He will inform them what they used to do (and will punish the criminals).

109. And they swear by Allah in the strongest possible terms stating that if a miracle comes (from one of their demanded miracles) to them, they shall surely believe in it. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say: “All miracles are in Allah’s control, and you (O believers) don’t know (but Allah knows), that even if those miracles came, they would not believe.”

110. And We shall turn away their hearts and eyes (from guidance) just like they did not believe (in the biggest miracle, the Quran when it was revealed) first time. And We shall leave them wandering blindly in their transgression.

111. And even if We had sent down to them angels (as they demand) and the dead had spoken to them, and (not only this) even if We had gathered together all things before their eyes, they would not have believed, unless Allah willed. But most of them behave ignorantly. (Also Surah Yunus:96,97)

112. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] The opposition of these people to you is nothing new. And thus We have made devils as enemies for every Prophet – from mankind as well as jinn. They whispered to one another flowery speech to deceive them. And if your Creator had willed, they would not have done it. (They were however allowed to do it due to some wisdom). Hence leave them alone along with their fabrications.

113. And so that the hearts of those who don’t believe in the Hereafter lean towards them, and they may be pleased
with it and they may commit what they used to commit (sinful activities).

114. [O Muhammad (מַרְאֵמָה)] Say: “Shall I look for a judge other than Allah while He has sent down to you the Quran, explained in detail?” And those people who were given Scripture (Jews and Christians) they know that surely it (the Quran) is sent to you from your Creator in truth. So don’t be of those who doubt.

115. The Word of your Creator is perfect regarding truthfulness and justice. None can change His Words. (A fantastic proof!) And He is All-Hearer, the All-Knower.

116. And if you obey most of the people on the earth, they will mislead you from Allah’s Path. They follow only their conjectures and they have only superficial ideas.

117. Indeed, your Creator knows who has gone astray from His Path and He also fully knows those who are rightly guided.

118. So eat freely the meat on which Allah’s Name was mentioned (at the time of slaughtering of the animal), if you believe in His revelations.

119. And why should you not eat the meat on which Allah’s Name has been mentioned (at the time of slaughtering), while Allah has explained to you in detail what is unlawful for you except in extreme necessity? And, indeed, many people lead others astray by their vain desires without any proof. And indeed, your Creator knows best the transgressors.

120. (O Mankind!) Leave apparent as well as hidden sins. Indeed, those who commit sin will be punished for what they used to
commit.

121. And do not eat the meat of those animals on which Allah’s Name has not been mentioned (at the time of slaughtering). And it is surely disobedience of Allah. And certainly the devils do motivate their friends to dispute with you, and if you obey them, then surely, you will become idolaters.

122. Is the one who was dead (i.e. lost in ignorance) and We gave him life (become a believer), and We gave such a light (i.e. Faith) with which he walks around amongst men (i.e. it is with him all the time and leads a peaceful life)-like him who is immersed in the darkness (of disbelief) and don’t see any way out from this. Thus the (evil) deeds of the disbelievers always appear attractive and fair-seeming to them. (Also Surah Hud:24)

123. And thus We made the leaders of every community to commit crimes and to make an (evil) strategy (to harm the Prophets) there. And they do not plot (this mischief) except against themselves, but they don’t perceive it.

124. And when a Verse (of Allah) is conveyed to them, they say: “We shall not believe until we receive similar to that which the messenger of Allah had received.” Allah knows better with whom to place His message. These criminals will soon receive the disgrace and humiliation from Allah and severe

1. Satan through his friends says: “Muslims regard the animal slaughtered by Allah (i.e. the dead animal) as unlawful and regard their own slaughtered animal lawful while they (Muslims) claim that they obey Allah”. Hence they dispute with the Muslim about it. Allah is commanding us not to follow the desires of Satan and his friends.
torment for that which they used to plot.

