

In The Name of Allaah, The Most Merciful, The Bestower of Mercy.

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

قَدْ بَدَتْ أَلْبَعْسَاءُ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَمَا تُخْفَى صُدُورُهُمْ أَكْبَرُ

Hatred has already appeared from their mouths, but what their hearts conceal is far worse.

[Surah Aal Imran Verse 118]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

لَتُجْلَبُونَ فِي أَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ وَلَتَسْمَعَنَّ مِنَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَمِنَ الَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا أَذًى كَثِيرًا وَإِنْ تَصْبِرُوا وَتَتَّقُوا فَإِنَّ ذَلِكَ مِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ

You shall certainly be tried and tested in your wealth and properties and in your personal selves, and you shall certainly hear much that will grieve you from those who received the Scripture before you and from those who ascribe partners to Allah, but if you persevere patiently, and become Al-Muttaqun (the pious) then verily, that will be a determining factor in all affairs, and that is from the great matters, [which you must hold on with all your efforts]. [Surah Aal Imran. Verse 186]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

مَا يَوَدُّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَلَا الْمُشْرِكِينَ أَنْ يُنَزَّلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ مِّنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَخْتَصُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

Neither those who disbelieve among the people of the Scripture nor Al-Mushrikun (the disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah, idolaters, polytheists, pagans, etc.) like that there should be sent down unto you any good from your Lord. But Allah chooses for His Mercy whom He wills. And Allah is the Owner of Great Bounty. [Surah Al-Baqarah. Verse 105]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَدَّ كَثِيرٌ مِّنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ لَوْ يَرُدُّونَكُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ إِيمَانِكُمْ كُفَّارًا حَسَدًا مِّنْ عِنْدِ أَنْفُسِهِمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ لَهُمُ الْحَقُّ فَاعْفُوا وَاصْفَحُوا حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Many of the people of the Scripture wish that if they could turn you away as disbelievers after you have believed, out of envy from their own selves, even, after the truth (that Muhammad Peace be upon him is Allah's Messenger) has become manifest unto them. But forgive and overlook, till Allah brings His Command. Verily, Allah is Able to do all things. [Surah Al-Baqarah. Verse 109]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ ۗ قُلْ إِنَّ هُدَىٰ اللَّهِ هُوَ الْهُدَىٰ ۗ وَلَئِنِ اتَّبَعْتَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ بَعْدَ الَّذِي جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ مَا لَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ

Never will the Jews nor the Christians [i.e. those amongst them who deviated from the path of their Prophets] be pleased with you till you follow their religion. Say: “Verily, the Guidance of Allah (i.e. Islamic Monotheism) that is the (only) Guidance. And if you were to follow their desires after what you have received of Knowledge (i.e. the Quran), then you would have against Allah neither any Wali (protector or guardian) nor any helper. [Surah Al-Baqarah. Verse 120]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَدَّتْ طَائِفَةٌ مِّنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ لَوْ يُضِلُّوكُمْ وَمَا يُضِلُّونَ إِلَّا أَنفُسَهُمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ

A party of the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) wish to lead you astray. But they shall not lead astray anyone except themselves, and they perceive not. [Surah Aal Imran. Verse 69]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا نَصِيبًا مِّنَ الْكِتَابِ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْجِبْتِ وَالطَّاغُوتِ وَيَقُولُونَ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا هَؤُلَاءِ أَهْدَىٰ مِنَ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا سَبِيلًا

أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ لَعَنَهُمُ اللَّهُ وَمَن يَلْعَنِ اللَّهُ فَلَن تَجِدَ لَهُ نَصِيرًا

أَمْ لَهُمْ نَصِيبٌ مِّنَ الْمَلَكِ فَإِذَا لَا يُؤْتُونَ النَّاسَ نَقِيرًا

أَمْ يَحْسُدُونَ النَّاسَ عَلَىٰ مَا ءَاتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ فَقَدْ ءَاتَيْنَا ءَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَءَاتَيْنَاهُمْ مُلْكًا عَظِيمًا

