

Sûrat Tâ-Hâ. XX

In the Name of Allâh

the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

1. Tâ-Hâ.

[These letters are one of the miracles of the Qur'ân, and none but Allâh (Alone) knows their meanings].

2. We have not sent down the Qur'ân unto you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) to cause you distress,

3. But only as a Reminder to those who fear (Allâh).

4. A revelation from Him (Allâh) Who has created the earth and high heavens.

5. The Most Gracious (Allâh) rose over (Istawâ) the (Mighty) Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty).

6. To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth, and all that is between them, and all that is under the soil.

7. And if you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) speak (the invocation) aloud, then verily, He knows the secret and that which is yet more hidden.

8. Allâh! *Lâ ilâhla illa Huwa* (none has the right to be worshipped but He)! To Him belong the Best Names.^[1]

9. And has there come to you the story of Mûsâ (Moses)?

10. When he saw a fire, he said to his family: "Wait! Verily, I have seen a fire; perhaps I can bring you some burning brand therefrom, or find some guidance at the fire."

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

طه

مَا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْقُرْآنَ لِتَشْقَىٰ ﴿١﴾

إِلَّا نَذْكِرَ لَكَ لِمَنْ يَخْشَىٰ ﴿٢﴾

تَزِيلًا مِمَّنْ خَلَقَ الْأَرْضَ وَالسَّمَوَاتِ الْعُلَىٰ ﴿٣﴾

الرَّحْمَنُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ اسْتَوَىٰ ﴿٤﴾

لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا
وَمَا تَحْتُ التَّرَىٰ ﴿٥﴾

وَإِنْ يَخْهَرِ بِالْقَوْلِ فَإِنَّهُ يَعْلَمُ السِّرَّ وَأَخْفَىٰ ﴿٦﴾

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ لَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ ﴿٧﴾

وَهَلْ آتَاكَ حَدِيثُ مُوسَىٰ ﴿٨﴾

إِذْ رَأَىٰ نَارًا فَقَالَ لِأَهْلِهِ امْكُثُوا إِنِّي آنَسْتُ نَارًا
لَعَلِّي آتِيكُمْ مِنْهَا بِقَبَسٍ أَوْ أَجْدُ عَلَى النَّارِ هُدًى ﴿٩﴾

[1] (V.20:8) See the footnote of (V.7:180).

11. And when he came to it (the fire), he was called by name: "O Mûsâ (Moses)!"

12. "Verily I am your Lord! So take off your shoes; you are in the sacred valley, *Tuwa*.

13. "And I have chosen you. So listen to that which will be revealed (to you).

14. "Verily! I am Allâh! *Lâ ilâha illa Ana* (none has the right to be worshipped but I), so worship Me, and perform *As-Salât (Iqâmat-as-Salât)* for My Remembrance.

15. "Verily, the Hour is coming — and I am almost hiding it from Myself — that every person may be rewarded for that which he strives.

16. "Therefore, let not the one who believes not therein (i.e. in the Day of Resurrection, Reckoning, Paradise and Hell.), but follows his own lusts,^[1] divert you therefrom, lest you perish.

17. "And what is that in your right hand, O Mûsâ (Moses)?"

18. He said: "This is my stick, whereon I lean, and wherewith I beat down branches for my sheep, and wherein I find other uses."

19. (Allâh) said: "Cast it down, O Mûsâ (Moses)!"

20. He cast it down, and behold! It was a snake, moving quickly.

21. Allâh said: "Grasp it and fear not; We shall return it to its former state,

22. "And press your (right) hand to your (left) side: it will come forth white (and shining), without any disease as another sign,

فَلَمَّا أَنهَا نُوْدِيَ يَمْوَسَىٰ ﴿١١﴾

إِنِّي أَنَا رَبُّكَ فَالْخُذْ نَعْلَيْكَ إِنَّكَ بِالْوَادِ الْمُقَدَّسِ طُوًى ﴿١٢﴾

وَأَنَا اخْتَرْتُكَ فَاسْتَمِعْ لِمَا يُوحَىٰ ﴿١٣﴾

إِنِّي أَنَا اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدْنِي وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ لِذِكْرِي ﴿١٤﴾

إِنَّ السَّاعَةَ آيَةٌ أَكَادُ أَخْفِيهَا يُتَجَرَّى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا تَسْعَىٰ ﴿١٥﴾

فَلَا يَصُدُّكَ عَنْهَا مَنْ لَابِئُومُنْ بِهَا
وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ فَتَرْدَىٰ ﴿١٦﴾

وَمَا تِلْكَ يَمِينِكَ يَمْوَسَىٰ ﴿١٧﴾

قَالَ هِيَ عَصَايَ أَنُوكَّ وَأُغْلِيهَا وَأَهْشُ بِهَا عُلَىٰ
عَنِي وَلِي فِيهَا مَنَارِبٌ أُخْرَىٰ ﴿١٨﴾

قَالَ أَلْقِهَا يَمْوَسَىٰ ﴿١٩﴾

فَأَلْقَاهَا فَإِذَا هِيَ حَيَّةٌ تَسْعَىٰ ﴿٢٠﴾

قَالَ خُذْهَا وَلَا تَخَفْ سَنُعِيدُهَا
سِيرَتَهَا الْأُولَىٰ ﴿٢١﴾

وَأَضْمَمْ يَدَكَ إِلَىٰ جَنَاحِكَ تَخْرُجُ بَيْضَاءَ
مِنْ غَيْرِ سُوءٍ آيَةً أُخْرَىٰ ﴿٢٢﴾

[1] (V.20:16) See the footnote of (V.19:59)

23. "That We may show you (some) of Our Greater Signs.

لِنُرِيكَ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا الْكُبْرَى ﴿٢٣﴾

24. "Go to Fir'aun (Pharaoh)! Verily, he has transgressed (all bounds in disbelief and disobedience, and has behaved as an arrogant and as a tyrant)."

أَذْهَبْ إِلَى فِرْعَوْنَ إِنَّهُ طَغَى ﴿٢٤﴾

25. [Mûsâ (Moses)] said: "O my Lord! Open for me my chest (grant me self-confidence, contentment, and boldness).

