

They have traded guidance for error, but their bargain has had no profit and they have missed the true guidance (2:16).

(Their case) is like that of one who kindles a fire and when it grows bright God takes away its light leaving him in darkness (wherein) he cannot see (anything) (2:17).

They are deaf, blind, and dumb and cannot regain their senses(2:18).

Or it is like that of a rain storm with darkness, thunder, and lightning approaching. They cover their ears for fear of thunder and death. God encompasses those who deny His words (2:19).

The lightning almost takes away their vision. When the lightning brightens their surroundings, they walk and when it is dark, they stand still. Had God wanted, He could have taken away their hearing and their vision. God has power over all things (2:20).

People, worship your Lord who created you and those who lived before you, so that you may become pious (2:21).

Worship God who has rendered the earth as a floor for you and the sky as a dome for you and has sent water down from the sky to produce fruits for your sustenance. Do not knowingly set up anything as an equal to God (2:22).

Should you have any doubt about what We have revealed to Our servant, present one chapter comparable to it and call all your supporters, besides God, if your claim is true (2:23).

If you do not produce such a chapter and you never will then guard yourselves against the fire whose fuel will be people and stones and is prepared for those who hide the Truth (2:24).

(Muhammad), tell the righteously striving believers of the happy news, that for them there are gardens wherein streams flow. Whenever they get any fruit from the gardens as food, they will say, "This is just what we had before (we came here).

These fruits are produced very much like them (those we had before)." They will have purified spouses and it is they who will live forever (2:25).

God does not hesitate to set forth parables of anything even a gnat. The believers know that it is the truth from their Lord, but those who deny the truth say, "What does God mean by such parables?" In fact, by such parables God misleads and guides many. However, He only misleads the evil doers (2:26) who break their established covenant with Him and the relations He has commanded to be kept and who spread evil in the land. These are the ones who lose a great deal (2:27).

How dare you deny the existence of God Who gave you life when you initially had no life. He will cause you to die and bring you to life again. Then you will return to His Presence (2:28).

It is He who created everything on earth for you. Then, directing His order towards the realm above, He turned it into seven heavens. He has knowledge of all things (2:29).

When your Lord said to the angels, "I am appointing someone as my deputy on earth," they said (almost protesting), "Are you going to appoint one who will commit corruption and bloodshed therein, even though we (are the ones who) commemorate Your Name and glorify You?" The Lord said, "I know that which you do not know" (2:30).

He taught Adam all the names. Then He introduced (some intelligent beings) to the angels, asking them to tell Him the names of these beings, if the angels

were true to their claim (that they more deserved to be His deputies on earth) (2:31).

The angels replied, "You are glorious indeed! We do not know more than what You have taught us. You alone are All-knowing and All-wise" (2:32).

The Lord said to Adam, "Tell the names of the beings to the angels." When Adam said their names, the Lord said, "Did I not tell you (angels) that I know the secrets of the heavens and the earth and all that you reveal or hide?" (2:33)

When We told the angels to prostrate before Adam, they all obeyed except Iblis (Satan) who abstained out of pride and so he became one of those who deny the truth (2:34).

We told Adam to stay with his spouse (Eve) in the garden and enjoy the foods therein, but not to go near a certain tree lest he become one of the transgressors (2:35).

Satan made Adam and his spouse err and caused them to abandon the state in which they had been living. Then We said, "Descend, you are each other's enemies! The earth will be a dwelling place for you and it will provide you with sustenance for an appointed time (2:36).

Adam was inspired by some words (of prayer) through which he received forgiveness from his Lord, for He is All-forgiving and All-merciful (2:37).

We ordered them all to get out of the garden and told them that when Our guidance came to them, those who would follow it would have neither fear nor grief (2:38).

But those who would deny the Truth and reject Our revelations would be the companions of the Fire in which they would live forever. (2:39)

Children of Israel, recall My favors which you enjoyed. Fulfill your covenant with Me and I shall fulfill Mine. Revere only Me (2:40).

Believe in My revelations (Quran) that confirms what I revealed to you (about Prophet Muhammad in your Scripture).

Do not be the first ones to deny it nor sell My revelations for a small price, but have fear of Me (2:41).

Do not mix truth with falsehood and do not deliberately hide the truth (2:42).

Be steadfast in prayer, pay the religious tax (zakat) and bow down in worship with those who do the same. (2:43)

Would you order people to do good deeds and forget to do them yourselves even though you read the Book? Why do you not think? (2:44).

Help yourselves (in your affairs) with patience and prayer. It is a difficult task indeed, but not for the humble ones (2:45) who are certain of their meeting with their Lord and their return to Him. (2:46)

Children of Israel, recall My favors to you and the preference that I gave to you over all nations (2:47).

Have fear of the day when every soul will be responsible for itself. No intercession or ransom will be accepted and no one will receive help. (2:48) (Children of Israel, recall My favor) of saving you from the Pharaoh's people who afflicted you with the worst kind of cruelty, slaying your sons and sparing your women. Your suffering was indeed a great trial from your Lord (2:49).

We parted the sea to save you and drowned Pharaoh's people before your very eyes. (2:50)

Then We called Moses for an appointment of forty nights. You began to worship the calf in his absence, doing wrong to yourselves (2:51).

Afterwards, We forgave you so that you would perhaps appreciate Our favors