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Al 'Ankabut

(The Spider)

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

الم (١)

1. Alif Lam Mim.

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وَهُمْ لَا يُفْتَنُونَ (٢)

and that they will not be tested?

وَلَقَدْ فَتَنَّا الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ

3. We did test those before them,

فَلْيَعْلَمَنَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَلْيَعْلَمَنَّ الْكَاذِبِينَ (٣)

and Allah will certainly know those who are true from those who are false.

أَمْ حَسِبَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ السَّيِّئَاتِ أَنْ يَسْبِقُونَا

4. Do those who practice evil think that they will get the better of us?

سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ (٤)

Evil is their judgment!

مَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُوا لِقَاءَ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ أَجَلَ اللَّهِ لَآتٍ

5. For those whose hopes are in the meeting with Allah (in the Hereafter, let them strive);
for the Term (appointed) by Allah is surely coming:

وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ (٥)

and He hears and knows (all things).

وَمَنْ جَاهَدَ فَإِنَّمَا يُجَاهِدُ لِنَفْسِهِ

6. And if any strive (with might and main), they do so for their own souls:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَغَنِيٌّ عَنِ الْعَالَمِينَ (٦)

for Allah is free of all needs from all creation.

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَنُكَفِّرَنَّ عَنْهُمْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ

7. Those who believe and work righteous deeds, from them shall We blot out all evil (that may be) in them,

وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَحْسَنَ الَّذِي كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ (٧)

and We shall reward them according to the best of their deeds.

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حُسْنًا

8. We have enjoined on man kindness to parents:

وَإِنْ جَاهَدَاكَ لِتُشْرِكَ بِي مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ فَلَا تُطِعْهُمَا

but if they (either of them) strive (to force) thee to join with Me (in worship) anything of which thou hast no knowledge, obey them not.

إِلَيَّ مَرْجِعُكُمْ فَأُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ (٨)

Ye have (all) to return to Me, and I will tell you (the truth) of all that ye did.

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَنُدْخِلَنَّهُمْ فِي الصَّالِحِينَ (٩)

9. And those who believe and work righteous deeds, them shall We admit to the company of the Righteous.

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَقُولُ آمَنَّا بِاللَّهِ

10. Then there are among men such as say, "We believe in Allah;"

فَإِذَا أُوْذِيَ فِي اللَّهِ جَعَلَ فِتْنَةَ النَّاسِ كَعَذَابِ اللَّهِ

but when they suffer affliction in (the cause of) Allah, they treat men's oppression as if it were the Wrath of Allah!

وَلَئِن جَاء نَصْرٌ مِّن رَّبِّكَ لَيَقُولُنَّ إِنَّا كُنَّا مَعَكُمْ

and if help comes (to thee) from thy Lord, they are sure to say, "We have (always) been with you!"

أَوَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِأَعْلَمَ بِمَا فِي صُدُورِ الْعَالَمِينَ (١٠)

Does not Allah know best all that is in the hearts of all Creation?

وَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَلَيَعْلَمَنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ (١١)

11. And Allah most certainly knows those who believe, and as certainly those who are Hypocrites.

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّبِعُوا سَبِيلَنَا وَلْنَحْمِلْ خَطَايَاكُمْ

12. And the Unbelievers say to those who believe:

"Follow our path, and we will bear (the consequences) of your faults."

وَمَا هُمْ بِحَامِلِينَ مِنْ خَطَايَاهُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ

Never in the least will they bear their faults:

إِنَّهُمْ لَكَاذِبُونَ (١٢)

in fact they are liars!

وَلِيَحْمِلْنَ أَثْقَالَهُمْ وَأَثْقَالًا مَعَ أَثْقَالِهِمْ

13. They will bear their own burdens, and (other) burdens along with their own,

وَلَيُسْأَلُنَّ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَمَّا كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ (١٣)

and on the Day of Judgement they will be called to account for their falsehoods.

