

Allah Says in the Holy Qur'an Surat Al-Kahf (18:1)

The English translation of the meaning is:

All praise to Allah, who has sent to His Servant the Book and has allowed in it no crookedness.

Thus begins Surat Al-Kahf, with Allah praising himself, and who is better worthy of praise and gratitude, for revealing this blessing, the greatest of all.

His blessing, so as to free mankind from darkness and ignorance to light and knowledge.

He has made his book free of crookedness and ambiguity, for it is straight forward in its message, free of contradictions and doubt as He says in Surat Al-Baqarah (2:2)

This is the Book; In it is guidance sure without doubt, To those who fear Allah.

Allah further says in Surat Al-Hadeed (57:9)

He is the One who sends to His Servant Clear signs that he may lead you from darkness to light. And verily, Allah is to you Most Kind and Merciful.

This blessing was revealed through his kindness and mercy, within it are tidings and warnings and examples and parables. Clear signs for those who seek their Lord.

Among the stories and warnings are those of the people of Nooh, Loot, Ibraheem, and stories of the people of the Book and of the idol worshippers.

The purpose of these stories is not to entertain us, but for us to learn from them and not to be like those whom Allah was not pleased with, for Allah did not reveal his Book in jest and play.

Listen to Allah's Words in Surat Al-Hadeed (57:16)

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, And that they should not become like those given the revelation before them. But long ages passed over them and their hearts grew hard. For many among them are rebellious transgressors.

Brothers in Islam:

Let us heed Allah's Warning and obey Him. And let us not be among the transgressing losers. For Allah spoke to the Children of Israel (Bani-Israel), Al-Baqarah (2:42):

Do not clothe (cover) the truth with falsehood and conceal the truth when you know it.

And, He also says, Al-Baqara (2:174)

Those who conceal Allah's revelations in the Book, and purchase for them a miserable profit - They swallow into their stomachs nothing but fire. Allah will not address them on the day of resurrection, Nor purify them and grievous

will be their penalty. They are the ones who by error instead of guidance, torment instead of forgiveness. How bold they appear towards the fire!

Let us listen further to this aya in surat Al-Baqara (2:85):

Will you believe in a part of the book, and reject in disbelief another part.... but what is the reward for those among you who do so.... but disgrace in this life and on the day of Resurrection they shall be consigned to the most grievous penalty for Allah is not unaware of what you do.

Dear Muslims:

Let us listen to our Lord and beware when he says in surat Al-Nahel (16:95):

Do not sell the covenant of Allah for a miserable price, for with Allah is a better price for you.... if you only knew.

Dear Muslims:

In these ayat, Allah the Almighty has pictured the betrayal of His covenant, His agreement and belief in Him as a form of trade, buying and selling with the only profit and result, having been loss and total humiliation in this world and the hereafter.... that is why He advises His servants..... all of us with a better and more profitable trade.

He says in surat Al-Saf (61:10,11)

O you who believe, shall I guide you to a bargain that will save you from a severe penalty (punishment). Believe in Allah and His Messenger, and strive (struggle) your utmost in the cause of Allah with your possessions and your persons.....that will be best for you if you only knew.

Dear Muslims:

Know that our uttering the testimony is our promise and covenant with Allah. It is our agreement with His commands and rules.

In effect, it is our signature on a contract with our Creator.

It is what Allah describes as: a goodly word () is like a goodly tree, whose roots are firmly fixed, its branches reaching the heavens. It brings forth its fruit at all times by permission of its Lord.

In other words, it is strong and stable, Allah blesses it and all that it produces, its fruit, its good deeds as a result of faith in the words (), and its commitment to its Lord are blessed by Allah. Whoever remains loyal to this testimony, Allah is loyal to rewarding him or her beyond measure.

Our testimony, is our signature and our acceptance of all conditions in the contract and therefore their applications despite our personal desires or ambitions.

Dear Muslims:

Let us not sell our promise to Allah for the price of misery.

Let us not conceal the truth revealed by our Lord.

Let us not claim to believe in part of the book and reject part.

It is not for us to pick and choose..... Let us remember the contract we signed and let us honor it.

Dear Muslims:

Let us not be like those before us who betrayed their trust!

For if we make a promise, that signifies our approval to all its conditions; and thus we are obliged to be faithful and loyal to it.

If we testify as accepting Islam, then we should be true to our Islam.

Therefore, we should heed Allah's warning and advice, Al-Saf (61:2,3):

O, you who believe, why do you say what you do not do. It is a grievous crime in the sight of Allah to say what you do not do.

Dear Muslims:

Know that whatever we may collect or achieve in terms of wealth or children or of knowledge, that whatever we may attain in status or rank in this world is all a trust from Allah....

So let us be faithful to the owner of this trust.

Dear Muslims:

Let us remember that whatever we may collect or achieve in terms of wealth or children, or of knowledge, that whatever we may attain in status or rank in this world is like a two-edged sword!

If Allah has given us knowledge, it is a trust and on us falls the duty of applying this knowledge, and the responsibility of spreading it and reaching others for the sake of Allah.

If Allah has given us wealth and possession, it is a trust, and it is our obligation to use it and give it as Allah commands.

We are to remember that we should not devour and eat usury, doubled and multiplied.

We should not be wasteful, for the wasteful are among the brothers and sisters of the devils, at the same time we should not be stingy and miserable.

We should always remember, it is a trust, Allah has given it to us, and thus we should guard and use as He commands.....not personal vanity and pleasure, for this world is by a pleasure for those deceived.

If Allah has given us children.... they are a trust.... therefore it is our duty to raise them along His straight path. They are like a seed, if planted and nourished properly it prospers, if we neglect it, it is miserable and thus will the children be, bad in heart, evil and corrupt and we will be asked about them.

For all the blessing Allah gives us are a trust and a test.

If we use them according to His commands we will be among the winners on the day of judgement.

If we abuse them, they will be a curse that damns us to hell.

Dear Muslims:

Let us look around us and beware that humiliation is the price we pay for compromising and betraying our agreement with Allah. Will we believe in a part of his Book and neglect another part? Who are we to dare to do so?

Dear Muslims:

Let us carry with us the scale of faith and weight all what we do. For if we put our desires on one side, and what Allah desires for us on the other, it is an absolute condition of loyalty to our promise, that Allah's side must always and invariably wins..... Despite our personal desires.

Dear Muslims:

Let us not betray the trust Allah has given us when revealed the truth to us by being always truthful to him, truthful to ourselves and truthful to everything and every one that shares Allah's universe with us.

Dear Muslims:

We have to carry the truth, it is our responsibility. No compromise is good enough to divert us from that responsibility.

The end does not justify the means, unless the end is the truth and the mean is the truth. We can not join hands with the fraud to enforce the truth. We can not use the enemies of Allah to enforce his word.

And we can not close our eyes or wait on the side. The truth is our responsibility, and we have to carry that responsibility.

Dear Muslims:

Let us be aware: we will never be able to argue with and oppose Allah no matter what our status or rank, despite our wealth or pride in this world.

For all wealth and possession belong to Allah.

And all pride and might belong to Allah.

And all laws and judgements belong to Allah.

But if we do, or even attempt to, Allah promises a severe penalty for us, and promises that he will change us, and bring about other who will champion his cause and serve his purpose.