

2:18 They are deaf, dumb and blind; so they will not return.

2:19 Or, it is like a heavy rain from the clouds, wherein is thick darkness and thunder and lightning; they put their fingers into their ears because of the thunder claps for fear of death, and God encompasses the disbelievers.

2:20 The lightning might well nigh snatch away their sight; whenever it shines upon them, they walk therein; and when it becomes dark to them, they stand still. And if God had so willed He could take away their hearing and their sight; surely God has the power to do all that He wills.

2:21 O ye men! worship your Lord Who created you and those before you, that you may guard against evil.

2:22 Who made the earth a bed for you, and the heaven a roof, and caused water to come down from the clouds and therewith brought forth fruits for your sustenance; so do not set up equals to God, while you know.

2:23 And if you are in doubt as to what We have sent down to Our servant, then produce a chapter like it, and call upon your helpers besides God, if you are truthful.

2:24 But if you do it not -- and never shall you do it -- then guard against the Fire, whose fuel is men and stones, which is prepared for the disbelievers.

2:25 And give glad tidings to those who believe and do good works, that for them are gardens beneath which flow streams. Whenever they are given a portion of fruit therefrom, they will say, 'This is what was given us before,' and gifts mutually resembling shall be brought to them. And they will have therein pure mates, and therein will they abide.

2:26 God disdains not to give an illustration -- as small as a gnat or even smaller. Those who believe know that it is the truth from their Lord, while those who disbelieve say, 'What does God mean by such an illustration?' Many does He adjudge by it to be in error and many by it does He guide, and none does He adjudge thereby to be in error except the disobedient,

2:27 Who breaks the covenant of God after having established it, and cut asunder what God has bidden to be joined, and create disorder in the earth; it is these that are the losers.

2:28 How can you disbelieve in God? You were without life and He gave you life, and then He will cause you to die, then restore you to life, and then to Him shall you be made to return.

2:29 He it is Who created for you all that is in the earth; then He turned towards the heavens, and He perfected them as seven heavens; and He has perfect knowledge of all things.

2:30 And when thy Lord said to the angels, 'I am about to place a viceregent in the earth,' they said 'Wilt Thou place therein such as will cause disorder in it, and shed blood? -- and we glorify Thee with Thy praise and extol Thy holiness,' He answered, 'I know what you know not.'

2:31 And He taught Adam all the names, then He put the objects of these names before the angles and said, 'Tell Me the names of these, if you are right,'

2:32 They said, 'Holy art Thou! No knowledge have we except what Thou hast taught us; surely Thou art All-Knowing, the Wise.'

2:33 He said 'O Adam, tell them their names;' and when he had told them their names, He said 'Did I not say to you, I know the secrets of the heavens and the earth, and I know what you reveal and what you hide?'

2:34 And remember the time when We said to the angels 'Submit to ADAM,' and they all submitted. But Iblis did not. He refused and deem himself too big;

and he was of the disbelievers.

2:35 And when We said 'O Adam, dwell thou and thy wife in the garden, and eat therefrom plentifully where ever you will, but approach not this tree, lest you be of the wrongdoers.'

2:36 But Satan caused them both to slip by means of it and drove them out of the state in which they were. And We said, 'Go forth hence; some of you are enemies of others and for you there is an abode in the earth and a provision for a time.'

2:37 Then Adam learnt from his Lord certain words of prayer. So He turned towards him with mercy. Surely He is Oft-Returning with compassion, and is Merciful.

2:38 We said. 'Go forth hence, all of you. And if there comes to you guidance from Me then whoso shall follow My guidance, on them shall come no fear nor shall they grieve.'

2:39 But they who will disbelieve and treat Our signs as lies, these shall be the inmates of the Fire; herein shall they abide.

2:40 O Children of Israel! remember My favours which I bestowed upon you, and fulfill your covenant with Me, I will fulfill My covenant with you, and Me alone should you fear.

2:41 And believe in what I have sent which fulfill that which is with you, and be not the first to disbelieve therein, and barter not My Signs for a paltry price, and take protection in Me alone.

2:42 And confound not truth with falsehood nor hide the truth knowingly.

2:43 And observe Prayer and pay the Zakaat, and bow down with those who bow.

2:44 Do you enjoined others to do what is good and forget your ownelves, while you read the book? Will you not then understand?

2:45 And seek help with patience and prayer, and this indeed is hard except for the humble in spirit,

2:46 Who know for certain that they will meet their Lord, and to Him will they return.

2:47 O Children of Israel! remember My favours which I bestowed upon you and that I exalted you above the peoples of the time.

2:48 And guard yourselves against the day when no soul shall serve as a substitute for another soul at all, nor shall intercession be accepted for it, nor shall ransom be taken from it, nor shall they be helped.

2:49 And remember the time when We delivered you from Pharaoh's people who afflicted you with grievous torment, slaying your sons and sparing your women; and in that was a great trial for you from your Lord.

2:50 And remember also the time when We divided the sea for you and saved you and drowned Pharaoh's people while you looked on.

2:51 And when We made Moses a promise of forty nights, then you took the calf for worship in his absence and you were the transgressors.

2:52 Then We forgave you thereafter, that you may be grateful.

2:53 And remember when We gave Moses the Book and the Discrimination, that you may be rightly guided.

2:54 And when Moses said to his people, 'O my people, you have indeed wronged yourselves by taking the calf for worship; turn ye therefore to your Maker, and kill your evil desires; that is best for you in the sight of your Maker.' Then He turned towards you with compassion. Surely He is Oft-