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ

14. We (once) sent Noah to his people,

فَلَبِثَ فِيهِمْ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ إِلَّا خَمْسِينَ عَامًا

and he tarried among them a thousand years less fifty:

فَأَخَذَهُمُ الطُّوفَانُ وَهُمْ ظَالِمُونَ (١٤)

but the Deluge overwhelmed them while they (persisted in) sin.

فَأَنْجَيْنَاهُ وَأَصْحَابَ السَّفِينَةِ

15. But We saved him and the Companions of the Ark,

وَجَعَلْنَاهَا آيَةً لِلْعَالَمِينَ (١٥)

and We made the (Ark) a Sign for all Peoples!

وإبراهيمَ إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاتَّقُوهُ

16. And (We also saved) Abraham: Behold, he said to his people,

"Serve Allah and fear Him:

ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ (١٦)

that will be best for you -- if ye understand!

إِنَّمَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْثَانًا وَتَخْلُقُونَ إِفْكًا

17. "For ye do worship idols besides Allah, and ye invent falsehood.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ لَآ يَمْلِكُونَ لَكُمْ رِزْقًا

The things that ye worship besides Allah have no power to give you sustenance:

فَابْتَغُوا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الرِّزْقَ وَاعْبُدُوهُ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ

then seek ye sustenance from Allah, serve Him, and be grateful to Him:

إِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ (١٧)

to Him will be your return.

وَإِنْ تُكَذِّبُوا فَقَدْ كَذَّبَ أُمَمٌ مِّن قَبْلِكُمْ

18. "And if ye reject (the Message), so did generations before you:

وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ الْمُبِينُ (١٨)

and the duty of the messenger is only to preach publicly (and clearly)."

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا كَيْفَ يُبْدِئُ اللَّهُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ

19. See they not how Allah originates creation, then repeats it:

إِنَّ ذَلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ (١٩)

truly that is easy for Allah.

قُلْ سِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ بَدَأَ الْخَلْقَ

20. Say:

"Travel through the earth and see how Allah did originate creation:

ثُمَّ اللَّهُ يُنْشِئُ النَّشْأَةَ الْآخِرَةَ

so will Allah produce a later creation:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ (٢٠)

for Allah has power over all things.

يُعَذِّبُ مَن يَشَاءُ وَيَرْحَمُ مَن يَشَاءُ

21. "He punishes whom He pleases, and He grants mercy to whom He pleases,

وَالِيهِ تُقَلَّبُونَ (٢١)

and towards Him are ye turned.

وَمَا أَنْتُمْ بِمُعْجِزِينَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ

22. "Not on earth nor in heaven will ye be able (fleeing) to frustrate (His plan),

وَمَا لَكُمْ مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ مِن وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ (٢٢)

nor have ye, besides Allah, any protector or helper."

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ وَلِقَائِهِ أُولَئِكَ يَئِسُوا مِن رَّحْمَتِي

23. Those who reject the Signs of Allah and the Meeting, with Him (in the Hereafter), it is they who shall despair of My mercy:

وَأُولَئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ (٢٣)

it is they who will (suffer) a most grievous Penalty.

فَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا اقْتُلُوهُ أَوْ حَرِّقُوهُ

24. So naught was the answer of (Abraham's) people except that they said: "
Slay him or burn him."

فَأَنْجَاهُ اللَّهُ مِنَ النَّارِ

But Allah did save him from the fire:

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ (٢٤)

verily in this are Signs for people who believe.

وَقَالَ إِنَّمَا اتَّخَذْتُمْ مِّنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْثَانًا مَّوَدَّةَ بَيْنِكُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا

25. And He said:

"For you, ye have taken (for worship) idols besides Allah, out of mutual love and regard
between yourselves in this life;

ثُمَّ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ يَكْفُرُ بَعْضُكُم بِبَعْضٍ وَيَلْعَنُ بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا

but on the Day of Judgement ye shall disown each other and curse each other:

وَمَا أَوْلَاكُمْ النَّارُ وَمَا لَكُمْ مِّنْ نَّاصِرِينَ (٢٥)

and your abode will be the Fire,
and ye shall have none to help.