Have you not seen those who were given a portion of the Scripture? They believe in Jibt and Taghut and say to the disbelievers that they are better guided as regards the way than the believers (Muslims). They are those whom Allah has cursed, and he whom Allah curses, you will not find for him (any) helper, Or have they a share in the dominion? Then in that case they would not give mankind even a Naqira (speck on the back of a date-stone). Or do they envy the people for what Allah has given them of His Bounty? Then We had already given the family of Ibrahim (Abraham) the Book and AlHikmah (AsSunnah – Divine Inspiration to those Prophets not written in the form of a book), and conferred upon them a great kingdom. [Surah An-Nisaa. Verses 51-54]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

قَدْ مَكَرَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ فَأَتَى اللَّهُ بُنْيَانَهُم مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ فَجَزَّ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّقْفُ مِن فَوْقِهِمْ وَأَتَنَّهُمُ الْعَذَابُ مِن حَيْثُ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ

ثُمَّ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يُخَذِّبُهُمْ وَيَقُولُ أَيُّ شُرَكَآئِيَ الَّذِينَ كُنْتُمْ تُشَفِّقُونَ فِيهِمْ ۗ قَالَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ إِنَّ الْخِزْيَ الْيَوْمَ وَالسُّوءَ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ

Those before them indeed plotted, but Allah struck at the foundation of their building, and then the roof fell down upon them, from above them, and the torment overtook them from directions they did not perceive. Then, on the Day of Resurrection, He will disgrace them and will say: “Where are My (so called) ‘partners’ concerning whom you used to disagree and dispute (with the believers, by defying and disobeying Allah)?” Those who have been given the knowledge (about the Torment of Allah for the disbelievers) will say: “Verily! Disgrace this Day and misery are upon the disbelievers. [Surah An-Nahl. Verses 26-27]

قَدْ مَكَرَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ – Those before them indeed plotted]: Meaning plotted against their Messengers, employed various types of tricks in order to reject that which the messengers brought and established gigantic safeguards [by way of arguments, views etc] on their plots. [فَأَتَى] فَأَتَى – but Allah struck at the foundation of their building]– Meaning, an affair came to them from its basis and foundation [فَخَرَّ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّقْفُ مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ] – and then the roof fell down upon them, from above them] -Meaning, so what they built became a punishment for them. [وَأَتَتْهُمْ الْعَذَابُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ] – and the torment overtook them from directions they did not perceive]: Meaning, that is because they thought that such a building will benefit and protect them from punishment, but their punishment occurred from that which they built and established.

This is one the best of parables regarding how Allaah nullifies the plots of his enemies, for indeed they pondered and reflected on that which the Messengers brought when they belied them, made up principles and rules for it based on falsehood, referred back to them to reject that which the Messengers came with, employed tricks to bring discomfort to the Messengers and inflict harm on them and those who followed them, but their plot became a source of evil against them, so their plan became their destruction, because their plot was evil as Allaah said: [لَا يَحِيقُ الْمَكْرُ السَّيِّئُ إِلَّا بِأَهْلِهِ] – But the evil plot encompasses only him who makes it]. This is in this worldly life and the punishment in the afterlife would be more disgraceful, and due to this Allaah said: [ثُمَّ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يُخْزِيهِمْ] – Then, on the Day of Resurrection, He will disgrace them]. [An Excerpt from Tafseer as-Sadi. Slightly paraphrased]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَلَا يَزَالُونَ يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ حَتَّى يَرُدُّوكُمْ عَنْ دِينِكُمْ إِنِ اسْتَطَعُوا وَمَنْ يَرْتَدِدْ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ فَيَمُتْ وَهُوَ كَافِرٌ فَأُولَئِكَ حَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ

And they will never cease fighting you until they turn you back from your religion (Islamic Monotheism) if they can. And whosoever of you turns back from his religion and dies as a disbeliever, then his deeds will be lost in this life and in the Hereafter, and they will be the dwellers of the Fire. They will abide therein forever. [Surah Al-Baqarah. Verse 217]

Allaah [The Most High] said:

وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَا لِكُلِّ نَبِيٍّ عَدُوًّا شَيْطِينِ الْإِنْسِ وَالْجِنِّ يُوحِي بَعْضُهُمْ إِلَى بَعْضٍ زُخْرُفَ الْقَوْلِ غُرُورًا وَلَوْ شَاءَ رَبُّكَ مَا

فَعَلُوهُ فَذَرَّهُمْ وَمَا يُفْتَرُونَ

And so We have appointed for every Prophet enemies – Shayaateen (devils) among mankind and jinns, inspiring one another with adorned speech as a delusion (or by way of deception). If your Lord had so willed, they would not have done it, so leave them alone with their fabrications.” [Soorah Al-An’aam: Verse 112]

Allaah [Glorified be He] stated that they aid one another in opposing the command of the Prophets with what some of them inspire others of adorned speech, so that the gullible and feeble minded people are misled by it. He [The Most High] stated the reason behind a perpetrator’s [adorned speech] and the reason why it is accepted by the people; then He [The Most High] mentioned [in ayah 113 Al-An’aam] the effects it has on those ignorant souls. When those souls incline towards such adorned speech and become pleased with it, they carry out what it calls them to do -in speech and action. Therefore, ponder upon these verses and the sublime meanings they convey, for they clarify the roots of false principles and alert a person against them. And if you ponder upon the statements of the people of falsehood, you will indeed find them clothed with expressions and presented in a good light with sophisticated terms, which are quickly accepted by those deprived of sound discernment-to the extent that the wicked sinners would give [good] names to the greatest types of wicked deeds. [An Excerpt from As-Sawaa-iq al-Mursalah of Imaam Ibnul Qayyim: 2/438). Slightly paraphrased]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

الرَّ كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ لِتُخْرِجَ النَّاسَ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ  
اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَوَيْلٌ لِلْكَافِرِينَ مِنْ عَذَابٍ شَدِيدٍ  
الَّذِينَ يَسْتَحِبُّونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا عَلَى الْأٰخِرَةِ وَيَصُدُّونَ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَيَبْغُونَهَا عِوَجًا أُولَٰئِكَ فِي ضَلٰلٍ بَعِيدٍ

Alif-Laam-Raa. [These letters are one of the miracles of the Qur’an, and none but Allah (Alone) knows their meanings]. (This is) a Book which We have revealed unto you (O Muhammad ) in order that you might lead mankind out of darkness by their Lord’s Leave to the Path of the All-Mighty, the Owner of all Praise. Allah to Whom belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth! And woe unto the disbelievers from a severe torment. Those who prefer the life of this world instead of the Hereafter, and hinder (men) from the Path of Allah (i.e. Islam) and seek crookedness therein – They are far astray. [Surah Ibraaheem. Verse 1-3]

[الرَّ كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ لِتُخْرِجَ النَّاسَ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ] – Alif-Lam-Ra. (This is) a Book which We have revealed unto you (O Muhammad) in order that you might lead mankind out of darkness by their Lord’s Leave”.

Imaam Shanqeetee [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said: Allaah (The Most High) clarified in this noble verse that He sent down this great Book unto His Prophet [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] in order that he may remove mankind from the darkness of

disbelief and misguidance and (enter them) into the light of Imaan and guidance. The meaning of this verse has been made clear in other Aayaat, such as the saying of Allaah: [هُوَ الَّذِي يُرُّ عَلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ آيَاتٍ بَيِّنَاتٍ لِّيُخْرِجَكُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ] – It is He Who sends down manifest Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) to His slave (Muhammad) that He may bring you out from darkness into light]. [Soorah Al-Hadeed. Verse 9]