125. So whomsoever Allah wills to guide, He opens his breast (i.e. heart) for Islam. And whomsoever Allah wills to lead astray, He makes his breast (i.e. heart) more and more closed, and constricted, as if he is climbing up to the sky. In this way, Allah covers the disbelievers with the impurity (or His Wrath). (Hence they are unable to accept Islamic belief).

126. And this is the Straight Path of your Creator. We have given details of Our revelations for the people who seek advice from them.

127. For them there will be a home of peace and tranquillity (i.e. Paradise) with their Creator. And He is their Protector because of what they used to do.

128. And on the Day when Allah will gather them all together (and say): “O you the group of jinn! You did mislead many men.” The friends of jinn from men will say: “Our Creator, we benefited from each other, but now we have reached our appointed term which You appointed for us.” Allah will say: “Fire is your residence, you will reside there forever, except as Allah may will. Indeed, your Creator is All-Wise, All-Knowing.”

129. And in this way, We make the wrong-doers helpers of one another (in committing crimes) because of what they used to do.

130. O you the group of jinn and mankind! “Did the messengers not come to you from amongst you, reciting to you My Verses and warning you about the meeting of this Day of yours?” They will say: “We
testify against ourselves.” And it was the worldly life which deceived them, and they will testify against themselves that they were disbelievers.

131. This is because your Creator would not destroy (in this world) any community for their disbelief while the residents of this community are unaware (of the revelations of Allah sent through His messenger).

132. (Hence since the messengers were sent and the guidance was provided, now) Every one of them (from jinn and mankind) will be kept at a level (of honour or disgrace) according to their deeds, and your Creator is not unaware of what they do.

133. And your Creator is All-Rich (free of all needs), full of Mercy. If He wills, He can remove you and replace you with whom He wills as your successors, just like He created you from the children of (or seed of) other people.

134. Indeed, what you are promised (through the messengers) will definitely take place, and you cannot escape (from the punishment of Allah).

135. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!!!] Say: “O my people! Act according to your way, I am also acting (in my way). So you will know soon whose actions (of this world) are beneficial in the Hereafter. Indeed, the wrong-doers will not be successful (in the end).”

136. And these people (idolaters) assign a portion of their crops and cattle (which Allah has created for them), as Allah’s (used for guests, charity etc.) according to their thinking and portion for their
false deities, (although their deities did not create these crops and cattle). Then the portion assigned to the deities does not go to the portion assigned for Allah (stating that Allah is All-Rich) but the portion assigned to Allah is transferred to the portion assigned for their deities (i.e. if there are bad crops etc). How evil and (funny) is their justice!

137. And similarly the false deities of the idolaters have made the killing of their children fair-seeming to them to lead them to their own destruction and to cause confusion and doubt in their religion. And if Allah had willed, they would not have done so. Hence leave them alone along with their fabrications.

138. And the idolaters say: “According to their thinking, the use of such and such crops and cattle are not permissible and none can eat of them except those whom we allow. And such cattle are forbidden to be used for burden (or any other work).” And there are cattle on which they don’t mention Name of Allah (at the time of slaughtering) simply to fabricate against Allah. Allah will punish them soon for what they used to fabricate.

139. And the idolater also say: “What is in the bellies of such and such cattle (milk or baby) is for our men only and is forbidden to our women, but if it is (born) dead, then all have share in it.” Allah will punish them soon for their attributing (lies to Allah). Indeed, Allah is All-Wise, All-Knower.

140. Indeed, those people are the losers who killed their children foolishly without any proof and have made unlawful for them that which Allah had provided for
them, fabricating lies against Allah. They have definitely gone astray and were not guided.

141. And it is Allah who produces gardens with plants supported and running over wooden framework (called trellis) and also not trellised gardens, and palm trees, and crops of different kinds, and olives, and pomegranates, similar (in kind) and different (in taste). Eat from their fruit when it is ripe, but pay the prescribed Zakat at the time of harvesting and don’t indulge in extravagance since Allah does not like the extravagant people.