فَأَمَّنَ لَهُ لُوطٌ وَقَالَ إِنِّي مُهَاجِرٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّي

26. But Lut had faith in Him: he said:

"I will leave home for the sake of my Lord:

إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ (٢٦)

for He is Exalted in Might, and Wise."

وَوَهَبْنَا لَهُ إِسْحَاقَ وَيَعْقُوبَ وَجَعَلْنَا فِي ذُرِّيَّتِهِ النُّبُوَّةَ وَالْكِتَابَ

27. And We gave (Abraham) Isaac and Jacob, and ordained among his progeny Prophethood and
Revelation,

وَأَتَيْنَاهُ أَجْرَهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا

and We granted him his reward in this life;

وَأِنَّهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ لَمِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ (٢٧)

and he was in the Hereafter (of the company) of the Righteous.

وَلُوطًا إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ

28. And (remember) Lut; behold, he said to his people:

إِنَّكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الْفَاحِشَةَ مَا سَبَقَكُمْ بِهَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ مِّنَ الْعَالَمِينَ (٢٨)

"Ye do commit lewdness, such as no people in Creation (ever) committed before you.

أَنْتُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الرِّجَالَ وَتَقْطَعُونَ السَّبِيلَ وَتَأْتُونَ فِي نَادِيكُمُ الْمُنْكَرَ

29. "Do ye indeed approach men, and cut off the highway? --
And practice wickedness (even) in your councils?"

فَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا

But his people gave no answer but this: they said:

أَنْتِنَا بِعَذَابِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ (٢٩)

"Bring us the Wrath of Allah if thou tellest the truth."

قَالَ رَبِّ انصُرْنِي عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْمُفْسِدِينَ (٣٠)

30. He said: "O my Lord! Help Thou me against people who do mischief!"

وَلَمَّا جَاءَتْ رُسُلُنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ بِالْبُشْرَى قَالُوا إِنَّا مُهْلِكُوا أَهْلَ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ

31. When Our Messengers came to Abraham with the good news, they said:
"We are indeed going to destroy the people of this township:

إِنَّ أَهْلَهَا كَانُوا ظَالِمِينَ (٣١)

for truly they are (addicted to) crime."

قَالَ إِنَّ فِيهَا لُوطًا

32. He said: "But there is Lut there."

قَالُوا نَحْنُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ فِيهَا

They said:

"Well do we know who is there:

لَنُنَجِّيَنَّهُ وَأَهْلَهُ إِلَّا امْرَأَتَهُ كَانَتْ مِنَ الْغَابِرِينَ (٣٢)

we will certainly save him and his following, except his wife:
she is of those who lag behind!"

وَلَمَّا أَنْ جَاءَتْ رُسُلُنَا لُوطًا سِيءَ بِهِمْ وَضَاقَ بِهِمْ ذُرْعًا

33. And when Our Messengers came to Lut, he was grieved on their account, and felt himself powerless (to protect) them:

وَقَالُوا لِمَا تَخَفْ وَلَا تَحْزَنْ

but they said

"Fear thou not, nor grieve:

إِنَّا مُنْجُونَكَ وَأَهْلَكَ إِلَّا امْرَأَتَكَ كَانَتْ مِنَ الْغَابِرِينَ (٣٣)

we are (here) to save thee and thy following, except thy wife:
she is of those who lag behind."

إِنَّا مُنْزِلُونَ عَلَى أَهْلِ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ رِجْزًا مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ

34. "For we are going to bring down on the people of this township a Punishment from heaven,

بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْسُقُونَ (٣٤)

because they have been wickedly rebellious."