Indeed, Allaah (The Most High) clarified in this verse (i.e. verse 1) that none can be removed from darkness and (entered) into light except by His Leave, as He stated: [بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ – By their Lord’s Leave]. This has been made clear in other verses, such as the saying of Allaah:

[وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِن رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا لِيُطَاعَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ] – We sent no Messenger, but to be obeyed by Allah’s Leave]. [Nisaa. Ayah 64] Also the saying of Allaah: [وَمَا كَانَ لِنَفْسٍ أَن تُؤْمِنَ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ] – It is not for any person to believe, except by the Leave of Allaah] [Yoonus. Ayah 100] [Tafseerul Qur’aan Bil-Qur’aan Min Adwaa Al-Bayaan]

Imaam As-Sadi [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said: Allaah (The Most High) informed (us) that He revealed His Book unto His Messenger Muhammad [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] for the benefit of the creation (i.e. Mankind and Jinn); so that they might be removed from the darkness of ignorance, disbelief, evil manners and all types of disobedience, (and entered into) the light of knowledge, Imaan and good manners. And concerning the statement of Allaah: [بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ – By their Lord’s Leave]; that is they cannot reach the goal of that which is pleasing to Allaah, except by Allaah’s Will and Help. So in this there is an exhortation for the slaves to seek help from their Lord. Then Allaah explained (the meaning of the) light to which this Book guides to, saying:

[إِلَى صِرَاطٍ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ] – To the Path of the All-Mighty, the Owner of all Praise]; that is the path that leads to (obedience to Allaah and His Messenger, success in this life and the next etc) and the abode of honour (i.e. paradise), which (is achieved by way) of having knowledge of the truth and acting upon it. And with regards to the statement: [الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ – The All-Mighty, the Owner of all Praise] after the mention of the path leading to Him, in this is an indication that the one who follows the straight path is given might by Allaah and he is a strong person, even if there are no helpers for him except Allaah. He is praiseworthy in his affairs and will achieve a good end. This also indicates that Allaah’s path is the greatest proof that He (The Most High) possesses Perfect Attributes and Lofty Descriptions, and that what He has appointed for His slaves is mighty authority. He is praised in His Statements, Actions and Rulings (i.e. because He is the Bestower of all things and He is free from all imperfections). He alone is described with all the perfect Names and Attributes; He is the only one worthy of worship through those acts of worship (He has prescribed), which are the dignified signposts of the straight path. And just as He is the owner of the kingdom of the heavens and the earth-The Creator, The Sustainer, The Controller of the affairs of the universe- likewise, He has religious rulings for His slaves because He is their Owner (i.e. the Owner of mankind and jinn), and it does not befit His (Wisdom, Majesty, Glory etc) that He leaves them Suda [neglected without being punished or rewarded for

the obligatory duties enjoined by Him]

After Allaah clarified the evidences and proofs, He then made a promise to the one who does not pay attention to (such proofs and evidences), saying: [ وَوَيْلٌ لِلْكَافِرِينَ مِنْ عَذَابٍ شَدِيدٍ – And woe unto the disbelievers from a severe torment]. Then Allaah described them, saying:

[الَّذِينَ يَسْتَحِبُّونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا عَلَى الْآخِرَةِ] – Those who prefer the life of this world instead of the Hereafter]. They make it a duty and are satisfied with it, whilst being heedless of the afterlife. [ وَيَصُدُّونَ – And they hinder] mankind [ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ – From the Path of Allaah] which Allaah has appointed for His slaves, clarified in His Books and conveyed through the speech of His Messengers. So, these people have indeed turned away from their Protector through enmity and waging war against Him.