قَالَ رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي ﴿٢٥﴾

26. "And ease my task for me;

وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي ﴿٢٦﴾

27. "And loose the knot (the defect) from my tongue, (i.e. remove the incorrectness from my speech) [That occurred as a result of a brand of fire which Mûsâ (Moses) put in his mouth when he was an infant]. (*Tafsir At-Tabarî*)

وَأَحْلِلْ عُقْدَةً مِنْ لِسَانِي ﴿٢٧﴾

28. "That they understand my speech.

يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي ﴿٢٨﴾

29. "And appoint for me a helper from my family,

وَأَجْعَلْ لِي وَزِيرًا مِنْ أَهْلِي ﴿٢٩﴾

30. "Hârûn (Aaron), my brother.

هَارُونَ أَخِي ﴿٣٠﴾

31. "Increase my strength with him,

أَشْدِّدْ بِهِ أَرْزِي ﴿٣١﴾

32. "And let him share my task (of conveying Allâh's Message and Prophethood),

وَأَشْرِكْ فِي أَمْرِي ﴿٣٢﴾

33. "That we may glorify You much,

كَتُسَبِّحُكَ كَثِيرًا ﴿٣٣﴾

34. "And remember You much,

وَنَذْكُرُكَ كَثِيرًا ﴿٣٤﴾

35. "Verily You are Ever a Well-Seer of us."

إِنَّكَ كُنْتَ بِنَايِبِيرًا ﴿٣٥﴾

36. (Allâh) said: "You are granted your request, O Mûsâ (Moses)!

قَالَ قَدْ أُوتِيتَ سُؤْلَكَ يَا مُوسَى ﴿٣٦﴾

37. "And indeed We conferred a favour on you another time (before).

وَلَقَدْ مَنَّا عَلَيْكَ مَرَّةً أُخْرَى ﴿٣٧﴾

38. "When We inspired your mother with that which We inspired.

إِذْ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ أُمِّكَ مَا يُوحَىٰ ﴿٣٨﴾

39. "Saying: 'Put him (the child) into the *Tabût* (a box or a case or a chest) and put it

أَنْ أَقْدِمِيهِ فِي التَّابُوتِ فَأَقْدِمِيهِ فِي الْبَيْرِ فَلْيَلْقِهِ إِلَيْمُ

into the river (Nile); then the river shall cast it up on the bank, and there, an enemy of Mine and an enemy of his shall take him.' And I endued you with love from Me, in order that you may be brought up under My Eye.

40. "When your sister went and said: 'Shall I show you one who will nurse him?' So We restored you to your mother, that she might cool her eyes and she should not grieve. Then you did kill a man, but We saved you from great distress and tried you with a heavy trial. Then you stayed a number of years with the people of Madyan (Midian). Then you came here according to the fixed term which I ordained (for you), O Mûsâ (Moses)!

41. "And I have chosen you,^[1] for Myself.

42. "Go you and your brother with My *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.), and do not, you both, slacken and become weak in My Remembrance.

43. "Go, both of you, to Fir'aun (Pharaoh), verily, he has transgressed (all bounds in disbelief and disobedience and behaved as an arrogant and as a tyrant).

44. "And speak to him mildly, perhaps he may accept admonition or fear (Allâh)."

45. They said: "Our Lord! Verily we fear lest he should hasten to punish us or lest he should transgress (all bounds against us)."

46. He (Allâh) said: "Fear not, verily I am with you both, hearing and seeing.

47. "So go you both to him, and say: 'Verily, we are Messengers of your Lord, so let the Children of Israel go with us, and

بِالسَّاحِلِ يَأْخُذُهُ عَدُوٌّ لِي وَعَدُوٌّ لَهُ، وَالْقَبْتُ
عَلَيْكَ حُبَّةٌ مِنِّي وَلِنُصِّعَ عَلَى عَيْنِي ﴿٣١﴾

إِذْ تَمْشِي أُخْتُكَ فَتَقُولُ هَلْ أَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَى مَن
يَكْفُلُهُ، فَرَجَعْنَاكَ إِلَى أُمِّكَ كَيْ تَقَرَّ عَيْنُهَا
وَلَا تَحْزَنَ، وَفَلَّتْ نَفْسًا فَنَجَّيْنَاكَ مِنَ الْغَمِّ
وَفِتْنِكَ فَنُورْنَا فَلَيْتَ سِينِينَ فِي أَهْلِ مَدْيَنَ
ثُمَّ جِئْتَ عَلَى قَدَرٍ يَمْوَسَّى ﴿٤١﴾

وَأَصْطَفَيْتَكَ لِنَفْسِي ﴿٤١﴾

أَذْهَبَ أَنْتَ وَأَخُوكَ بِآيَاتِي، وَلَا تَبَيَّأْ فِي ذِكْرِي ﴿٤٢﴾

أَذْهَبَا إِلَى فِرْعَوْنَ إِنَّهُ طَغَى ﴿٤٣﴾

فَقُولَا لَهُ قَوْلًا لِيَأْتَا لَعْلَهُ يَتَذَكَّرُ أَوْ يَخْشَى ﴿٤٤﴾

فَالرَّبِّيْنَا إِنَّا تَخَافُ أَنْ يُقْرَطَ عَلَيْنَا أَوْ أَنْ يَطْغَى ﴿٤٥﴾

قَالَ لَا تَخَافَا إِنِّي مَعَكُمَا أَسْمَعُ وَأَرَى ﴿٤٦﴾

فَأَنبِئَاهُ قَوْلًا لِيَأْتَا رَسُولًا رَبِّكَ فَأَرْسِلْ مَعَنَا
بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ وَلَا تَعْدُ بِهِمْ قَدْ جُئْنَاكَ بِآيَةٍ

[1] (V.20:41) i.e. chosen you for My Revelation and My Message or created you for Myself or strengthened and taught you as to how to preach My Message to My worshippers. (Tafsîr Al-Qurtubî)

torment them not; indeed, we have come with a sign from your Lord! And peace will be upon him who follows the guidance!

