

76. He knows what is before them, and what is behind them. And to Allâh return all matters (for decision).

77. O you who have believed! Bow down, and prostrate yourselves, and worship your Lord and do good that you may be successful.

78. And strive hard in Allâh's Cause as you ought to strive (with sincerity and with all your efforts that His Name should be superior). He has chosen you (to convey His Message of Islâmic Monotheism to mankind by inviting them to His religion of Islâm), and has not laid upon you in religion any hardship:^[1] it is the religion of your father Ibrâhîm (Abraham) (Islâmic Monotheism). It is He (Allâh) Who has named you Muslims both before and in this (the Qur'ân), that the Messenger (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) may be a witness over you and you be witnesses over mankind!^[2] So perform *As-Salât* (*Iqamat-as-Salât*), give *Zakât* and hold fast to Allâh [i.e. have confidence in Allâh, and depend upon Him in all your affairs]. He is your *Maulâ* (Patron, Lord), what an Excellent *Maulâ* (Patron, Lord) and what an Excellent Helper!

Surât Al-Mu'minûn (The Believers) XXIII

*In the Name of Allâh,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

✽ 1. Successful indeed are the believers.

2. Those who offer their *Salât* (prayers) with all solemnity and full submissiveness.

^[1] (V.22:78) Religion is very easy. And the statement of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم: "The most beloved religion to Allâh عز وجل is the tolerant *Hanifiyyah* [i.e., Islâmic Monotheism, i.e., to worship Him (Allâh) Alone and not to worship anything else along with Him.]"

Narrated Abu Hurairah رضى الله عنه: The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Religion is very easy and whoever overburdens himself in his religion will not be able to continue in that way. So you should not be extremists, but try to be near to perfection and receive the good tidings that you will be rewarded; and gain strength by offering the *Salât* (prayers) in the mornings, afternoons and during the last hours of the nights." (See *Fath Al-Barî*, Vol. 1, Page 102) (*Sahîh Al-Bukhârî*, Vol. 1, *Hadîth* No. 38)

^[2] (V. 22:78) See the footnote of (V. 2:143).

3. And those who turn away from *Al-Laghw* (dirty, false, evil vain talk, falsehood, and all that Allâh has forbidden).

4. And those who pay the *Zakât*.

5. And those who guard their chastity (i.e. private parts, from illegal sexual acts)

6. Except from their wives or (the slaves) that their right hands possess, — for then, they are free from blame;

7. But whoever seeks beyond that, then those are the transgressors;

8. Those who are faithfully true to their *Amanât* (all the duties which Allâh has ordained, honesty, moral responsibility and trusts) and to their covenants;

9. And those who strictly guard their (five compulsory congregational) *Salawât* (prayers) (at their fixed stated hours).

10. These are indeed the inheritors

11. Who shall inherit the *Firdaus* (Paradise). They shall dwell therein forever.

12. And indeed We created man (Adam) out of an extract of clay (water and earth).

13. Thereafter We made him (the offspring of Adam) as a *Nutfah* (mixed drops of the male and female sexual discharge and lodged it) in a safe lodging (womb of the woman).

14. Then We made the *Nutfah* into a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood), then We made the clot into a little lump of flesh, then We made out of that little lump of flesh bones, then We clothed the bones with flesh, and then We brought it forth as another creation. So Blessed is Allâh, the Best of creators.^[1]

15. After that, surely, you will die.

16. Then (again), surely, you will be resurrected on the Day of Resurrection.

17. And indeed We have created above you seven heavens (one over the other), and We are never unaware of the creation.

18. And We sent down from the sky water (rain) in (due) measure, and We gave it lodging in the earth, and verily, We are Able to take it away.

19. Then We brought forth for you therewith gardens of

^[1] (V.23:14) See the footnote of (V.22:5).

date-palms and grapes, wherein is much fruit for you, and whereof you eat.

20. And a tree (olive) that springs forth from Mount Sinai, that grows (produces) oil, and (it is a) *sibghin* (relish) for the eaters.

21. And verily in the cattle there is indeed a lesson for you. We give you to drink (milk) of that which is in their bellies. And there are, in them, numerous (other) benefits for you, and of them you eat.

22. And on them, and on ships you are carried.

23. And indeed We sent Nûh (Noah) to his people, and he said: "O my people! Worship Allâh! You have no other *Ilâh* (God) but Him (Islâmîc Monotheism). Will you not then be afraid (of Him i.e. of His punishment because of worshipping others besides Him)?"

24. But the chiefs of his people who disbelieved said: "He is no more than a human being like you, he seeks to make himself superior to you. Had Allâh willed, He surely could have sent down angels. Never did we hear such a thing among our fathers of old.

