

وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ مُخْتَالٍ فَخُورٍ

For Allah loveth not any vainglorious boaster --

Al Hadid

(Iron)

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

سَبِّحَ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

1. Whatever is in the heavens and on earth, let it declare the Praises and Glory of Allah:

وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

for He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ تَحْيِءُ وَيُمِيتُ

2. To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth; it is He Who gives life and Death;

وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

and He has Power over all things.

هُوَ الْأَوَّلُ وَالْآخِرُ وَالظَّاهِرُ وَالْبَاطِنُ

3. He is the First and the Last, the Evident and the immanent:

وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

and He has full knowledge of all things.

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ

4. He it is Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days, and is moreover firmly established on the Throne (of authority).

يَعْلَمُ مَا يَلْجُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا^ط

He knows what enters within the earth and what comes forth out of it, what comes down from heaven and what mounts up to it.

وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ^ج وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ^{٥١}

And He is with you wheresoever ye may be. And Allah sees well all that ye do.

لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ^{٥٢}

5. To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth: and all affairs are referred back to Allah.

يُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُولِجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ^ج

6. He merges Night into Day, and He merges Day into Night;

وَهُوَ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ^{٥٣}

and He has full knowledge of the secrets of (all) hearts.

ءَامِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَأَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا جَعَلَكُمْ مُسْتَخْلِفِينَ فِيهِ

7. Believe in Allah and His Messenger, and spend (in charity) out of the (substance) whereof He has made you heirs.

فَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَأَنْفَقُوا لَهُمْ أَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ^{٥٤}

For, those of you who believe and spend (in charity) -- for them is a great Reward.

وَمَا لَكُمْ لَا تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ^{٥٥}

8. What cause have ye why ye should not believe in Allah? --

وَالرَّسُولُ يَدْعُوكُمْ لِتُؤْمِنُوا بِرَبِّكُمْ وَقَدْ أَخَذَ مِيثَاقَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ^{٥٦}

And the Messenger invites you to believe in your Lord, and has indeed taken your Covenant, if ye are men of faith.

هُوَ الَّذِي يُنَزِّلُ عَلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ آيَاتٍ بَيِّنَاتٍ لِيُخْرِجَكُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ^ج

9. He is the One Who Sends to His Servants manifest Signs, that He may lead you from the depths of Darkness into the Light.

وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُمْ لَرَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٠﴾

And verily, Allah is to you Most Kind and Merciful.

وَمَا لَكُمْ أَلَّا تُنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلِلَّهِ مِيرَاثُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ﴿١٠﴾

10. And what cause have ye why ye should not spend in the Cause of Allah? -- For to Allah belongs the heritage of the heavens and the earth.

لَا يَسْتَوِي مِنْكُمْ مَنْ أَنْفَقَ مِنْ قَبْلِ الْفَتْحِ وَقَتَلَ ﴿١٠﴾

Not equal among you are those who spent (freely) and fought, before the Victory, (with those who did so later).

أُولَئِكَ أَكْبَرُ مِنْ الَّذِينَ أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ بَعْدِ وَقْتِنَا وَكُلًّا وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْحَسَنَى ﴿١٠﴾

Those are higher in rank than those who spent (freely) and fought afterwards. But to all has Allah promised a goodly (reward),

وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١١﴾

and Allah is well-acquainted with all that ye do.

مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يُقْرِضُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا فَيُضْعِفُهُ لَهُ وَأَكْبَرُ كَرِيمٌ ﴿١١﴾

11. Who is he that will loan to Allah a beautiful Loan?

For (Allah) will increase it manifold to his credit, and he will have (besides) a liberal reward.

يَوْمَ تَرَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَسْعَى نُورُهُمْ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَبِأَيْمَانِهِمْ ﴿١٢﴾

12. One Day shalt thou see the believing men and the believing women how their Light runs forward before them and by their right hands:

بُشْرَانِكُمْ الْيَوْمَ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ﴿١٢﴾

(their greeting will be): "Good News for you this Day!

Gardens beneath which flow rivers! To dwell therein for aye!

ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿١٣﴾

this is indeed the highest Achievement!"

يَوْمَ يَقُولُ الْمُنْفِقُونَ وَالْمُنْفِقَاتُ لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا انظُرُونَا نَقْتِسِبْ مِنْ نُورِكُمْ

13. One day will the Hypocrites -- men and women -- say to the Believers:

"Wait for us! let us borrow (a light) from your Light!"