48. "Truly, it has been revealed to us that the torment will be for him who denies [believes not in the Oneness of Allâh, and in His Messengers.], and turns away (from the truth and obedience of Allâh)."

49. Fir'aun (Pharaoh) said: "Who then, O Mûsâ (Moses), is the Lord of you two?"

50. [Mûsâ (Moses)] said: "Our Lord is He Who gave to each thing its form and nature, then guided it aright."

51. [Fir'aun (Pharaoh)] said: "What about the generations of old?"

52. [Mûsâ (Moses)] said: "The knowledge thereof is with my Lord, in a Record. My Lord neither errs nor He forgets."

53. Who has made earth for you like a bed (spread out); and has opened roads (ways and paths) for you therein, and has sent down water (rain) from the sky. And We have brought forth with it various kinds of vegetation.

54. Eat and pasture your cattle (therein); verily, in this are *Ayât* (proofs and signs) for men of understanding.

55. Thereof (the earth) We created you, and into it We shall return you, and from it We shall bring you out once again.

56. And indeed We showed him [Fir'aun (Pharaoh)] all Our *Ayât* (signs and Evidences), but he denied and refused.

57. He [Fir'aun (Pharaoh)] said: "Have you come to drive us out of our land with your magic, O Mûsâ (Moses)?"

58. "Then verily, we can produce magic the like thereof; so appoint a meeting between us and you, which neither we nor you shall

مِنْ رَبِّكَ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَىٰ مَنْ اتَّبَعَ الْهُدَىٰ ﴿١٧﴾

إِنَّا قَدْ أُوحِيَ إِلَيْنَا أَنَّ الْمُدَابَّ عَلَىٰ مَنْ كَذَّبَ
وَتَوَلَّىٰ ﴿١٨﴾

قَالَ فَمَنْ رَبُّكُمَا يُمُوسَىٰ ﴿١٩﴾

قَالَ رَبُّنَا الَّذِي أَعْطَىٰ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ خَلْقَهُ ثُمَّ هَدَىٰ ﴿٢٠﴾

قَالَ فَمَا بَالُ الْقُرُونِ الْأُولَىٰ ﴿٢١﴾

قَالَ عَلِمَهَا عِنْدَ رَبِّي فِي كِتَابٍ لَا يَضِلُّ رَبِّي
وَلَا يَنْسَىٰ ﴿٢٢﴾

الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمْ الْأَرْضَ مَهْدًا وَسَلَكَ لَكُمْ فِيهَا
سُبُلًا وَأَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَخْرَجْنَا بِهِ
أَنْزُوجًا مِمَّن بَنَاتِ شَتَّىٰ ﴿٢٣﴾

كُلُوا وَارْعَوْا أَنْعَامَكُمْ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ
لِّأُولِي النَّهْيِ ﴿٢٤﴾

مِنْهَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ وَفِيهَا نُعِيدُكُمْ وَمِنْهَا نُخْرِجُكُمْ
تَارَةً أُخْرَىٰ ﴿٢٥﴾

وَلَقَدْ أَرَيْنَاهُ آيَاتِنَا كُلَّهَا فَكَذَّبَ وَأَبَىٰ ﴿٢٦﴾

قَالَ أَجِئْتُنَا لِتُخْرِجَنَا مِنْ أَرْضِنَا
بِسِحْرِكَ يَمْوَسَىٰ ﴿٢٧﴾

فَلَنَأْتِيَنَّكَ بِسِحْرٍ مِّثْلِهِ ۚ فَاجْعَلْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكَ

fail to keep, in an open place where both shall have a just and equal chance (and beholders could witness the competition).”

59. [Mûsâ (Moses)] said: “Your appointed meeting is the day of the festival, and let the people assemble when the sun has risen (forenoon).”

60. So Fir‘aun (Pharaoh) withdrew, devised his plot and then came back.

61. Mûsâ (Moses) said to them: “Woe unto you! Invent not a lie against Allâh, lest He should destroy you completely by a torment. And surely, he who invents a lie (against Allâh) will fail miserably.”

62. Then they debated one with another what they must do, and they kept their talk secret.

63. They said: “Verily these are two magicians. Their object is to drive you out from your land with magic, and overcome your chiefs and nobles.

64. “So devise your plot, and then assemble in line. And whoever overcomes this day will be indeed successful.”

65. They said: “O Mûsâ (Moses)! Either you throw first or we be the first to throw?”

66. [Mûsâ (Moses)] said: “Nay, throw you (first)!” Then behold! their ropes and their sticks, by their magic, appeared to him as though they moved fast.

67. So Mûsâ (Moses) conceived fear in himself.

68 We (Allâh) said: “Fear not! Surely, you will have the upper hand.

69. “And throw that which is in your right hand! It will swallow up that which they have made. That which they have made is only a magician’s trick, and the magician will never

مَوْعِدًا لَا تُخْلِفُهُ، نَحْنُ وَلَا أَنْتَ مَكَانًا سَوِيًّا ﴿٥٩﴾

قَالَ مَوْعِدُكُمْ يَوْمَ الزَّيْنَةِ وَأَنْ يُحَشَّرَ
النَّاسُ سُحُبًا ﴿٦٠﴾

فَتَوَلَّى فِرْعَوْنُ فَجَمَعَ كَيْدَهُ ثُمَّ أَقْبَلَ ﴿٦١﴾

قَالَ لَهُمْ مُوسَىٰ وَيْلَكُمْ لَا تَفْتَرُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ
كَذِبًا فَيُسْحِتَكُمْ بِعَذَابٍ وَقَدْ خَابَ
مَنْ أَقْتَرَىٰ ﴿٦٢﴾

فَمَنْزَعُوا أَمْرَهُمْ بَيْنَهُمْ وَأَسْرَأُوا السَّجْوَىٰ ﴿٦٣﴾

قَالُوا إِنْ هَذَا إِلَّا لَسِحْرَانِ بُرِيدَانِ أَنْ يُخْرِجَاكُمْ
مِنْ أَرْضِكُمْ بِسِحْرِهِمَا
وَيَذْهَبَا بِطَرَفَيْكُمْ الشُّتَّىٰ ﴿٦٤﴾