وَلَقَدْ تَرَكْنَا مِنْهَا آيَةً بَيِّنَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ (٣٥)

35. And We have left thereof an evident Sign, for any people who (care to) understand.

وَإِلَىٰ مَدْيَنَ أَخَاهُمْ شُعَيْبًا فَقَالَ يَا قَوْمِ

36. To the Madyan (people) (We sent) their brother Shu'aib. Then he said:
"O my people!

اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَارْجُوا الْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَلَا تَعْتُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ (٣٦)

serve Allah, and fear the Last Day:

nor commit evil on the earth, with intent to do mischief."

فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الرَّجْفَةُ

37. But they rejected him: then the mighty Blast seized them,

فَأَصْبَحُوا فِي دَارِهِمْ جَاثِمِينَ (٣٧)

and they lay prostrate in their homes by the morning.

وَعَادًا وَثَمُودَ وَقَدْ تَبَيَّنَ لَكُمْ مِّنْ مَّسَاكِينِهِمْ

38. Remember also the 'Ad and the Thamud (people):

clearly will appear to you from (the traces) of their buildings (their fate):

وَزَيْنَ لَهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ أَعْمَالَهُمْ فَصَدَّهُمْ عَنِ السَّبِيلِ

the Evil One made their deeds alluring to them, and kept them back from the Path,

وَكَانُوا مُسْتَبْصِرِينَ (٣٨)

though they were gifted with Intelligence and Skill.

وَقَارُونَ وَفِرْعَوْنَ وَهَامَانَ

39. (Remember also) Qarun, Pharaoh, and Haman:

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ مُّوسَىٰ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ

there came to them Moses with Clear Signs, but they behaved with insolence on the earth;

وَمَا كَانُوا سَابِقِينَ (٣٩)

yet they could not overreach (Us).

فَكُلًّا أَخَذْنَا بِذَنْبِهِ

40. Each one of them We seized for his crime:

فَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِ حَاصِبًا

of them, against some We sent a violent tornado (with showers of stones);

وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَخَذَتْهُ الصَّيْحَةُ

some were caught by a (mighty) Blast;

وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ خَسَفْنَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ

some We caused the earth to swallow up;

وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَعْرَقْنَا

and some We drowned (in the waters):

وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُظْلِمَهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ (٤٠)

it was not Allah Who injured (or oppressed) them:

they injured (and oppressed) their own souls.

مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ كَمَثَلِ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ

41. The parable of those who take protectors other than Allah is that of the Spider,

اتَّخَذَتْ بَيْتًا

who builds (to itself) a house;

وَإِنَّ أَوْهَنَ الْبُيُوتِ لَبَيْتُ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ

but truly the flimsiest of houses is the Spider's house,

لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ (٤١)

if they but knew.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ مَا يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ

42. Verily Allah doth know of (everything) whatever that they call upon besides Him:

وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ (٤٢)

and He is Exalted (in power), Wise.

وَتِلْكَ الْأَمْثَالُ نَضْرِبُهَا لِلنَّاسِ

43. And such are the Parables We set for mankind,

وَمَا يَعْقِلُهَا إِلَّا الْعَالِمُونَ (٤٣)

but only those understand them who have Knowledge.

خَلَقَ اللَّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِالْحَقِّ

44. Allah created the heavens and the earth in true (proportions):

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ (٤٤)

verily in that is a Sign for those who believe.

اِتْلُ مَا أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ

45. Recite what is sent of the Book by inspiration to thee, and establish Regular Prayer:

إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ

for Prayer restrains from shameful and unjust deeds;

وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ

and remembrance of Allah is the greatest (thing in life) without doubt.

وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ (٤٥)

And Allah knows the (deeds) that ye do.

وَلَا تُجَادِلُوا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِنَّا الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْهُمْ

46. And dispute ye not with the People of the Book, except with means better (than mere disputation), unless it be with those of them who inflict wrong (and injury):

وَقُولُوا آمَنَّا بِالَّذِي أُنزِلَ إِلَيْنَا وَأَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكُمْ

but say,

"We believe in the Revelation which has come down to us and in that which came down to you;

وَالهٰنَا وَالِهٰكُمْ وَاحِدٌ وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ (٤٦)

Our Allah and your Allah is one;

and it is to Him we bow (in Islam)."