142. And (Allah created) cattle, some with big height and others with small height. Eat from what Allah has provided for you and don’t follow the footsteps of Satan (i.e. don’t make lawful things unlawful and vice versa). Indeed, Satan is your obvious enemy.

143. (Allah has created) eight kinds (of animals). Two kinds of the sheep (male and female) and two kinds of goats (male and female). Say: “Has Allah made unlawful both males and both females or the baby which the wombs of the both females contain? Inform me with proof if you are truthful in your claim (concerning the lawful and unlawful of animals).”

144. (Regarding the animals of big height, Allah has created) Two kinds of camels (male and female) and two kinds of oxen (male and female); say: “Has Allah made unlawful both males and both females or the baby which the wombs of both females contain? Or were you present when Allah ordered such a thing? Then who is more unjust than one who coins lies against Allah, to lead people astray
without any proof. Indeed, Allah does not guide the wrong-doers."

145. Say: “According to the revelations sent to me, I don’t find any of them unlawful to be eaten by one who wishes to eat it, unless it is a dead animal, or blood which can flow, or the flesh of swine, since it is, indeed, impure (or impious), and the meat of an animal which is sacrificed for others than Allah. So, whosoever is forced out of utter necessity without willing disobedience or transgression, then, indeed, your Creator is Very-Forgiving, Most Merciful (for such persons).

146. And We made unlawful for Jews every (animal) with undivided hoof, and the fat of the ox and the sheep except that is pasted on their backs or intestines or is mixed up with a bone. We (Allah) punished them in this manner for their rebellious attitude. And, indeed, We are Truthful.

147. If they (the Jews) call you [O Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم)] a liar (since Allah’s torment has not come to them), say: “Your Creator is Owner of Vast Mercy and His punishment cannot be turned away from the criminal people.”

148. The idolaters will soon say: “If Allah had willed, we would not have ascribed partners in worship with Allah, nor our forefathers and nor we would have made anything unlawful.” Thus the people before them denied (Our revelations) until they tasted Our torment. Say: “Do you have any proof that you can present to us? Indeed, you follow only conjectures and the guess work.”

149. Say: “With Allah is the perfect proof.
and argument. Had Allah willed, He would, indeed, have guided you all (to the Straight Path). (But due to certain hidden wisdom He did not).

150. Say: “Bring forward your witnesses, who can testify that Allah has made this (i.e. animals) unlawful. Even if they testify, [O Muhammad (سَلَّمُوُ ابْنُهُ المُقْلِدُ)] you don’t testify with them. And you should not follow the vain desires of those who deny Our revelations, and also those who don’t believe in the Hereafter and they hold others as equal (in worship) with their Creator.

151. [O Muhammad (سَلَّمُوُ ابْنُهُ المُقْلِدُ)] Say: “Come, I will recite to you things (i.e. whose disobedience your Creator has made unlawful for you. (Firstly) don’t join anything in worship with Allah. (Secondly) treat your parents graciously. (Thirdly) don’t kill your children with fear of poverty – We (Allah) provide sustenance for you and for them. (Fourthly) don’t go even close to obscene activities – committed openly or secretly. (Fifthly) don’t kill anyone whom Allah has forbidden, except with just cause. Allah has commanded you this so that you may understand it (and act upon it).

152. “(Sixthly) don’t touch the orphan’s property, except that it may be beneficial for the orphan, until he/she attains the age of maturity. (Seventhly) give full measure and full weight with justice. We don’t burden any person (with Our Commands) more than he can bear. (Hence they should obey the commands). (Eighthly) when you judge between people (or give evidence), uphold the truth even if a near relative is involved. (Ninethly) fulfil the
promise of Allah. Allah commands this to you so that you may remember.

153. “And, indeed, these (above mentioned Allah’s commandments) lead to the Straight Path. Hence follow it. And don’t follow other paths since they will lead you away from Allah’s Path. Allah has commanded this to you so that you may be careful (not to get off the Right Path).”

154. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)! We have not only sent you as messenger, We sent many messengers before you too] We gave Musa (ﷺ) the Book to complete (Our favour) upon those who would do good deeds and to explain all things with full detail and as a guidance and a mercy so that they (Children of Israel) might believe in the meeting with their Creator.

155. And We have sent down this Book (the Quran) which is full of blessings. Hence, follow it and fear Allah so that (Allah’s) Mercy is showered on you.

156. (We have also sent down the Quran) lest you say: “Indeed the Book was sent down only to two groups before us (Jews and Christians), and we were unaware of their teachings and training.” (Hence we had no idea about the Oneness of Allah)

157. Or (lest) you say: “If a Book had been sent down to us, we would surely have been better guided than them (Jews and Christians). (Bear in mind, now you have no excuse left since) a clear proof (the Quran) has come to you from your Creator which is (a means of) guidance, and is mercy (of your Creator). Hence who will be more unjust than one who rejects Allah’s revelations and hinders others (to accept them)? So We shall
inflict an evil torment on those who hinder Our revelations due to their hindrance. (Just rejection of Verses was enough for punishment, but due to hindering others, the punishment is intensified).

158. Are they waiting that the angels should come to them, or your Creator should come, or that some of the signs of your Creator should come (e.g. rising of the sun from the west etc). The Day when some of the signs of your Creator come, the belief of the person will not benefit him unless he had believed before or he had performed good deeds with his belief beforehand. Say: “You wait, we are waiting too.”

159. Indeed, those who split their religion (while they were supposed to be guardian of it) and created many sects, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] you have nothing to do with them. Their affair (and fate) is with Allah, Who will then tell them what they used to do.

160. Whoever performs a good deed, he will be rewarded tenfold, and whoever commits an evil deed will be punished for one evil deed only, and they will not be wronged (e.g. a good deed is not recorded or a bad deed is exaggerated).

161. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say: “Indeed, My Creator has guided me (through revelations) to the Straight Path, a strong and upright religion, of Ibrahim (אברהם), who worshipped Allah Alone, and he was not from those who ascribed partners in worship with Allah.

162. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say: “Indeed, my Salat, my all worship, my
life and my death is for Allah, the Creator of the universe (This, in fact, is the summary of the teachings of Islam).

163. “He has no partner, and I have been commanded this (to follow this religion), and I am the first to submit as a Muslim.”

164. Say: “Shall I seek a Creator other than Allah, while He is the Creator of all things? And whatever a person does, he is treated accordingly. Nobody will bear other’s burden. Then you will return to your Creator. He will inform you about your differences in various matters (and the decision will be made).

165. And it is Allah who made you His caliph in this world (i.e. made you the ruler and bestowed upon you the power and authority or made you inherit each other), and raised level of one over the other (in various ways) so that He may test you about the various favours He has bestowed upon you. Indeed, your Creator is Swift in punishment and, indeed, He is Very-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Surah Al-Araf
(The Heights)

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

1. Alif-Lam-Mim-Sad (Only Allah knows the meanings of these letters).

2. This Book (the Quran) is sent down to you [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], so you should warn people with it, and do not feel heaviness in your heart (for the disobedience of the people) and it is a reminder for the believers.

3. You should follow what is sent down from your Creator and don’t follow any
(false) protectors besides Him. You people accept very little advice!

4. And (look)! How many communities (of the past) We have destroyed (due to their crimes)? Our torment came to them (suddenly) at night or while they were taking rest at noon.

5. So when Our torment came upon them, they could not help confessing: “Indeed, we are the wrong-doers.” (i.e. they confessed, but confession at that time is not acceptable).

6. (That was punishment in this world, and in the Hereafter there will be more painful torment) so We shall certainly question those people to whom the messengers (or Books) were sent and We shall surely question the messengers also (about conveying the message and the response of their people).

7. Since We have full knowledge, so We will describe their full story (in the presence of everybody) and We were not absent (at the time and place of their activities).