فَأَجْمَعُوا كَيْدَهُمْ ثُمَّ أَتَوْهَا صَفًّا وَقَدْ أَفْلَحَ الْيَوْمَ
مَنْ أَسْتَعْلَىٰ ﴿٦٥﴾

قَالُوا يَا مُوسَىٰ إِمَّا أَنْ تُلْقِيَ وَإِمَّا أَنْ نَكُونَ أَوْلَىٰ
مَنْ أَلْفَىٰ ﴿٦٦﴾

قَالَ بَلْ أَلْقُوا فَإِذَا حِجَابُهُمْ وَعِصِيُّهُمْ يُخَيَّلُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ
سِحْرِهِمْ أَنَّهُ اسْتَمْعَىٰ ﴿٦٧﴾

فَأَوْجَسَ فِي نَفْسِهِ خِيفَةً مُوسَىٰ ﴿٦٨﴾

قُلْنَا لَا تَخَفْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْأَعْلَىٰ ﴿٦٩﴾

وَأَلْقَىٰ مَا فِي يَمِينَيْكَ لَلْفَمَ مَا صَنَعُوا وَإِمَّا صَنَعُوا
كَيْدًا سِحْرًا وَلَا يَفْلِحُ السَّاحِرُ حَيْثُ أَقْبَلَ ﴿٧٠﴾

be successful, to whatever amount (of skill) he may attain.”

70. So the magicians fell down prostrate. They said: “We believe in the Lord of Hârûn (Aaron) and Mûsâ (Moses).”

فَأُلْقِيَ السَّحَرَةُ سِحْرًا فَقَالُوا أَمَّارَاتٍ
هَرُونَ وَمُوسَى ﴿٧٠﴾

71. [Fir'aun (Pharaoh)] said: “Believe you in him [Mûsâ (Moses)] before I give you permission? Verily he is your chief who has taught you magic. So I will surely cut off your hands and feet on opposite sides, and I will surely crucify you on the trunks of date-palms, and you shall surely know which of us [I (Fir'aun - Pharaoh) or the Lord of Mûsâ (Moses) (Allâh)] can give the severe and more lasting torment.”

قَالَ أَمَنْتُمْ لَهُ قَبْلَ أَنْ آذَنَ لَكُمْ إِنَّهُ لَكَبِيرِكُمْ الَّذِي
عَلَّمَكُمُ السِّحْرَ فَلَا تَقِطِعْ سَعِدِيكُمْ وَأَرْجُلَكُمْ
مِنْ خَلْفٍ وَأَلْصِقْ لَكُمْ فِي جُدُوعِ النَّخْلِ وَلِتَعْلَمَنَّ
أَيُّنَا أَشَدُّ عَذَابًا وَأَبْقَى ﴿٧١﴾

72. They said: “We prefer you not over what have come to us of the clear signs and to Him (Allâh) Who created us. So decree whatever you desire to decree, for you can only decree (regarding) this life of the world.

قَالُوا لَنْ نُؤْتِيَكَ عَلَىٰ مَا جَاءَنَا مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالَّذِي
فَطَرَنَا فَاقْضِ مَا أَنْتَ قَاضٍ إِنَّمَا تَقْضِي
هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا ﴿٧٢﴾

73. “Verily we have believed in our Lord, that He may forgive us our faults, and the magic to which you did compel us. And Allâh is better as regards reward in comparison to your [Fir'aun's (Pharaoh)] reward, and more lasting (as regards punishment in comparison to your punishment).”

إِنَّا أَمَّارَاتِنَا لِلْغَيْبِ نَحْنُ آخِطِينَ وَمَا آكْرَهْتَنَا
عَلَيْهِ مِنَ السِّحْرِ وَاللَّهِ خَيْرٌ وَأَبْقَى ﴿٧٣﴾

74. Verily whoever comes to his Lord as a *Mujrim* (criminal, polytheist, sinner, disbeliever in the Oneness of Allâh and His Messengers), then surely, for him is Hell, wherein he will neither die nor live.

إِنَّهُ مِنْ يَأْتِ رَبَّهُ مُجْرِمًا فَإِنَّ لَهُ جَهَنَّمَ لَا يَمُوتُ
فِيهَا وَلَا يَحْيَىٰ ﴿٧٤﴾

75. But whoever comes to Him (Allâh) as a believer (in the Oneness of Allâh), and has done righteous good deeds, for such are the high ranks (in the Hereafter), —

وَمَنْ يَأْتِهِ مُؤْمِنًا قَدْ عَمِلَ الصَّالِحَاتِ فَأُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ
الدرجات العلىٰ ﴿٧٥﴾

76. *Adn* (Eden) Paradise (everlasting Gardens), under which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever: such is the reward of those who purify themselves (by abstaining from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which

جَنَّاتٌ عَدْنٍ يَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا
وَذَٰلِكَ جَزَاءُ مَنْ نَزَّاهُ ﴿٧٦﴾

Allâh has forbidden and by doing all that Allâh has ordained).

77. And indeed We revealed to Mûsâ (Moses) (saying): "Travel by night with *Ibâdi* (My slaves) and strike a dry path for them in the sea, fearing neither to be overtaken [by Fir'aun (Pharaoh)] nor being afraid (of drowning in the sea)."

78. Then Fir'aun (Pharaoh) pursued them with his hosts, but the sea-water completely overwhelmed them and covered them up.

79. And Fir'aun (Pharaoh) led his people astray, and he did not guide them.

80. O Children of Israel! We delivered you from your enemy, and We made a covenant with you on the right side of the Mount, and We sent down to you *Al-Manna*^[1] and quails,

81. (Saying) eat of the *Tayyibât* (good lawful things) wherewith We have provided you, and commit no transgression or oppression therein, lest My Anger should justly descend on you. And he on whom My Anger descends, he is indeed perished. [*Tafsir At-Tabari*]

82. And verily, I am indeed forgiving to him who repents, believes (in My Oneness, and associates none in worship with Me) and does righteous good deeds, and then remains constant in doing them, (till his death).

83. "And what made you hasten from your people, O Mûsâ (Moses)?"