وَكَذٰلِكَ اَنْزَلْنَا اِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ

47. And thus (it is) that We have sent down the Book to thee.

فَالَّذِينَ اتَّيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ

So the People of the Book believe therein,

وَمِنْ هٰؤُلَاءِ مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِهِ

as also do some of these (pagan Arabs):

وَمَا يَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا اِلَّا الْكَافِرُونَ (٤٧)

and none but Unbelievers reject Our Signs.

وَمَا كُنْتَ تَتْلُو مِنْ قَبْلِهِ مِنْ كِتَابٍ وَلَا تَخُطُّهُ بِيَمِينِكَ

48. And thou wast not (able) to recite a Book, before this (Book came), nor art thou (able) to transcribe it with thy right hand:

إِذَا لَارْتَابَ الْمُبْطِلُونَ (٤٨)

in that case, indeed, would the talkers of vanities have doubted.

بَلْ هُوَ آيَاتٌ بَيِّنَاتٌ فِي صُدُورِ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْعِلْمَ

49. Nay, here are Signs self-evident in the hearts of those endowed with knowledge:

وَمَا يَجْحَدُ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَّا الظَّالِمُونَ (٤٩)

and none but the unjust reject Our Signs.

وَقَالُوا لَوْلَا أَنْزَلَ عَلَيْهِ آيَاتٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِ

50. Yet they say: "Why are not Signs sent down to him from his Lord?"

قُلْ إِنَّمَا الْآيَاتُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ مُبِينٌ (٥٠)

Say:

"The Signs are indeed with Allah: and I am indeed a clear Warner."

أَوَلَمْ يَكْفِهِمْ أَنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ يُتْلَى عَلَيْهِمْ

51. And is it not enough for them that We have sent down to thee the Book which is rehearsed to them?

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَرَحْمَةً وَذِكْرَى لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ (٥١)

Verily, in it is Mercy and Reminder to those who believe.

قُلْ كَفَى بِاللَّهِ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكُمْ شَهِيدًا

52. Say:

"Enough is Allah for a Witness between me and you:

يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

He knows what is in the heavens and on earth.

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِالْبَاطِلِ وَكَفَرُوا بِاللَّهِ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ (٥٢)

And it is those who believe in vanities and reject Allah, that will perish (in the end)."

وَيَسْتَعْجِلُونَكَ بِالْعَذَابِ

53. They ask thee to hasten on the Punishment (for them):

وَلَوْلَا أَجَلٌ مُسَمًّى لَجَاءَهُمُ الْعَذَابُ

had it not been for a term (of respite) appointed, the Punishment would certainly have come to them:

وَلَيَأْتِيَنَّهُمْ بَغْتَةً وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ (٥٣)

and it will certainly reach them, -- of a sudden, while they perceive not!

يَسْتَعْجِلُونَكَ بِالْعَذَابِ

54. They ask thee to hasten on the Punishment

وَإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ لَمُحِيطَةٌ بِالْكَافِرِينَ (٥٤)

but, of a surety, Hell will encompass the rejecters of Faith! --

يَوْمَ يَغْشَاهُمْ الْعَذَابُ مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَمِنْ تَحْتِ أَرْجُلِهِمْ

55. On the Day that the Punishment shall cover them from above them and from below them,

وَيَقُولُ دُوقُوا مَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ (٥٥)

and (a Voice) shall say: "Taste ye (the fruits) of your deeds!"

يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّ أَرْضِي وَاسِعَةٌ فَإَيَايَ فَاعْبُدُون (٥٦)

56. O My servants who believe! truly, spacious is My Earth: therefore serve ye Me -- (and Me alone)!

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ

57. Every soul shall have a taste of death:

ثُمَّ إِلَيْنَا تُرْجَعُونَ (٥٧)

in the end to Us shall ye be brought back.