قِيلَ ارْجِعُوا وَرَاءَكُمْ فَالْتَمِسُوا نُورًا

It will be said:

"turn ye back to your rear! then seek a light (where ye can)!"

فَضْرِبَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِسُورٍ لَهُرَبَابٌ بَاطِنُهُ فِيهِ الرَّحْمَةُ وَظَاهِرُهُ مِنْ قِبَلِهِ الْعَذَابُ ﴿١٣﴾

So a wall will be put up betwixt them, with a gate therein.

Within it will be Mercy throughout, and without it, all alongside, will be (wrath and) Punishment!

يُنَادُونَهُمْ أَلَمْ نَكُنْ مَعَكُمْ

14. (Those without) will call out, "were we not with you?"

قَالُوا بَلَىٰ وَلَكِنَّكُمْ فَتَنْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَتَرَبَّصْتُمْ وَارْتَبْتُمْ وَغَرَّتْكُمُ الْأَمَانِيُّ

(The others) will reply,

"True! but ye led yourselves into temptation; ye looked forward (to our ruin); ye doubted (Allah's promise); and (your false) desires deceived you;

حَتَّىٰ جَاءَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ وَغَرَّكُمْ بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ ﴿١٤﴾

until there issued the Command of Allah. And the Deceiver deceived you in respect of Allah.

فَالْيَوْمَ لَا يُؤْخَذُ مِنْكُمْ فِدْيَةٌ وَلَا مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا

15. "This Day shall no ransom be accepted of you, nor of those who rejected Allah.

مَاؤْنِكُمُ النَّارُ هِيَ مَوْلَانِكُمْ وَبئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿١٥﴾

Your abode is the fire: That is the proper place to claim you: and an evil refuge it is!"

أَلَمْ يَأْنِ لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَنْ تَخْشَعَ قُلُوبُهُمْ لِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَا نَزَلَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ

16. Has not the time arrived for the Believers that their hearts in all humility should engage in the remembrance of Allah and of the truth which has been revealed (to them)

وَلَا يَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلُ فَطَالَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْأَمَدُ فَقَسَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ^ط

and that they should not become like those to whom was given Revelation aforetime, but long ages passed over them and their hearts grew hard?

وَكَثِيرٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَاسِقُونَ ﴿١٦﴾

For many among them are rebellious transgressors.

أَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ تُلْهِمِي الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا^ع

17. Know ye (all) that Allah giveth life to the earth after its death!

قَدْ بَيَّنَّا لَكُمُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

already have We shown the Signs plainly to you, that ye may learn wisdom.

إِنَّ الْمَصَدِّقِينَ وَالْمُصَدِّقَاتِ وَأَقْرَضُوا اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا

18. For those who give in Charity, men and women, and loan to Allah a Beautiful Loan,

يُضَعَفُ لَهُمْ وَلَهُمْ أَجْرٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿١٨﴾

it shall be increased manifold (to their credit), and they shall have (besides) a liberal reward.

وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ءَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الصَّٰدِقُونَ^ط

19. And those who believe in Allah and His messengers -- they are the Sincere (Lovers of truth),

وَالشُّهَدَاءُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ وَنُورُهُمْ^ص

and the witnesses (who testify), in the eyes of their Lord: they shall have their Reward and their Light,

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا ءَأُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَحِيمِ ﴿١٩﴾

but those who reject Allah and deny Our Signs -- they are the Companions of Hell-Fire.

أَعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا لَعِبٌ وَهُوَ زِينَةٌ وَتَفَاخُرٌ بَيْنَكُمْ

20. Know ye (all), that the life of this world is but play and amusement, pomp and mutual boasting

وَتَكَاتُرٌ فِي الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَوْلَادِ

and multiplying, (in rivalry) among yourselves, riches and children:

كَمَثَلِ غَيْثٍ أَعْجَبَ الْكُفَّارَ نَبَاتُهُ ثُمَّ يَهِيجُ

Here is a similitude: How rain and the growth which it brings forth, delight (the hearts of) the tillers;

فَتَرَهُ مُصْفَرًّا ثُمَّ يَكُونُ حُطَمًا

soon it withers; thou wilt see it grow yellow; then it becomes dry and crumbles away.

وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانٌ

But in the Hereafter is a Penalty severe (for the devotees of wrong), and Forgiveness from Allah and (His) Good Pleasure (for the devotees of Allah).

وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَتَاعُ الْغُرُورِ

And what is the life of this world, but goods and chattels of deception?