84. He said: "They are close on my footsteps: and I hastened to You, O my Lord, that You might be pleased."

وَلَقَدْ أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ أَنْ أَسْرِ بِعِبَادِي فَاصْرَبْ
لَهُمْ طَرِيقًا فِي الْبَحْرِ يَبَسًا لَا تَخَفْ دَرَكًا
وَلَا تَحْشَىٰ ﴿٧٧﴾

فَاتَّبَعَهُمْ فِرْعَوْنُ بِجُنُودِهِ فَغَشِيَهُمْ مِنَ الْيَمِّ
مَاءٌ غَشِيَهُمْ ﴿٧٨﴾

وَأَضَلَّ فِرْعَوْنُ قَوْمَهُ وَمَهَّدَىٰ ﴿٧٩﴾

يَبْنَئِي إِسْرَاءَ بِلْ قَدْ أَجْمَعْنَاكَ مِنْ عَدُوِّكَ وَوَعَدْنَاكَ
جَانِبَ الطُّورِ الْأَيْمَنِ وَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ
الْمَنَّاءَ وَالسَّلْوَىٰ ﴿٨٠﴾

كُلُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَلَا تَطْغَوْا فِيهِ فَيَحِلَّ
عَلَيْكُمْ غَضَبِي وَمَنْ يَحِلَّ عَلَيْهِ غَضَبِي
فَقَدْ هَوَىٰ ﴿٨١﴾

وَإِنِّي لَغَفَّارٌ لِمَنْ تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا
ثُمَّ اهْتَدَىٰ ﴿٨٢﴾

﴿٨٣﴾ وَمَا أَعْجَلَكَ عَنْ قَوْمِكَ يَا مُوسَىٰ ﴿٨٤﴾

قَالَ هُمْ أَوْلَاءُ عَلَىٰ أَثَرِي وَعَجِلْتُ إِلَيْكَ
رَبِّ الرَّضَىٰ ﴿٨٥﴾

[1] (V.20:80) See the footnote of (V.2:57).

85. (Allâh) said: "Verily We have tried your people in your absence, and As-Sâmîrî has led them astray."

86. Then Mûsâ (Moses) returned to his people in a state of anger and sorrow. He said: "O my people! Did not your Lord promise you a fair promise? Did then the promise seem to you long in coming? Or did you desire that wrath should descend from your Lord on you, that you broke your promise to me (i.e. disbelieving in Allâh and worshipping the calf)?"

87. They said: "We broke not the promise to you, of our own will, but we were made to carry the weight of the ornaments of the [Fir'aun's (Pharaoh)] people, then we cast them (into the fire), and that was what As-Sâmîrî suggested."

88. Then he took out (of the fire) for them (a statue of) a calf which seemed to low. They said: "This is your *ilâh* (god), and the *ilâh* (god) of Mûsâ (Moses), but he [Mûsâ (Moses)] has forgotten (his god)."

89. Did they not see that it could not return them a word (for answer), and that it had no power either to harm them or to do them good?

90. And Hârûn (Aaron) indeed had said to them beforehand: "O my people! You are being tried in this, and verily, your Lord is (Allâh) the Most Gracious, so follow me and obey my order."

91. They said: "We will not stop worshipping it (i.e. the calf), until Mûsâ (Moses) returns to us."

92. [Mûsâ (Moses)] said: "O Hârûn (Aaron)! What prevented you when you saw them going astray;

93. "That you followed me not (according to my advice to you)? Have you then disobeyed my order?"

قَالَ فَإِنَّا فَدَفْتْنَا قَوْمَكَ مِنْ بَعْدِكَ وَأَضَلَّهُمُ
السَّامِرِيُّ ﴿٨٥﴾

فَرَجَعَ مُوسَىٰ إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ غَضْبَانَ أَسِفًا قَالَ
يَقَوْمِ أَلَمْ يَعِدْكُمْ رَبُّكُمْ وَعَدَّ أَحْسَنَ أَفْطَالٍ
عَلَيْكُمْ الْعَهْدُ أَمْ أَرَدْتُمْ أَنْ يَحِلَّ عَلَيْكُمْ
غَضَبٌ مِّنْ رَبِّكُمْ فَأَخْلَفْتُم مَّوعِدِي ﴿٨٦﴾

قَالُوا مَا أَخْلَفْنَا مَوْعِدَكَ بِمَلِكِنَا وَلَكِنَّا حَمَلْنَا
أَوْزَارًا مِّنْ زِينَةِ الْقَوْمِ فَقَدَتْهَا فكَذَلِكَ
أَلْقَى السَّامِرِيُّ ﴿٨٧﴾

فَأَخْرَجَ لَهُمْ عِجْلًا جَسَدًا لَهُ خُورٌ فَقَالُوا هَذَا
إِلَهُكُمْ وَإِلَهُ مُوسَىٰ فَنَسِيَ ﴿٨٨﴾

أَفَلَا يَرَوْنَ أَنَّهُ لَا يُرِجِعُ إِلَيْهِمْ قَوْلًا وَلَا يَمْلِكُ لَهُمْ
صَرًّا وَلَا نَفْعًا ﴿٨٩﴾

وَلَقَدْ قَالَ لَهُمْ هَارُونُ مِنْ قَبْلُ يَقَوْمِ إِنَّمَا فُتِنْتُمْ
بِهِ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ الرَّحْمَنُ فَاتَّبِعُونِي وَأَطِيعُوا أَمْرِي ﴿٩٠﴾

قَالُوا لَنْ نَبْرَحَ عَلَيْهِ عَاكِفِينَ حَتَّىٰ يَرْجِعَ
إِلَيْنَا مُوسَىٰ ﴿٩١﴾

قَالَ يَهْرُومُ مَا مَنَعَكَ إِذْ رَأَيْتَهُمْ ضَلُّوا ﴿٩٢﴾

أَلَا تَتَّبِعُنَّ أَفْعَصَيْتُمْ أَمْرِي ﴿٩٣﴾

94. He [Hârûn (Aaron)] said: "O son of my mother! Seize (me) not by my beard, nor by my head! Verily, I feared lest you should say: 'You have caused a division among the Children of Israel, and you have not respected my word!'"