8. And on that Day (of Judgement) the true weighing (of actions and beliefs) will take place. Those whose scale (of belief) will be heavy, so they will be successful.

9. And those who pushed themselves into a loss by rejecting Our revelations, their scales will be light.

10. And, indeed, We gave you a place to live in the land and provided you with the means of livelihood of the life, yet little thanks you give.

11. And, surely; We created you [i.e. your
father Adam (אֲדָمַא) and then We shaped you (note that the children of Adam (אֲדָמַא) have same shape as of Adam (אֲדָמַא), what an extraordinary invention!) then We ordered the angels: “Prostrate yourselves to Adam (אֲדָמַא).” So they prostrated except Satan. Satan was not one of those who prostrated.

12. (Allah) said: “What prevented you to prostrate when I ordered you?” Satan said: “I am better than Adam (אֲדָמַא). You created me from fire and You created him from clay.”

13. Allah said: “(O Satan) Get down from this (the Paradise). You are not supposed to be arrogant here. Hence get out, since you are of those who are the meanest.”

14. Satan said: “Please grant me delay (in my punishment) till the Day of Resurrection.”

15. Allah said: “You are granted this delay (due to some of My grand wisdom).”

16. Satan said: “Since You have led me astray, I shall, surely, sit on Your Straight Path (waiting for Adam (אֲדָמַא) and his children).

17. “Then I shall attack them (from four directions) from their front and back as well as from their right and left, and You will not find most of them thankful to You (for Your favours).” (Also Surah Saba:20)

18. (Allah) said to Satan; “Get out from the heavens, degraded and banished (i.e. expelled as punishment). Whoever (from mankind) will follow you; I will definitely fill Hell with you all (this was part of the grand wisdom of Allah).”

19. (And We commanded) “O Adam! You and your wife reside in Paradise and both of you eat from there as you wish, but don’t
go near this tree otherwise both of you will be of the wrong-doers.”

20. Then Satan whispered to both of them, in order to uncover their private parts which were hidden, and said: “Your Creator did not forbid you this tree except that you might become angels or become of the immortals.”

21. And Satan swore by Allah to both of them (stating): “Indeed, I am one of your well-wishers.”

22. So Satan caused (them) to fall by deception. Hence when both of them tasted the tree, their private parts became uncovered. They both started covering themselves with the leaves of the (trees of) Paradise. And their Creator said to them: “Did I not forbid you that tree and I also told you both that, indeed, Satan is your obvious enemy?”

23. They both said: “O our Creator! We both have wronged ourselves. If You don’t forgive us and don’t shower Your Mercy on us, we shall certainly be of the losers.”

24. (Allah) said: “Get down (from Paradise to earth in such a way) that some of you (i.e. your children) will be enemy to one another. Earth is residing place for you and to derive benefits from it for a while.”

25. (Allah) said: “You shall live there, and you shall die there and from it you shall be brought out (i.e. resurrected).”

26. O Children of Adam! (One of Our favours is) We have made clothing for you to cover your private parts and also an adornment. (Apart from this apparent clothing) there is clothing in the form of God-consciousness (in your personality) which is better (than the apparent
clothing). This (the clothing) is one of the signs of Allah so that, they may remember (this favour of Allah).

27. O Children of Adam! Let Satan not deceive you just as he got your parents out of Paradise and removed their clothing to show them their private parts. Indeed, Satan and his army see you from where you cannot see them. Indeed, We made Satans friends of those who don’t believe.

28. And when they do some obscene activities they say: “We saw our forefathers doing it, and Allah has also ordered us to do so.” Say: “Indeed, Allah never orders indecent activities. Do you say about Allah what you know not?”

29. [O Muhammad!] Say: “My Creator has commanded justice, and face directly (to Qiblah) at every time of worship— (Imam Shookani), and worship Allah Alone sincerely. You will be resurrected (on the Day of Judgement) just like you were created the first time.”