[وَيَبْغُونَهَا عِوَجًا] – And seek crookedness therein (i.e. in Allaah’s Religion)]; that is: They are eager to ridicule and make it look repugnant, in order to make people flee from it; however Allaah will not allow that to happen, rather He made His religion uppermost even though the disbelievers may hate it. [Tafseer As-Sadi]

They desire that Allaah’s path should become crooked, swaying towards (corruption) and deviated from the right course, even though it is self-evident and neither can it be harmed by the one who opposes it nor by the one who forsakes it. [Qurratul Ainayn Alaa Tafseer Al-Jalaalayn]

So with this desire of theirs, they are in ignorance and straying far away from the truth and rectification. [Al-Misbaah Al-Muneer Fee Tahdheeb Tafseer Ibn Katheer] [أُولَئِكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ بَعِيدٍ] – They are far astray]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ فِي رَيْبٍ مِمَّا نَزَّلْنَا عَلَىٰ عَبْدِنَا فَأْتُوا بِسُورَةٍ مِثْلِهِ ۚ وَادْعُوا شُهَدَاءَكُمْ مِمَّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ  
فَإِنْ لَمْ تَفْعَلُوا وَلَنْ تَفْعَلُوا فَاتَّقُوا النَّارَ الَّتِي وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ ۗ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْكَافِرِينَ

And if you are in doubt concerning that which We have sent down (i.e. the Qur’an) to Our slave (Muhammad Peace be upon him ), then produce a Surah (chapter) of the like thereof and call your witnesses (supporters and helpers) besides Allah, if you are truthful. But if you do it not, and you can never do it, then fear the Fire (Hell) whose fuel is men and stones, prepared for the disbelievers. [Surah Al-Baqarah Verses 23-24]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَإِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ اشْمَأَزَّتْ قُلُوبُ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ ۖ وَإِذَا ذُكِرَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِ إِذَا هُمْ يَسْتَبْشِرُونَ  
قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ فَاطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ عَلِيمَ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ أَنْتَ تَحْكُمُ بَيْنَ عِبَادِكَ فِي مَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ

And when Allah Alone is mentioned, the hearts of those who believe not in the Hereafter are

filled with disgust (from the Oneness of Allah) and when those (whom they obey or worship) besides Him are mentioned, behold, they rejoice! [Surah Az-Zumar. Verse 45]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَإِنْ يُكَذِّبُوكَ فَقَدْ كَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالْزُّبُرِ وَالْكِتَابِ الْمُنِيرِ  
ثُمَّ أَخَذْتُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ

And if they belie you, those before them also belied. Their Messengers came to them with clear signs, and with the Scriptures, and the book giving light. Then I took hold of those who disbelieved, and how terrible was My disapproval! [Al-Faatir. Verses 25-26]

Meaning, O Messenger! If these polytheists belie you, you are not the first Messenger to be belied, because [فَقَدْ كَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ] - Those before them also belied. Their Messengers came to them with clear signs] - Meaning, the clear proofs that guide to the truth and the truthfulness of that which the Messenger stated; [وَالْزُّبُرِ]-The scripture- Meaning, a written book that gathered many rulings], [وَالْكِتَابِ الْمُنِيرِ]- And a book giving light]- Meaning, giving light in relation to its truthful news and just rulings. So, their rejection of the Messengers was neither due to ambiguity nor deficiency related that which the Messengers brought, rather this rejection was due to wrong doing and obstinacy. [ثُمَّ أَخَذْتُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا] - Then I took hold of those who disbelieved]- Meaning, with various types of punishment, [فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرِ]- And how terrible was My disapproval?!] Meaning, it was the severest disapproval and greatest punishment [in this life], so be warned against belying this noble Messenger (i.e. Muhammad) and thus you are afflicted with the painful punishment and painful disgrace that befell those nations of the past. [Tafseer As-Sadi]