25. "He is only a man in whom is madness, so wait for him a while."

26. [Nûh (Noah)] said: "O my Lord! Help me because they deny me."

27. So We revealed to him (saying): "Construct the ship under Our Eyes and under Our Revelation (guidance). Then, when Our Command comes, and water gushes forth from the oven, take on board of each kind two (male and female), and your family, except those thereof against whom the Word has already gone forth. And address Me not in favour of those who have done wrong. Verily, they are to be drowned.

28. And when you have embarked on the ship, you and whoever is with you, then say: "All praise and thanks are Allâh's, Who has saved us from the people who are *Zâlimûn* (i.e. oppressors, wrong-doers, polytheists, those who join others in worship with Allâh)."

29. And say: "My Lord! Cause me to land at a blessed landing-place, for You are the Best of those who bring to land."

30. Verily, in this [what We did as regards drowning of the people of Nûh (Noah)], there are indeed *Ayât* (proofs, evidences,

lessons, signs, etc. for men to understand), for sure We are ever putting (men) to the test.

31. Then, after them, We created another generation.

32. And We sent to them a Messenger from among themselves (saying): "Worship Allâh! You have no other *Ilâh* (God) but Him. Will you not then be afraid (of Him i.e. of His punishment because of worshipping others besides Him)?"

33. And the chiefs of his people who disbelieved and denied the Meeting in the Hereafter, and whom We had given the luxuries and comforts of this life, said: "He is no more than a human being like you, he eats of that which you eat, and drinks of what you drink.

34. "If you were to obey a human being like yourselves, then verily you indeed would be losers.

35. "Does he promise you that when you have died and have become dust and bones, you shall come out alive (resurrected)?"

36. "Far, very far is that which you are promised!

37. "There is nothing but our life of this world! We die and we live! And we are not going to be resurrected!

38. "He is only a man who has invented a lie against Allâh, and we are not going to believe in him."

39. He said: "O my Lord! Help me because they deny me."

40. (Allâh) said: "In a little while, they are sure to be regretful."

41. So *As-Saihah* (torment — awful cry) overtook them in truth (with justice), and We made them as rubbish of dead plants. So away with the people who are *Zâlimûn* (polytheists, wrong-doers, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allâh, disobedient to His Messengers).

42. Then, after them, We created other generations.

43. No nation can advance their term, nor can they delay it.

44. Then We sent Our Messengers in succession. Every time there came to a nation their Messenger, they denied him; so We made them follow one another (to destruction), and We made them as *Ahâdîth* (the true stories for mankind to learn a lesson from them). So away with a people who believe not!

45. Then We sent Mûsa (Moses) and his brother Hârûn (Aaron), with Our *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons,

signs, revelations, etc.) and manifest authority,

46. To Fir'aun (Pharaoh) and his chiefs, but they behaved insolently and they were people self-exalting (by disobeying their Lord, and exalting themselves over and above the Messenger of Allâh).

47. They said: "Shall we believe in two men like ourselves, and their people are obedient to us with humility (and we use them to serve us as we like)."

48. So they denied them both [Mûsâ (Moses) and Hârûn (Aaron)], and became of those who were destroyed.

49. And indeed We gave Mûsâ (Moses) the Scripture, that they may be guided.

50. And We made the son of Maryam (Mary) and his mother as a sign, and We gave them refuge on high ground, a place of rest, security and flowing streams.

51. O (you) Messengers! Eat of the *Tayyibât* [all kinds of *Halâl* foods which Allâh has made lawful (meat of slaughtered eatable animals, milk products, fats, vegetables, fruits, etc.) and do righteous deeds. Verily, I am All-Knower of what you do.

52. And verily, this your religion (of Islâmîc Monotheism) is one religion, and I am your Lord, so fear (keep your duty to) Me.

53. But they (men) have broken their religion among them into sects,^[1] each group rejoicing in what is with it (as its beliefs).

54. So leave them in their error for a time.

55. Do they think that in wealth and children with which We enlarge them

56. We hasten to them with good things. Nay, [it is a *Fitnah* (trial) in this worldly life so that they will have no share of good things in the Hereafter] but they perceive not. [*Tafsîr Al-Qurtubî*].

57. Verily, those who live in awe for fear of their Lord;

58. And those who believe in the *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of their Lord;

59. And those who join not anyone (in worship) as partners with their Lord;

60. And those who give that (their charity) which they give

^[1] (V.23:53) See the footnote of (V.3:103).