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَنُبَوِّئَنَّهُمْ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ غُرَفًا

58. But those who believe and work deeds of righteousness -- to them shall We give a Home in Heaven, -- lofty mansions

تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا

beneath which flow rivers, -- to dwell therein for aye; --

نِعْمَ أَجْرُ الْعَامِلِينَ (٥٨)

an excellent reward for those who do (good)! --

الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ (٥٩)

59. Those who persevere in patience, and put their trust in their Lord and Cherisher.

وَكَايْنٍ مِنْ دَابَّةٍ لَّا تَحْمِلُ رِزْقَهَا اللَّهُ يَرْزُقُهَا وَإِيَّاكُمْ

60. How many are the creatures that carry not their own sustenance?

It is Allah Who feeds (both) them and you:

وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ (٦٠)

for He hears and knows (all things).

وَلَيْنَ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ

61. If indeed thou ask them who has created the heavens and the earth and subjected the sun and the moon

(to His Law);

لَيَقُولَنَّ اللَّهُ

they will certainly reply, "Allah."

فَأَنَّى يُؤْفَكُونَ (٦١)

How are they then deluded away (from the truth)?

اللَّهُ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَقْدِرُ لَهُ

62. Allah enlarges the sustenance (which He gives) to whichever of His servants He pleases; and He (similarly) grants by (strict) measure, (as He pleases):

إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ (٦٢)

for Allah has full knowledge of all things.

وَلَيْنَ سَأَلْتَهُمْ مَنْ نَزَّلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً

63. And if indeed thou ask them who it is that sends down rain from the sky,

فَأَحْيَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَوْتِهَا

and gives life therewith to the earth after its death,

لَيَقُولَنَّ اللَّهُ

they will certainly reply, "Allah!"

قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

Say, "Praise be to Allah!"

بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ (٦٣)

But most of them understand not.

وَمَا هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَهْوٌ وَلَعِبٌ

64. What is the life of this world but amusement and play?

وَإِنَّ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ لَهِيَ الْحَيَوَانُ

But verily the Home in the Hereafter, that is life indeed,

لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ (٦٤)

if they but knew.

فَإِذَا رَكبُوا فِي الْفُلِكِ دَعَوْا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ

65. Now, if they embark on a boat, they call on Allah, making their devotion sincerely (and exclusively) to Him;

فَلَمَّا نَجَّاهُمْ إِلَى الْبَرِّ إِذَا هُمْ يُشْرِكُونَ (٦٥)

but when He had delivered them safely to (dry) land, Behold, they give a share (of their worship to others)!

لِيَكْفُرُوا بِمَا آتَيْنَاهُمْ وَلِيَتَمَتَّعُوا

66. Disdaining ungratefully Our gifts and giving themselves up to (worldly) enjoyment!

فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ (٦٦)

But soon will they know.

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّا جَعَلْنَا حَرَمًا آمِنًا وَيَتَّخِطُّ النَّاسُ مِنْ حَوْلِهِمْ

67. Do they not then see that We have made a Sanctuary secure, and that men are being snatched away from all around them?

أَفَبِالْبَاطِلِ يُؤْمِنُونَ وَبِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ يَكْفُرُونَ (٦٧)

Then, do they believe in that which is vain, and reject the Grace of Allah?

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ افْتَرَى عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَوْ كَذَّبَ بِالْحَقِّ لَمَّا جَاءَهُ

68. And who does more wrong than he who invents a lie against Allah or rejects the Truth when it reaches Him?

أَلَيْسَ فِي جَهَنَّمَ مَثْوًى لِّلْكَافِرِينَ (٦٨)

Is there not a home in Hell for those who reject Faith?

وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا

69. And those who strive in Our (Cause), We will certainly guide them to Our Paths:

وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمَعَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ (٦٩)

for verily Allah is with those who do right.

