companion any madness. He is only a warner to you before a severe punishment.
47. Say, "Whatever payment I might have asked of you – it is yours. My payment is only from Allāh, and He is, over all things, Witness."
48. Say, "Indeed, my Lord projects the truth, Knower of the unseen."
49. Say, "The truth has come, and falsehood can neither begin [anything] nor repeat [it]."¹²³⁷
50. Say, "If I should err, I would only err against myself. But if I am guided, it is by what my Lord

وَمَا ءَاتَيْنَهُمْ مِّنْ كُتُبٍ يَدْرُسُونَهَا وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْهِمْ قَبْلَكَ مِنْ نَذِيرٍ ﴿٤٤﴾

وَكَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَمَا بَلَّغُوا مِعْشَارَ مَا ءَاتَيْنَهُمْ فَكَذَّبُوا رُسُلِي فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ ﴿٤٥﴾

﴿ قُلْ إِنَّمَا أَعِظُكُمْ بِوَاحِدَةٍ أَن تَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ مَتَىٰ وَفُرَدَىٰ ثُمَّ تَتَفَكَّرُوا مَا بِصَاحِبِكُمْ مِّنْ جِنَّةٍ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ لَّكُمْ بَيْنَ يَدَيْ عَذَابٍ شَدِيدٍ ﴿٤٦﴾

﴿ قُلْ مَا سَأَلْتُكُمْ مِّنْ أَجْرٍ فَهُوَ لَكُمْ إِنْ أَجْرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ ﴿٤٧﴾

﴿ قُلْ إِنْ رَبِّي يَقْذِفُ بِالْحَقِّ عَلَٰمِ الْغُيُوبِ ﴿٤٨﴾

﴿ قُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَمَا يُبَدِّلُ الْبَاطِلُ وَمَا يُعِيدُ ﴿٤٩﴾

﴿ قُلْ إِنْ صَلَّيْتُ فَإِنَّمَا أَضِلُّ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِي وَإِنِ اهْتَدَيْتُ فِيمَا يُوحَىٰ إِلَيَّ رَبِّيَ إِنَّهُ

¹²³⁷This expression alludes to complete inability, meaning that falsehood was abolished.

reveals to me. Indeed, He is Hearing and near."

سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ ﴿٣٨﴾

51. And if you could see¹²³⁸ when they are terrified but there is no escape, and they will be seized from a place nearby.

وَلَوْ تَرَىٰ إِذْ فَرَغُوا فَلَا قُوَّةَ وَأُخِذُوا مِنْ

مَكَانٍ قَرِيبٍ ﴿٣٩﴾

52. And they will [then] say, "We believe in it!" But how for them will be the taking¹²³⁹ [of faith] from a place far away?¹²⁴⁰

وَقَالُوا ءَامَنَّا بِهِمْ وَأَنَّىٰ لَهُمُ اللَّتَاؤُسُ مِنْ

مَكَانٍ بَعِيدٍ ﴿٤٠﴾

53. And they had already disbelieved in it before and would assault¹²⁴¹ the unseen from a place far away.¹²⁴²

وَقَدْ كَفَرُوا بِهِمْ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَيَقْذِفُونَ

بِالْغَيْبِ مِنْ مَّكَانٍ بَعِيدٍ ﴿٤١﴾

54. And prevention will be placed between them and what they desire,¹²⁴³ as was done with their kind before. Indeed, they were in disquieting doubt [i.e., denial].

وَحِيلَ بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ مَا يَشْتَهُونَ كَمَا فُعِلَ

بِأَشْيَاعِهِمْ مِنْ قَبْلُ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا فِي شَكٍّ

مُرِيبٍ ﴿٤٢﴾

1238: i.e., have a glimpse of the Hereafter.

1239: Literally, "taking of something within easy reach," in other words, "How can they expect to obtain faith at this point?"

1240: i.e., their former life on earth, wherein they had every opportunity but which is now gone, never to return.

1241: Verbally, by conjecture and denial.

1242: i.e., a position far from truth.

1243: Meaning the attainment of faith and its benefits or entrance into Paradise.