30. Allah guided one group of people and the other group deserved to be in ignorance since they made the Satans their friends instead of Allah and they think they are guided.

31. O children of Adam! Wear your (graceful) clothing at the time of visitation to a Masjid (for praying). And eat and drink (permissible food items) freely but don’t waste by extravagance. (Allah has summed up the medical knowledge in this one Verse – Ibn Kathir) Indeed, Allah does not like those who waste by extravagance.

32. [O Muhammad!] Say: “Who has forbidden the means of adornment (i.e.
clothing) which Allah has made for His slaves and who has forbidden the lawful food items?” Say: “These things are for the believers in this world (although disbelievers benefit from them too). However, these things will be exclusively for the believers on the Day of Judgement. In this way We explain Our revelations in detail for the people who have knowledge.

33. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say: “Indeed, my Creator has forbidden obscene activities, done openly or secretly, and (all kind of) sins, and oppression without justification, joining partners (in worship) with Allah for which He has not sent down any authority, and saying things about Allah of which you have no knowledge.”

34. And every community has its fixed term (to perform deeds), when their term comes, neither it can be delayed nor it can be advanced an hour (or momentarily).

35. (We informed you at the time of the creation of your souls). O Children of Adam! If a messenger comes to you from amongst you, reciting to you My revelations, then whosoever fears Allah and reforms himself (by good deeds), there shall be no fear, nor grief for them.

36. And those who reject Our revelations and display arrogance, they are the residents of the Hell-Fire, they will be there forever.

37. (Here are more details of the residents of Hell). Who is more unjust than one who coins lies against Allah or rejects His revelations. They will receive their fixed portion (of wealth and age) written in the Book (in this world), until Our angels (of
death) come to them to take their souls. The angels will say to them: “Where are those whom you used to worship besides Allah?” They will reply: “They have disappeared and have deserted us.” And they will bear witness against themselves, that they were definitely disbelievers.

38. Allah will say: “Enter the Hell-Fire in the company of groups, of men and jinn who passed away before you.” Every time a new group enters, it curses its sister group until they will be gathered altogether in the Fire. The last group will say to their preceding groups: “Our Creator! These people misled us, so inflict double torment of the Fire on them.” Allah will say: “For each one of you there is double torment, but you know not.” (Also Surah Al-Ahzab:67,68)

39. Their first group will say to the their last group: “So you are not superior to us, hence taste the punishment for what you used to do.”

40. Indeed those who denied Our revelations and were arrogant about them, the doors of the heaven will not be opened for them and they will not enter Paradise until the camel goes through the eye of a needle (which is impossible). And thus We treat the criminals.

41. Their bedding will be of Hell-Fire and their covering will also be of Hell-Fire. And thus We treat the wrong-doers.

42. And those who believed and did good deeds, We do not burden a person beyond his capacity, they will be the residents of Paradise, they will live there forever.

43. And Allah shall remove from their hearts jealousy (if any), rivers flowing under
them, and they will say (out of happiness): “All praise and thanks are due to Allah. Who guided us to this place (Paradise). We would not have reached it unless Allah had guided us!” Indeed, the messengers of our Creator did come with the truth.” And it will be announced to them: “This is the Paradise which you have inherited for what you used to do.”

44. The residents of Paradise will call out to the residents of Hell-Fire (to express their happiness and to increase the sadness of the residents of Hell-Fire). “We have, indeed, found true what our Creator had promised us, have you also found true what your Creator promised?” They shall say: “Yes (indeed).” Then a caller (an angel) will announce (standing between these two groups): “The Curse of Allah is on the wrong-doers.”

45. Those who hindered others from the Path of Allah, and did seek crookedness in it and they disbelieved in the Hereafter.