قَالَ يَبْنَؤُمَ لَا تَأْخُذْ بِلِحْيَتِي وَلَا بِرَأْسِي إِنِّي خَشِيتُ
أَنْ تَقُولَ فَرَّقْتَ بَيْنَ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ
وَلَمْ تَرْفُقْ قَوْلِي ﴿١٤﴾

95. [Mûsâ (Moses)] said: "And what is the matter with you. O Sâmirî? (i.e. why did you do so?)"

قَالَ فَمَا خَطْبُكَ يَا سَمِيرِيُّ ﴿١٥﴾

96. (Sâmirî) said: "I saw what they saw not, so I took a handful (of dust) from the (hoof) print of the messenger [Jibrîl's (Gabriel) horse] and threw it [into the fire in which were put the ornaments of Fir'aun's (Pharaoh) people, or into the calf]. Thus my inner-self suggested to me."

قَالَ بَصُرْتُ بِمَا لَمْ يَبْصُرُوا بِهِ فَقَبَضْتُ
قَبْضَةً مِنْ أَثَرِ الرَّسُولِ فَنَبَذْتُهَا
وَكَذَلِكَ سَوَّلَتْ لِي نَفْسِي ﴿١٦﴾

97. Mûsâ (Moses) said: "Then go away! And verily, your (punishment) in this life will be that you will say: "Touch me not (i.e. you will live alone exiled away from mankind); and verily (for a future torment), you have a promise that will not fail. And look at your *ilâh* (god) to which you have been devoted. We will certainly burn it, and scatter its particles in the sea."

قَالَ فَادْهَبْ فَإِنَّ لَكَ فِي الْحَيَاةِ أَنْ تَقُولَ
لَا مَسَاسَ وَإِنَّ لَكَ مَوْعِدًا لَنْ تُخْلَفَهُ، وَانظُرْ
إِلَى إِلَهِكَ الَّذِي ظَلْتَ عَلَيْهِ عَاكِفًا لَنُْحَرِّقَنَّهُ،
ثُمَّ لَنَنْسِفَنَّهُ فِي الْيَمِّ نَسْفًا ﴿١٧﴾

98. Your *Ilâh* (God) is only Allâh, (the One) *Lâ ilâha illa Huwa* (none has the right to be worshipped but He). He has full knowledge of all things.

إِنَّمَا إِلَهُكُمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَسِعَ
كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا ﴿١٨﴾

99. Thus We relate to you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) some information of what happened before. And indeed We have given you from Us a Reminder (this Qur'an).

كَذَلِكَ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِ مَا قَدْ سَبَقَ
وَقَدْ آتَيْنَاكَ مِنْ لَدُنَّا ذِكْرًا ﴿١٩﴾

100. Whoever turns away from it (this Qur'an — i.e. does not believe in it, nor acts on its orders), verily, they will bear a heavy burden (of sins) on the Day of Resurrection, ^[1]

مَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَنْهُ فَإِنَّهُ يَحْمِلُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وِزْرًا ﴿٢٠﴾

[1] (V.20:100) See the footnote of (V.3:85).

101. They will abide in that (state in the Fire of Hell) — and evil indeed will it be that load for them on the Day of Resurrection;

خَالِدِينَ فِيهِ وَسَاءَ لَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ حِمْلًا ﴿١٠١﴾

102. The Day when the Trumpet will be blown (the second blowing): that Day, We shall gather the *Mujrimûn* (criminals, polytheists, sinners, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allâh) blue or blind-eyed with thirst.^[1]

يَوْمَ يَفُخُّ فِي الصُّورِ وَنَحْشُرُ الْمُجْرِمِينَ
يَوْمَ يَذُرُهَا ﴿١٠٢﴾

103. They will speak in a very low voice to each other (saying): “You stayed not longer than ten (days).”

يَخْفَفُونَ بَيْنَهُمْ إِنْ لَبِثْتُمْ إِلَّا عَشْرًا ﴿١٠٣﴾

104. We know very well what they will say, when the best among them in knowledge and wisdom will say: “You stayed no longer than a day!”

مَنْ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ إِذْ يَقُولُ أَمْثَلُهُمْ طَرِيقَةً
إِنْ لَبِثْتُمْ إِلَّا يَوْمًا ﴿١٠٤﴾

105. And they ask you concerning the mountains: say, “My Lord will blast them and scatter them as particles of dust.

وَسَأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْجِبَالِ فَقُلْ يَنْسِفُهَا رَبِّي نَسْفًا ﴿١٠٥﴾

106. “Then He shall leave them as a level smooth plain.

فَيَذَرُهَا قَاعًا صَفْصَفًا ﴿١٠٦﴾

107. “You will see therein nothing crooked or curved.”

لَا تَرَى فِيهَا عِوَجًا وَلَا أَمْتًا ﴿١٠٧﴾

108. On that Day mankind will follow strictly (the voice of) Allâh’s caller, no crookedness (that is without going to the right or left of that voice) will they show him (Allâh’s caller). And all voices will be humbled for the Most Gracious (Allâh), and nothing shall you hear but the low voice of their footsteps.

يَوْمَ يَذُودُ بَتَعَوْتِ الدَّاعِي لَا عِوَجَ لَهُ، وَخَشَعَتِ
الْأَصْوَاتُ لِلرَّحْمَنِ فَلَا تَسْمَعُ إِلَّا هَمْسًا ﴿١٠٨﴾

109. On that day no intercession shall avail, except the one for whom the Most Gracious (Allâh) has given permission and whose word is acceptable to Him.

يَوْمَ يَمْيِزُ لَّا نَنْفَعُ الشَّفِيعَةَ إِلَّا مَنْ أِذِنَ لَهُ الرَّحْمَنُ
وَرَضِيَ لَهُ، قَوْلًا ﴿١٠٩﴾

[1] (V.20:102) See *Tafsîr Al-Qurtubi*.

110. He (Allâh) knows what happens to them (His creatures) in this world, and what will happen to them (in the Hereafter) but they will never compass anything of His Knowledge.

يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِهِ
عَلَمًا ﴿١١٠﴾

111. And (all) faces shall be humbled before (Allâh), Al-Hayyul-Qayyum (the Ever Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists). And he who carried (a burden of) wrongdoing (i.e. he who disbelieved in Allâh, ascribed partners to Him, and did deeds of His disobedience), will be indeed a complete failure (on that Day).

وَعَنَتِ الْوُجُوهُ لِلْحَيِّ الْقَيُّومِ وَقَدْ خَابَ
مَنْ حَمَلَ ظُلْمًا ﴿١١١﴾

112. And he who works deeds of righteousness, while he is a believer (in Islâmic Monotheism), then he will have no fear of injustice, nor of any curtailment (of his reward).

وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ مِنَ الصَّالِحَاتِ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَا يَخَافُ
ظُلْمًا وَلَا هَضْمًا ﴿١١٢﴾

113. And thus We have sent it down as a Qur'ân in Arabic, and have explained therein in detail the warnings, in order that they may fear Allâh, or that it may cause them to have a lesson from it (or to have the honour for believing and acting on its teachings).

وَكَذَلِكَ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ قُرْآنًا عَرَبِيًّا وَصَرَّفْنَا فِيهِ مِنَ
الْأَوْعَادِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَنْقُورُونَ أَوْ يُحَدِّثُ لَهُمْ ذِكْرًا ﴿١١٣﴾

114. Then High above all be Allâh, the True King. And be not in haste (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) with the Qur'ân before its revelation is completed to you, and say: "My Lord! Increase me in knowledge."

فَتَعَلَى اللَّهِ الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ وَلَا تَعْجَلْ بِالْقُرْآنِ
مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يُقْضَى إِلَيْكَ وَحْيُهُ وَقُلْ رَبِّ
زِدْنِي عِلْمًا ﴿١١٤﴾

115. And indeed We made a covenant with Adam before, but he forgot, and We found on his part no firm will-power.

وَلَقَدْ عَاهَدْنَا إِلَى آدَمَ مِنْ قَبْلِ فَنَسَى وَلَمْ يُجِدْ
لَهُ عِزْمًا ﴿١١٥﴾

116. And (remember) when We said to the angels: "Prostrate yourselves to Adam." They prostrated themselves (all) except *Iblis* (Satan) he refused.

وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ
فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَى ﴿١١٦﴾

117. Then We said: "O Adam! Verily, this is an enemy to you and to your wife. So let him not get you both out of Paradise, so that you will be distressed.

فَقُلْنَا يَا آدَمُ إِنَّ هَذَا عَدُوٌّ لَكَ وَلِزَوْجِكَ
فَلَا يُخْرِجَنَّكَ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ فَتَشقى ﴿١١٧﴾

118. Verily, you have (a promise from Us) that you will never be hungry therein nor naked.

119. And you (will) suffer not from thirst therein nor from the sun's heat.

120. Then *Shaitân* (Satan) whispered to him, saying : "O Adam! Shall I lead you to the Tree of Eternity and to a kingdom that will never waste away?"

121. Then they both ate of the tree, and so their private parts became manifest to them, and they began to cover themselves with the leaves of the Paradise for their covering. Thus did Adam disobey his Lord, so he went astray.

122. Then his Lord chose him, and turned to him with forgiveness, and gave him guidance.

123. He (Allâh) said: "Get you down (from the Paradise to the earth), both of you, together, some of you are an enemy to some others. Then if there comes to you guidance from Me, then whoever follows My Guidance he shall neither go astray, nor shall be distressed.

124. "But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither believes in this Qur'ân nor acts on its teachings.) verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection."

125. He will say: "O my Lord! Why have you raised me up blind, while I had sight (before)."

126. (Allâh) will say: "Like this: Our *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) came unto you, but you disregarded them (i.e. you left them, did not think deeply in them, and you turned away from them), and so this Day, you will be neglected (in the Hell-fire, away from Allâh's Mercy)."

إِنَّكَ أَلَّا تَجُوعُ فِيهَا وَلَا تَعْرَى ﴿١١٨﴾

وَأَنَّكَ لَا تَظْمَأُ فِيهَا وَلَا تَصْحَى ﴿١١٩﴾

فَوَسْوَسَ إِلَيْهِ الشَّيْطَانُ قَالَ يَتَّادِمُ هَذَا
أَدُّكَ عَلَى شَجَرَةٍ الْخَالِدِ وَمَلِكٍ لَا يَبْلَى ﴿١٢٠﴾

فَأَكَلَا مِنْهَا فَبَدَتْ لَهُمَا سَوْآتُهُمَا وَطَفِقَا
يَخِصِمَانِ عَلَيْهِمَا مِنْ وَرَقِ الْجَنَّةِ
وَعَصَى آدَمُ رَبَّهُ فَغَوَى ﴿١٢١﴾

ثُمَّ اجْتَبَاهُ رَبُّهُ فَاتَّابَ عَلَيْهِ وَهَدَى ﴿١٢٢﴾

قَالَ أَهَيْطًا مِنْهَا جَمِيعًا بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ
فَأِمَّا يَا بُنْدُوكُمْ مِنِّي هُدًى فَمَنِ اتَّبَعَ هُدَايَ
فَلَا يَضِلُّ وَلَا يَشْقَى ﴿١٢٣﴾

وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا
وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمَى ﴿١٢٤﴾

قَالَ رَبِّ لِمَ حَشَرْتَنِي أَعْمَى وَقَدْ كُنْتُ بَصِيرًا ﴿١٢٥﴾

قَالَ كَذَلِكَ أَنْتَ آيَاتُنَا فَنَسِيهَا وَكَذَلِكَ
الْيَوْمَ نُنْسِي ﴿١٢٦﴾

127. And thus do We requite him who transgresses beyond bounds [i.e. commits the great sins and disobeys his Lord (Allâh) and believes not in His Messengers, and His revealed Books, like this Qur'ân], and believes not in the *Ayat* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of his Lord; and the torment of the Hereafter is far more severe and more lasting.

128. Is it not a guidance for them (to know) how many generations We have destroyed before them, in whose dwellings they walk? Verily, in this are signs indeed for men of understanding.