### Every Town Had Its Wicked Plotters

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَكَانَ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ تِسْعَةُ رَهْطٍ يُفْسِدُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا يُصْلِحُونَ  
قَالُوا تَقَاسَمُوا بِاللَّهِ لَنُبَيِّتَنَّهُ وَأَهْلَهُ ، ثُمَّ لَنَقُولَنَّ لِوَلِيِّهِ مَا شَهِدْنَا مَهْلِكَ أَهْلِهِ ، وَإِنَّا لَصَادِقُونَ  
وَمَكَرُوا مَكْرًا وَمَكَرْنَا مَكْرًا وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ  
فَانظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ مَكْرِهِمْ أَنَا دَمَرْنَاهُمْ وَقَوْمَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ  
فَتِلْكَ بُيُوتُهُمْ خَاوِيَةً بِمَا ظَلَمُوا إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ  
وَأَنْجَيْنَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ

And there were in the city nine men (from the sons of their chiefs), who made mischief in the land, and would not reform. They said: “Swear one to another by Allah that we shall make a

secret night attack on him and his household, and afterwards we will surely say to his near relatives: ‘We witnessed not the destruction of his household, and verily! We are telling the truth. So they plotted a plot, and We planned a plan, while they perceived not. Then see how was the end of their plot! Verily! We destroyed them and their nation, all together. These are their houses in utter ruin, for they did wrong. Verily, in this is indeed an Ayah (a lesson or a sign) for people who know. And We saved those who believed, and used to fear Allah, and keep their duty to Him. [Surah An-Naml. Verses 48-53]

In the city where Saaleh [peace be upon him] (lived) amongst his people, there were nine men whom Allaah described as mischief makers in the land. They neither had any (good) intention nor deeds of righteousness; rather they were prepared to manifest enmity towards Saaleh (peace be upon him) – spoke ill of his religion (of Tawheed and uprightness) and called their people to this enmity of theirs. [Tafseer As-Sadi] They used to shed blood, commit theft and violate the honour of women. They were also the ones who hamstrung the she-camel. [Zaadul Maseer by Imaam Ibnul Jawzi]

Allaah (The Most High) informed us that Saaleh [peace be upon him] advised his people, saying:

فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا  
وَلَا تُطِيعُوا أَمْرَ الْمُسْرِفِينَ  
الَّذِينَ يُفْسِدُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا يُصْلِحُونَ

So fear Allah, keep your duty to Him, and obey me. And follow not the command of Al-Musrifun [i.e. their chiefs, leaders who were polytheists, criminals and sinners]; Who make mischief in the land, and reform not. [Surah Ash-Shu'araa Verse 150-152]

However, they did not cease to be upon this evil state of affairs until their enmity towards Saaleh [peace be upon him] led them to make an oath to one another that they will approach him and his family at night and murder them. They also agreed that when they are confronted by Saaleh’s near relatives with the claim that they killed him, they will reject the claim and make an oath that they were truthful. So they plotted to murder Allaah’s Prophet Saaleh and Allaah also planned, but Allaah saved Saaleh and destroyed his disbelieving people. Indeed, they never fulfilled their goal and plot. This is the reality of the end result; so ponder upon the way in which Allaah (The Most High) deals with His Friends and His enemies! The end result of oppression will always be devastation and destruction, and the end result of Eemaan and justice will always be safety and success. Allaah saved those who believed in Him, His Angels, His Books, His Messengers, the last Day and in His pre-decree (its good and it bad)—and they were also those who refrained from shirk and disobedience, and they obeyed Allaah and His Messengers. [Tafseer as-Sadi]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَكذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَا فِي كُلِّ قَرْيَةٍ أَكْبَرًا مُجْرِمِيهَا لِيَمْكُرُوا فِيهَا وَمَا يَمْكُرُونَ إِلَّا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ [



We have set up in every town the greatest of its criminals to plot therein. But they plot not except against their own selves, and they perceive (it) not]. [Soorah Al-An'aam Verse 123]

[وَكَدَّأَلِكْ جَعَلْنَا فِي كُلِّ قَرْيَةٍ أَكْبَرًا مُجْرِمِيهَا] – And thus We have set up in every town the greatest of its criminals] – Meaning: Those figureheads whose crimes were great and whose transgressions were severe. [لِيَمْكُرُوا فِيهَا] -to plot therein]- Meaning: Through deception, calling to the path of shaytaan and waging war – through speech and deeds- against the Messengers and their followers. However, their plots and machinations only backfired on them. That is because they plotted and Allah too was planning, and Allah is the Best of the planners.