(and also do other good deeds) with their hearts full of fear (whether their alms and charities have been accepted or not),^[1] because they are sure to return to their Lord (for reckoning).

61. It is these who hasten in the good deeds, and they are foremost in them [e.g. offering the compulsory *Salât* (prayers) in their (early) stated, fixed times and so on].

62. And We task not any person except according to his capacity, and with Us is a Record which speaks the truth, and they will not be wronged.

63. Nay, but their hearts are covered from (understanding) this (the Qur'ân), and they have other (evil) deeds, besides, which they are doing.

64. Until when We seize those of them who lead a luxurious life with punishment: behold they make humble invocation with a loud voice.

65. Invoke not loudly this day! Certainly, you shall not be helped by Us.

66. Indeed, My Verses used to be recited to you, but you used to turn back on your heels (denying them, and refusing with hatred to listen to them).

67. In pride (they — Quraish pagans and polytheists of Makkah used to feel proud that they are the dwellers of Makkah sanctuary — *Haram*), talking evil about it (the Qur'ân) by night.

68. Have they not pondered over the Word (of Allâh, i.e. what is sent down to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم), or has there come to them what had not come to their fathers of old?

69. Or is it that they did not recognize their Messenger (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) so they deny him?

70. Or say they: "There is madness in him?" Nay, but he

^[1] (V.23:60) Narrated 'Āishah رضي الله عنها (the wife of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم), I asked Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم about this (following Verse): "And those who give that (their charity) which they give (and also do other good deeds) with their hearts full of fear..." (V.23:60).

She added: "Are these who drink alcoholic drinks and steal?" Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم replied: "No! O the daughter of As-Siddîq, but they are those who fast, pray, and practise charity and they are afraid that (their good) deeds may not be accepted (by Allâh) from them. 'It is these who hasten in good deeds.'" (*Sunan At-Tirmidhî, Hadith No. 3225*), (*Tafsîr Al-Qurtubî*).

brought them the truth [i.e. *Tauhîd*: Worshipping Allâh Alone in all aspects, the Qur'ân and the religion of Islâm], but most of them (the disbelievers) are averse to the truth.

71. And if the truth had been in accordance with their desires, verily, the heavens and the earth, and whosoever is therein would have been corrupted! Nay, We have brought them their reminder, but they turn away from their reminder.

72. Or is it that you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) ask them for some wages? But the recompense of your Lord is better, and He is the Best of those who give sustenance.

73. And certainly, you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) call them to a Straight Path (true religion — Islâmic Monotheism).

74. And verily, those who believe not in the Hereafter are indeed deviating far astray from the Path (true religion — Islâmic Monotheism).

75. And though We had mercy on them and removed the distress which is on them, still they would obstinately persist in their transgression, wandering blindly.

76. And indeed, We seized them with punishment, but they humbled not themselves to their Lord, nor did they invoke (Allâh) with submission to Him.

77. Until, when We open for them a gate of severe punishment, then lo! they will be plunged into destruction with deep regrets, sorrows and in despair.

78. It is He Who has created for you (the sense of) hearing (ears), eyes (sight), and hearts (understanding). Little thanks you give.

79. And it is He Who has created you on the earth, and to Him you shall be gathered back.

80. And it is He Who gives life and causes death, and His is the alternation of night and day. Will you not then understand?

81. Nay, but they say the like of what the men of old said.

82. They said: "When we are dead and have become dust and bones, shall we be resurrected indeed?"

83. "Verily, this we have been promised — we and our fathers before (us)! This is nothing but tales of the ancients!"

84. Say: "Whose is the earth and whosoever is therein? If you know!"

85. They will say: "It is Allâh's!" Say: "Will you not then remember?"

86. Say: "Who is (the) Lord of the seven heavens, and (the) Lord of the Great Throne?"

87. They will say: "Allâh." Say: "Will you not then fear Allâh (believe in His Oneness, obey Him, believe in the Resurrection and Recompense for every good or bad deed)?"

88. Say "In Whose Hand is the sovereignty of everything (i.e. treasures of each and everything)? And He protects (all), while against Whom there is no protector, (i.e. if Allâh saves anyone none can punish or harm him, and if Allâh punishes or harms anyone none can save him), if you know?" [*Tafsîr Al-Qurtubî*]

89. They will say: "(All that belongs) to Allâh." Say: "How then are you deceived and turn away from the truth?"

90. Nay, but We have brought them the truth (Islâmic Monotheism), and verily, they (disbelievers) are liars.

91. No son (or offspring) did Allâh beget, nor is there any *ilâh* (god) along with Him. (If there had been many gods), then each god would have taken away what he had created, and some would have tried to overcome others! Glorified is Allâh above all that they attribute to Him!