129. And had it not been for a Word that went forth before from your Lord, and a term determined, (their punishment) must necessarily have come (in this world).

130. So bear patiently (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) what they say, and glorify the praises of your Lord before the rising of the sun, and before its setting, and during some hours of the night, and at the ends of the day (an indication for the five compulsory congregational prayers), that you may become pleased with the reward which Allâh shall give you.

131. And strain not your eyes in longing for the things We have given for enjoyment to various groups of them (polytheists and disbelievers in the Oneness of Allâh), the splendour of the life of this world, that We may test them thereby. But the provision (good reward in the Hereafter) of your Lord is better and more lasting.

132. And enjoin *As-Salât* (the prayer) on your family, and be patient in offering them [i.e. the *Salât* (prayers)]. We ask not of you a provision (i.e. to give Us something: money): We provide for you. And the good end (i.e. Paradise) is for the *Muttaqûn* (the pious — See V.2:2).

وَكَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي مَنْ أَسْرَفَ وَلَمْ يُؤْمِنْ بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِ
وَلَعَذَابُ الْآخِرَةِ أَشَدُّ وَأَبْقَى ﴿١٢٧﴾

أَفَلَمْ يَهْدِ لَهُمْ كَمْ أَهْلَكْنَا قَبْلَهُمْ مِنَ الْقُرُونِ يَمْشُونَ
فِي مَسْكِنِهِمْ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّأُولِي النُّهَى ﴿١٢٨﴾

وَلَوْلَا كَلِمَةٌ سَبَقَتْ مِنْ رَبِّكَ لَكَانَ لِزَامًا
وَاجِلٌ مُّسَمًّى ﴿١٢٩﴾

فَأصْبِرْ عَلَيَّ مَا يَقُولُونَ وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ قَبْلَ
طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ وَقَبْلَ غُرُوبِهَا وَمِنْ أَنَاءِ اللَّيْلِ
فَسَبِّحْ وَأَطْرَافَ النَّهَارِ لَعَلَّكَ تَرْضَى ﴿١٣٠﴾

وَلَا تَمُدَّنَّ عَيْنَيْكَ إِلَىٰ مَا مَتَّعْنَا بِهِ أَزْوَاجًا مِنْهُمْ زَهْرَةَ
الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا لِنَفِثَنَّهُمْ فِيهِ وَرِزْقُ رَبِّكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَبْقَى ﴿١٣١﴾

وَأْمُرْ أَهْلَكَ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَاصْطَبِرْ عَلَيْهَا لَا تَسْأَلْكَ رِزْقًا
نَحْنُ نَرْزُقُكَ وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلتَّقْوَى ﴿١٣٢﴾

133. They say: "Why does he not bring us a sign (proof) from his Lord?" Has there not come to them the proof of that which is (written) in the former papers [Scriptures, i.e. the Taurât (Torah), and the Injeel (Gospel), about the coming of the Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم]?

134. And if We had destroyed them with a torment before this (i.e. Messenger Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and the Qur'ân), they would surely have said: "Our Lord! If only You had sent us a Messenger, we should certainly have followed Your *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.), before we were humiliated and disgraced."^[1]

135. Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): "Each one (believer and disbeliever.) is waiting, so wait you too; and you shall know who are they that are on the Straight and Even Path (i.e. Allâh's religion of Islâmîc Monotheism), and who are they that have let themselves be guided (on the Right Path).

وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا يَا تِسَابِيحًا يَمِينِ رَبِّهِ ؕ أَوْلَمْ تَأْتِهِمْ بَيِّنَةٌ
مَّا فِي الصُّحُفِ الْأُولَىٰ ﴿١٣٣﴾

وَلَوْ أَنَّا أَهْلَكْنَاهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ مِّن قَبْلِهِ لَقَالُوا إِنَّا
لَوْلَا أُرْسِلَتْ إِلَيْنَا رَسُولًا فَنَتَّبِعَ آيَاتِكَ
مِن قَبْلِ أَنْ نَنزِلَ وَنَخْزِفَ ﴿١٣٤﴾

قُلْ كُلُّ مُرْتَبِّصٍ فَارْتَبِصُوا فَاسْتَعْلَمُونَ
مَنْ أَصْحَابُ الصِّرَاطِ السَّوِيِّ وَمَنِ اهْتَدَىٰ ﴿١٣٥﴾

[1] (V.20:134) Narrated Abu Sa'îd Al-Khudrî رضى الله عنه 'Alî bin Abî Tâlib sent a piece of gold, not yet taken out of its ore, in a tanned leather container to Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم. Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم distributed that amongst four persons: 'Uyainah bin Badr, Aqra' bin Hâbis, Zaid Al-Khail and the fourth was either 'Alqamah or 'Amir bin At-Tufail. On that, one of his companions said, "We are more deserving of this (gold) than these (persons)." When that news reached the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, he said, "Don't you trust me though I am the trustworthy man of the One in the heavens, and I receive the news of heavens (i.e. Divine Revelation) both in the morning and in the evening?" There got up a man with sunken eyes, raised cheek bones, raised forehead, a thick beard, a shaven head and a waist-sheet that was tucked up and he said, "O Allâh's Messenger! Be afraid of Allâh." The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Woe to you! Am I not of all the people of the earth the most entitled to fear Allâh?" Then that man went away. Khâlid bin Al-Walîd said, "O Allâh's Messenger! Shall I chop his neck off?" The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "No, may be he offers prayers." Khâlid said, "Numerous are those who offer prayers and say by their tongues (i.e. mouths) what is not in their hearts." Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "I have not been ordered (by Allâh) to search the hearts of the people or cut open their bellies." Then the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم looked at him (i.e. that man) while the latter was going away and said, "From the offspring of this (man) there will come out (people) who will recite the Qur'ân continuously and elegantly but it will not exceed their throats. (They will neither understand it nor act upon it). They would go out of the religion (i.e., discard Islâm) as an arrow goes out through a game's body." I think he also said, "If I should be present at their time, I would kill them as the nations of Thamûd were killed." [Sahih Al-Bukhari, Vol. 5, Hadith No. 638].