46. And between them (the residents of Paradise and residents of Hell) there will be a barrier or Al-Araf (as also mentioned

1. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said: “Keep this in mind that you will not enter Paradise with your good deeds only. Entry into Paradise will be with the Mercy of Allah.” The companions humbly said: “O Prophet of Allah! Even you”. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: “Yes even me. I cannot enter Paradise without Mercy of Allah.” (Bukhari-6463, Muslim-2816)

2. After the battle of Badr, the dead bodies of disbelievers were dumped in a well and Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said to them: “Have you found true what your Creator promised you?” Omar (may Allah be pleased with him) said to the Prophet (peace be upon him): “O Prophet of Allah! You are talking to dead people”. The Prophet (peace be upon him) replied: “I swear by Allah, they are hearing me more clearly than you, but they cannot reply.” (Muslim-2874)

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in Surah Al-Hadeed :13. Al-Araf is a wall between paradise and hell and it has in it elevated places. There will be many residents of Al-Araf. Their good deeds and bad deeds are equal in scale – Qurtubi). The residents of Al-Araf will be able to recognize both groups from their appearance (the residents of Paradise will have white faces while the residents of Hell will have dark faces). The residents of Al-Araf will say to the residents of Paradise: “Peace be upon you,” and they have not yet entered Paradise, but they hope to enter it.

47. And when their eyes will be turned towards the residents of Fire, they will say: “Our Creator! Don’t put us with the people who are wrong-doers.”

48. And the residents of Al-Araf will call to the men whom they recognize by their appearance, saying: “Your big group (and huge wealth) and your arrogance (towards Prophets) did not benefit you.

49. “Are these the ones about whom you swore that Allah would never show them mercy?” (They would be ordered :) “Enter Paradise, no fear shall be on you nor shall you grieve.”

50. And the residents of the Hell-Fire will call to the residents of Paradise, “Pour down some water or anything that Allah has provided you.” They will say: “Allah has forbidden both of them to the disbelievers”.

51. “Who took their religion as a fun and pastime and the worldly life deceived them.” Hence We shall forget them this Day as they forgot their meeting of this Day and they used to reject Our
revelations.

52. And certainly, We have sent down a Book (the Quran) to them which We have explained in detail with Our perfect Knowledge and it is a guidance and a mercy for the people who believe. (Also Surah Al-Isra:15)

53. Are they waiting for the final result (i.e. promise of punishment as described by the Quran)? The Day this event takes place, those who neglected it before will say: “Indeed, the messengers of our Creator did come with truth. Are there any intercessors for us that they may intercede on our behalf? Or could we be sent back so that we might do other deeds than those which we used to do?” They have pushed themselves in loss and that which they used to fabricate will disappear from them.

54. Indeed, your Creator is Allah, who created the heavens and the earth in six days, and then He rose over the Throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty). He covers the light of the day with the darkness of night and the night prevails on the day rapidly. And He created the sun, the moon and the stars, all of them follow His Command. No doubt, He is the Creator and Sovereign. Blessed is He, the Creator of all the universe.

55. (In every situation and for every need) pray to your Creator humbly and secretly. Indeed, He does not like those who go beyond limits (who do not follow the etiquettes of supplication).

56. And don’t spread mischief on the earth after it has been reformed (by
messengers), and pray to Allah with fear and hope. Indeed, Allah’s Mercy is (very) near to the good-doers.

57. And it is Allah Who sends the winds before rain (which convey the hope of rain) and cheer up the people. When these winds come with heavy-laden clouds, We drive them towards a dead land, and make the rainfall on this land, so We produce every kind of fruit with it. Thus We will resurrect the dead (on the Day of Resurrection), so that you may understand it.

58. (The teachings of the Quran are for everybody but only a few people benefit from it. Its example is like the rainfall which gives rise to vegetation from good land only). And the vegetation of a good land grows easily by the Permission of its Creator but the bad land brings forth nothing but a little with difficulty. Thus We explain Our revelations from various angles for the people who thank (Allah).

59. Indeed, We sent Nuh (as) to his people and he said: “O my people! Worship Allah. There is no other God for you except Him. I do fear for you the severe punishment of a Great Day.”