سَابِقُوا إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا كَعَرْضِ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ

21. Be ye foremost (in seeking) forgiveness from your Lord, and a Garden (of Bliss), the width whereof is as the width of heaven and earth,

أُعِدَّتْ لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ

prepared for those who believe in Allah and His messengers:

ذَٰلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَشَاءُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

that is the Grace of Allah, which He bestows on whom He pleases:
and Allah is the Lord of Grace abounding.

مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ نَبْرَأَهَا

22. No misfortune can happen on earth or in your souls but is recorded in a decree before We bring it into existence:

إِنَّ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ﴿٢٢﴾

that is truly easy for Allah:

لِكَيْلَا تَأْسَوْا عَلَىٰ مَا فَاتَكُمْ وَلَا تَفْرَحُوا بِمَا آتَاكُمْ

23. In order that ye may not despair over matters that pass you by, nor exult over favors bestowed upon you.

وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ مُخْتَالٍ فَخُورٍ ﴿٢٣﴾

For Allah loveth not any vainglorious boaster --

الَّذِينَ يَبْخُلُونَ وَيَأْمُرُونَ النَّاسَ بِالْبُخْلِ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ﴿٢٤﴾

24. Such persons as are covetous and commend covetousness to men. And if any turn back (from Allah's Way), verily Allah is free of all needs, worthy of all praise.

لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلَنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْمِيزَانَ لِيَقُومَ النَّاسُ بِالْقِسْطِ ﴿٢٥﴾

25. We sent aforetime our messengers with Clear Signs and sent down with them the Book and the Balance (of Right and Wrong), that men may stand forth in justice;

وَأَنْزَلْنَا الْحَدِيدَ فِيهِ بَأْسٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَنْفَعٌ لِلنَّاسِ

and We sent down Iron, in which is (material for) mighty war, as well as many benefits for mankind,

وَلِيَعْلَمَ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ وَرُسُلَهُ بِالْغَيْبِ

that Allah may test who it is that will help, unseen Him and His messengers;

إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ ﴿٢٦﴾

for Allah is Full of Strength, exalted in Might (and able to enforce His will).

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَجَعَلْنَا فِي ذُرِّيَّتِهِمَا النُّبُوَّةَ وَالْكِتَابَ ^ط

26. And We sent Noah and Abraham, and established in their line Prophethood and Revelation:

فَمِنْهُمْ مُّهْتَدٍ ^ط وَكَثِيرٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَاسِقُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

and some of them were on right guidance, but many of them became rebellious transgressors.

ثُمَّ قَفَّيْنَا عَلَىٰ آثَرِهِم بِرُسُلِنَا وَقَفَّيْنَا بِعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ وَآتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنجِيلَ

27. Then, in their wake, We followed them up with (others of) Our messengers: We sent after them Jesus the son of Mary, and bestowed on him the Gospel;

وَجَعَلْنَا فِي قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُ رَأْفَةً وَرَحْمَةً

and We ordained in the hearts of those who followed him Compassion and Mercy.

وَرَهْبَانِيَّةً ابْتَدَعُوهَا مَا كَتَبْنَاهَا عَلَيْهِمْ إِلَّا ابْتِغَاءَ رِضْوَانِ اللَّهِ

But the monasticism which they invented for themselves, We did not prescribe for them: (We commanded) only the seeking for the Good pleasure of Allah;

فَمَا رَعَوْهَا حَقَّ رِعَايَتِهَا ^ط

but that they did not foster as they should have done.

فَعَاتَيْنَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مِنْهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ ^ط وَكَثِيرٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَاسِقُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

Yet We bestowed, on those among them who believed, their (due) reward, but many of them are rebellious transgressors.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَءَامِنُوا بِرَسُولِهِ

28. O ye that believe!

fear Allah, and believe in His messenger,

يُؤْتِكُمْ كِفْلَيْنِ مِن رَّحْمَتِهِ، وَتَجْعَل لَّكُمْ نُورًا تَمْشُونَ بِهِ، وَيَغْفِر لَكُمْ ^ج

and He will bestow on you a double portion of His Mercy: He will provide for you a light by which ye shall walk (straight in your path), and He will forgive you (your past):

وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

For Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful:

لَيْلًا يَعْلَمَ أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ أَلَّا يَقْدِرُونَ عَلَى شَيْءٍ مِّنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ

29. That the People of the Book may know that they have no power whatever over the Grace of Allah,

وَأَنَّ الْفَضْلَ بِيَدِ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَشَاءُ

that (His) Grace is (entirely) in His hand, to bestow it on whomsoever He wills.

وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

For Allah is the Lord of Grace abounding.



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