Likewise Allaah set up great ones amongst the leaders of guidance and the most virtuous of them, who opposed those criminals, refuted their statements and strove against them in the path of Allaah. They followed the paths leading to the path (of Allaah) and Allaah aided them. Allaah gave them an acute discernment and kept them steadfast. So the days of victory and defeat alternated between them and their enemies, until the affair came to its final end-victory and triumph (for the believers) and the good final end is for the Muttaqoon (i.e. the pious and righteous persons who fear Allah much (abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which He has forbidden) and love Allah much (perform all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained)). [Tafseer as-Sadi]

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

مَا يُجَادِلُ فِي آيَاتِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَلَا يَغْرُرْكَ تَقَلُّبُهُمْ فِي الْبِلَادِ

None disputes in the Aayat [proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.] of Allaah. Except those who disbelieve. So, let not their ability of going about here and there through the land [for their purposes] deceive you [O Muhammad , their ultimate end will be the Fire of Hell]! [Surah Ghaafir. Verse 4]

Allaah informed (us): [مَا يُجَادِلُ فِي آيَاتِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا] – None disputes in the Aayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of Allaah, except those who disbelieve]. The intended meaning behind the word 'disputes' is disputation in order to reject Allaah's Aayaat and oppose them with falsehood. This is a deed of the disbelievers, but as for the believers they humble themselves to Allaah [The Most High], for indeed Allaah makes statements of truth to invalidate falsehood.

It is not permissible for a person to be deceived and thinks that the favours Allaah has bestowed on him in this worldly life proves that Allaah loves him and that he is upon the truth. And for this reason, Allaah [The Most High] said: [فَلَا يَغْرُرْكَ تَقَلُّبُهُمْ فِي الْبِلَادِ] – So let not their ability of going about here and there through the land (for their purposes) deceive you]- Meaning: Going back and forth in pursuit of various affairs of trade and earnings; rather what is obligated on a servant is that he utters the truth to the people, examines the state of affairs based on the divine revelation and passes judgement based on that. He does not weigh up the truth [based on the desires, views, likes or dislikes of] the people, just as what the one who neither has knowledge

nor [sound] intellect does. [Tafseer As-Sadi]

Allaah [The Most High] said:

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَيَتَّبِعُ كُلَّ شَيْطَانٍ مَرِيدٍ

And among mankind is he who disputes concerning Allah, without knowledge, and follows every rebellious (disobedient to Allah) Shaitan (devil) (devoid of each and every kind of good). [Surah Al-Hajj. Verse 3]

There is a group amongst mankind who follow the path of misguidance. They argue based on falsehood and portray it as the truth- wish to certify falsehood as truth and falsify the truth. The true state of affairs regarding them is that they are upon extreme ignorance and do not possess any knowledge, and the most they have is blameworthy blind following of their misguided figureheads among the rebellious devils- rebels against Allaah and His Messengers. They [behave] obstinately towards Allaah and His Messengers; oppose Allaah and His Messenger and became amongst those figureheads who call to the hell fire. [Tafseer as-Sadi]

Allaah [The Most High] said:

كَذَّبَتْ قَبْلَهُمْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ وَالْأَحْزَابُ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ ۖ وَهَمَّتْ كُلُّ أُمَّةٍ بِرَسُولِهِمْ لِيَأْخُذُوهُ ۖ وَجَادَلُوا بِالْبَاطِلِ لِيُدْحِضُوا بِهِ الْحَقَّ فَأَخَذْنَاهُمْ ۖ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ عِقَابِ

وَكَذَلِكَ حَقَّتْ كَلِمَتُ رَبِّكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّهُمْ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ

The people of Nuh [Noah] and the confederates after them denied [their Messengers] before these, and every [disbelieving] nation plotted against their Messenger to seize him, and disputed by means of falsehood to refute therewith the truth. So, I seized them [with punishment], and how [terrible] was My punishment! Thus, has the Word of your Lord been justified against those who disbelieved, that they will be the dwellers of the Fire. [Surah Ghaafir. Verse 5-6]

Allaah [The Most High] mentioned -in this Aayah- those who argue against His Aayaat to nullify them [i.e. they argued against Allaah's Aayaat to declare them false], just as the previous nations before them did, such as the people of Nooh, Aad and those confederates who formed an illegal partisanship, gathered against the truth and to aid falsehood, until they reached [that state, which is]: [وَهَمَّتْ كُلُّ أُمَّةٍ بِرَسُولِهِمْ لِيَأْخُذُوهُ] -And every (disbelieving) nation plotted against their Messenger to kill him].

This is the [most dangerous situation] the Messengers can find themselves in- the ones [i.e. the Messengers of Allaah] who are the [only perfect] leaders of the righteous people and possessors of pure truth about which there is neither any doubt nor ambiguity; however, they plotted to kill them. Is there any act of rebellion, misguidance and wretchedness [worse] than this?! So, for this reason [the plotters deserved] a great punishment which they cannot escape.

Allaah [The Most High] mentioned the punishment they [received] in this worldly life and what

they will [receive] in the afterlife: [فَأَخَذْنَاهُمْ]-So I seized them]-Meaning: [Destroyed] due to their act of wilful denial [i.e. their wilful denial of Allaah's Aayaat by way of arguing with falsehood and plotting to kill Allaah's Messengers] and their illegal partisanship. [فَكَيْفَ كَانَ عِقَابِ]- And how (terrible) was My punishment!] [وَكَذَلِكَ حَقَّتْ كَلِمَتُ رَبِّكَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّهُمْ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ]-Thus has the Word of your Lord been justified against those who disbelieved, that they will be the dwellers of the Fire]. [Tafseer As-Sadi]

Allaah [The Most High] said:

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ الْجَوَارِ فِي الْبَحْرِ كَالْأَعْلَامِ (٣٢) إِنْ يَشَأْ يُسْكِنِ الرِّيحَ فَيَظَلَّلَنَ رَوَاكِدَ عَلَى ظَهْرِهِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّكُلِّ صَبَّارٍ شَكُورٍ (٣٣) أَوْ يُوقِفُهُنَّ بِمَا كَسَبُوا وَيَعْفُ عَنْ كَثِيرٍ (٣٤) وَيَعْلَمَ الَّذِينَ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي آيَاتِنَا مَا لَهُمْ مِنْ مَّحِيصٍ

And among His Signs are the ships, in the sea, like mountains. If He wills, He causes the wind to cease, then they would become motionless on the back (of the sea). Verily, in this are signs for everyone patient and grateful. Or He may destroy them (by drowning) because of that which their (people) have earned. And He pardons much. And those who dispute as regards Our Aayat may know that there is no place of refuge for them. [Surah Ash-Shura Verse 35]

[وَيَعْلَمَ الَّذِينَ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي آيَاتِنَا] – And those who dispute as regards Our Aayaat] –Meaning: In order to (declare) them untrue with their falsehood [i.e. those who seek to declare Allaah's Aayat to be untrue by way of their false claims and arguments]; [مَا لَهُمْ مِنْ مَّحِيصٍ] – there is no place of refuge for them]-Meaning: There is no place of escape for them to stop the punishment from [reaching] them. [Tafseer As-Sadi]

Indeed, there is nothing to say after what has preceded and may Allaah guide this sick individual or protect us from his vile tongue. However, we are not like him and all praise is due to Allaah, because we live peacefully alongside our Non-Muslim neighbours, colleagues and business partners. We declare our freedom from the racists as well as those terrorists who ascribe to Islaam.

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