60. The leaders of his people said: “Indeed, we see you in an obvious error.”

61. Nuh(as) said: “O my people! There is no error in me, but I am a messenger from the Creator of the universe.

62. “I convey to you the messages of my Creator and give you sincere advice. And I know from Allah what you don’t know.

63. “Are you surprised that there has come to you a reminder from your Creator through a man from amongst you that he may warn
you so that you may fear Allah and that Allah’s Mercy be showered upon you?”

64. So they denied him. Hence We saved him and those with him in the boat (during the storm) and We drowned those who denied Our revelations. They were, indeed, blind people (who could not distinguish between truth and falsehood or benefit and loss).

65. And to A’d (people, We sent) their brother Hud (as a messenger). Hud (said): “O my people! Worship Allah! There is no other God for you except Him. Will you not fear (Allah)?”

66. The leaders of those who disbelieved among his people said: “Indeed, we consider you a foolish person and, indeed, we think you are one of the liars.”

67. [Hud] said: “O my people! There is no foolishness in me, but I am a messenger from the Creator of all the universe.

68. “I deliver to you the message of my Creator and I am a trustworthy adviser for you.

69. “Are you surprised that there has come to you an advice from your Creator through a man from amongst you to warn you? And remember that Allah made you successors after the people of Nuh and increased you a lot in stature. Hence remember the favours of Allah so that you may be successful.”

70. They said: “Have you come to us so that we should worship Allah Alone and leave those (idols) which our forefathers used to worship? So bring us that (torment) with which you threaten us, if you are
71. Hud (الهد) said: “The torment and Wrath of your Creator is about to fall on you. Do you quarrel with me over the (superficial) names which you and your forefathers have coined while you have no proof or authority from Allah (to make them your gods)? (Now stop quarrelling) so wait (for the torment), and I am with you among those who wait.”

72. Hence We saved Hud (الهد) and those who were with him (believers) through Our Mercy and We cut the roots of those who denied Our revelations since they were never going to believe.

73. And to Thamud (people, We sent) their brother Salih (سليح) (as a messenger). Salih (سليح) said: “O my people! Worship Allah! You have no other God except Him. Indeed, you have witnessed a miracle from your Creator (of the coming out of a she-camel from a rock, as you demanded). This she-camel is a clear proof (of my Prophethood). So you leave this she-camel to graze in Allah’s earth (freely), and don’t touch her with any harm lest a painful torment should seize you.

74. “And remember when Allah made you successor after A’d (people) and established you on the land (according to your wishes). You build (huge) palaces in the soft land and carve out homes in the mountains. Hence don’t forget the favours of Allah and don’t go around spreading mischief on the earth.”

75. The leaders of those who were arrogant among his people said to those who were believers but were weak (and poor). “Are you sure that Salih (سليح) is sent as a
messenger from his Creator?” The poor (and weak) people said: “We, indeed, believe in what he has been sent with.”

76. Those who were arrogant said: “Indeed, we disbelieve in that which you believe in.”

77. Hence they killed the she-camel and they rebelled against the Commandment of their Creator, and said (rudely): “O Salih! Bring about what you threaten us with if you are, indeed, one of the messengers of Allah.”

78. Hence the earthquake seized them and they lay dead on their faces in their homes.

79. Then Salih walked away from them, saying: “O my people! I have, indeed, conveyed the message of my Creator to you and I have given you (sincere) advice but you don’t like the (sincere) advisors.”

80. And (remember) Lut when he said to his people: “Do you engage yourselves in obscene activities which none did before you in the universe.

81. “You satisfy your sexual lust with men instead of women. In fact, you have transgressed beyond (human) limits (in this activity).”

82. His people had no reasonable answer for him, except they said (to each other): “Turn them out from your town since they claim to be pure people (i.e. pure from sins).”

83. (Finally a torment struck them) so We saved Lut and his family except his wife; she was one of those who remained behind (in the torment).

84. And We rained on them (a new kind of)