92. All-Knower of the unseen and the seen! Exalted is He over all that they associate as partners to Him!

93. Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): "My Lord! If You would show me that with which they are threatened (torment),

94. "My Lord! Then (save me from Your punishment), put me not amongst the people who are the *Zâlimûn* (polytheists and wrong-doers)."

95. And indeed We are Able to show you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) that with which We have threatened them.

96. Repel evil with that which is better. We are Best-Knower of the things they utter.

97. And say: "My Lord! I seek refuge with You from the whisperings (suggestions) of the *Shayâtîn* (devils).

98. "And I seek refuge with You, My Lord! lest they should come near me."

99. Until, when death comes to one of them (those who join partners with Allâh), he says: "My Lord! Send me back,

100. "So that I may do good in that which I have left behind!" No! It is but a word that he speaks; and behind them is *Barzakh* (a barrier) until the Day when they will be resurrected.

101. Then, when the Trumpet is blown, there will be no kinship among them that Day, nor will they ask of one another.

102. Then, those whose scales (of good deeds) are heavy, these! they are the successful.

103. And those whose scales (of good deeds) are light, they are those who lose their ownelves, in Hell will they abide.

104. The Fire will burn their faces, and therein they will grin, with displaced lips (disfigured).

105. "Were not My Verses (this Qur'ân) recited to you, and then you used to deny them?"

106. They will say: "Our Lord! Our wretchedness overcame us, and we were (an) erring people.

107. "Our Lord! Bring us out of this. If ever we return (to evil), then indeed we shall be *Zâlimûn*: (polytheists, oppressors, unjust, and wrong-doers)."

108. He (Allâh) will say: "Remain you in it with ignominy! And speak you not to Me!"

109. Verily, there was a party of My slaves, who used to say: "Our Lord! We believe, so forgive us, and have mercy on us, for You are the Best of all who show mercy!"

110. But you took them for a laughing stock, so much so that they made you forget My Remembrance while you used to laugh at them!

111. Verily, I have rewarded them this Day for their patience: they are indeed the ones that are successful.

112. He (Allâh) will say: "What number of years did you stay on earth?"

113. They will say: "We stayed a day or part of a day. Ask of those who keep account."

114. He (Allâh) will say: "You stayed not but a little, if you had only known!"

115. "Did you think that We had created you in play (without any purpose), and that you would not be brought back to Us?"

116. So Exalted is Allâh, the True King: *Lâ ilâha illâ Huwa* (none has the right to be worshipped but He), the Lord of the

Supreme Throne!

117. And whoever invokes (or worships), besides Allâh, any other *ilâh* (god), of whom he has no proof; then his reckoning is only with his Lord. Surely! *Al-Kâfirûn* (the disbelievers in Allâh and in the Oneness of Allâh, polytheists, pagans, idolaters) will not be successful.

118. And say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): “My Lord! Forgive and have mercy, for You are the Best of those who show mercy!”

Sûrat An-Nûr (TheLight) XXIV

In the Name of Allâh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

1. (This is) a *Sûrah* (chapter of the Qur’ân) which We have sent down and which We have enjoined, (ordained its laws); and in it We have revealed manifest *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations — lawful and unlawful things, and set boundaries of Islâmic Religion), that you may remember.

2. The fornicatress and the fornicator, flog each of them with a hundred stripes. Let not pity withhold you in their case, in a punishment prescribed by Allâh, if you believe in Allâh and the Last Day. And let a party of the believers witness their punishment. (This punishment is for unmarried persons guilty of the above crime, but if married persons commit it (illegal sex), the punishment is to stone them to death, according to Allâh’s Law).^[1]

3. The adulterer-fornicator marries not but an adulteress-fornicatress or a *Mushrikah*, and the adulteress-fornicatress

^[1] (V.24:2): a) Narrated Abu Hurairah رضى الله عنه: Allâh’s Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم judged that the unmarried person who was guilty of illegal sexual intercourse be exiled for one year and receive the legal punishment (i.e., be flogged with one hundred stripes). (*Sahîh Al-Bukhârî*, Vol. 8, *Hadîth* No. 819)

b) Narrated Jâbir bin ‘Abdullâh Al-Ansârî رضى الله عنهما: A man from the tribe of Bani Aslam came to Allâh’s Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم and informed him that he had committed illegal sexual intercourse and he bore witness four times against himself. Allâh’s Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم ordered him to be stoned to death as he was a married person. (*Sahîh Al-Bukhârî*, Vol. 8, *Hadîth* No. 805)

c) See (V.4:25).