71. And whosoever repents and does righteous good deeds; then verily, he repents towards Allâh with true repentance.

72. And those who do not bear witness to falsehood, and if they pass by some evil play or evil talk, they pass by it with dignity.

73. And those who, when they are reminded of the Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of their Lord, fall not deaf and blind thereat.

74. And those who say: “Our Lord! Bestow on us from our wives and our offspring the comfort of our eyes, and make us leaders of the Mutaqûn (the pious. See V.2:2).”

75. Those will be rewarded with the highest place (in Paradise) because of their patience. Therein they shall be met with greetings and the word of peace and respect.

76. Abiding therein — excellent it is as an abode, and as a place to rest in.

77. Say (O Muhammad صلی الله عليه وسلم to the disbelievers): “My Lord pays attention to you only because of your invocation to Him. But now you have indeed denied (Him). So the torment will be yours forever (inseparable, permanent punishment).”

_Sûrat Ash-Shu‘ârâ’ (The Poets) XXVI_

_In the Name of Allâh, _
_the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful._

1. Tâ-Sîn-Mîm.

[These letters are one of the miracles of the Qur’ân, and none but Allâh ( Alone) knows their meanings.]

2. These are the Verses of the manifest Book [(this Qur’ân), which was promised by Allâh in the Taurât (Torah) and the

(past evil) deeds.” So the Divine Verses came: “Those who invoke not with Allah any other god, nor kill such person as Allah has forbidden except for just cause, nor commit illegal sexual intercourse.” (V. 25:68) “... Except those who repent...” (V. 25:70).

And there was also revealed: “Say: O My slaves who have transgressed against their own selves! (by committing sins), despair not of the Mercy of Allah.” (V. 39:53). (Sahîh Al-Bukhârî, Vol. 6, Hadîth No.334).
Injeel (Gospel), makes things clear.

3. It may be that you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) are going to kill yourself with grief, that they do not become believers [in your Risalah (Messengership) i.e. in your Message of Islâmic Monotheism].

4. If We will, We could send down to them from the heaven a sign, to which they would bend their necks in humility.

5. And never comes there to them a Reminder as a recent revelation from the Most Gracious (Allâh), but they turn away therefrom.

6. So they have indeed denied (the truth — this Qur’ân), then the news of what they mocked at will come to them.

7. Do they not observe the earth — how much of every good kind We cause to grow therein?

8. Verily, in this is an Ayâh (proof or sign), yet most of them (polytheists, pagans who do not believe in Resurrection) are not believers.

9. And verily, your Lord, He is truly the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful.

10. And (remember) when your Lord called Mûsâ (Moses) (saying): “Go to the people who are Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrong-doers) —


12. He said: “My Lord! Verily, I fear that they will deny me,

13. “And my breast straitens, and my tongue expresses not well. So send for Hârûn (Aaron) (to come along with me).

14. “And they have a charge of crime against me, and I fear they will kill me.”

15. (Allâh) said: “Nay! Go you both with Our Signs. Verily, We shall be with you, listening.

16. “And go both of you to Fir‘aun (Pharaoh), and say: ‘We are the Messengers of the Lord of the ‘Alûmîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists),

17. “So allow the Children of Israel to go with us.’ ”

18. [Fir‘aun (Pharaoh)] said [to Mûsâ (Moses)]: “Did we not

11 (V.26:3) See the footnote of (V.3:85).
bring you up among us as a child? And you did dwell many years of your life with us.

19. “And you did your deed, which you did (i.e. the crime of killing a man) while you were one of the ingrates.”

20. Mûsâ (Moses) said: “I did it then, when I was ignorant (as regards my Lord and His Message).

21. “So I fled from you when I feared you. But my Lord has granted me Hukm (i.e. religious knowledge, right judgement of the affairs and Prophethood), and made me one of the Messengers.

22. “And this is the past favour with which you reproach me: that you have enslaved the Children of Israel.”

23. Fir‘aun (Pharaoh) said: “And what is the Lord of the ‘Âlamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists)?”

24. [Mûsâ (Moses)] said: “The Lord of the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them, if you seek to be convinced with certainty.”

25. [Fir‘aun (Pharaoh)] said to those around him: “Do you not hear (what he says)?”

26. [Mûsâ (Moses)] said: “Your Lord and the Lord of your ancient fathers!”

27. [Fir‘aun (Pharaoh)] said: “Verily, your Messenger who has been sent to you is a madman!”

28. [Mûsâ (Moses)] said: “The Lord of the east and the west, and all that is between them, if you did but understand!”

29. [Fir‘aun (Pharaoh)] said: “If you choose an ilâh (god) other than me, I will certainly put you among the prisoners.”

30. [Mûsâ (Moses)] said: “Even if I bring you something manifest (and convincing)?”

31. [Fir‘aun (Pharaoh)] said: “Bring it forth then, if you are of the truthful!”

32. So [Mûsâ (Moses)] threw his stick, and behold, it was a serpent, manifest.

33. And he drew out his hand, and behold, it was white to all beholders!

34. [Fir‘aun (Pharaoh)] said to the chiefs around him: “Verily, this is indeed a well-versed sorcerer.

35. “He wants to drive you out of your land by his sorcery:
what is it then that you command?"

36. They said: “Put him off and his brother (for a while), and send callers to the cities;

37. “To bring up to you every well-versed sorcerer.”

38. So the sorcerers were assembled at a fixed time on a day appointed.

39. And it was said to the people: “Are you (too) going to assemble?

40. “That we may follow the sorcerers [who were on Fir'aun’s (Pharaoh) religion of disbelief] if they are the winners.”

41. So when the sorcerers arrived, they said to Fir'aun (Pharaoh): “Will there surely be a reward for us if we are the winners?”

42. He said: “Yes, and you shall then verily be of those brought near (to myself).”

43. Mūsā (Moses) said to them: “Throw what you are going to throw!”

44. So they threw their ropes and their sticks, and said: “By the might of Fir'aun (Pharaoh), it is we who will certainly win!”

45. Then Mūsā (Moses) threw his stick, and behold, it swallowed up all that they falsely showed!

46. And the sorcerers fell down prostrate.

47. Saying: “We believe in the Lord of the ‘Ālamīn (mankind, jinn and all that exists).

48. “The Lord of Mūsā (Moses) and Hārūn (Aaron).”

49. [Fir’aun (Pharaoh)] said: “You have believed in him before I give you leave. Surely, he indeed is your chief, who has taught you magic! So verily, you shall come to know. Verily, I will cut off your hands and your feet on opposite sides, and I will crucify you all.”

50. They said: “No harm! Surely, to our Lord (Allāh) we are to return.

51. “Verily, we really hope that our Lord will forgive us our sins, as we are the first of the believers [in Mūsā (Moses) and in the Monotheism which he has brought from Allāh].”

52. And We revealed to Mūsā (Moses), saying: “Depart by night with My slaves, verily, you will be pursued.”
53. Then Fir‘aun (Pharaoh) sent callers to (all) the cities.
54. (Saying): “Verily, these indeed are but a small band.
55. “And verily, they have done what has enraged us.
56. “But we are a host all assembled, amply forewarned.”
57. So, We expelled them from gardens and springs,
58. Treasures, and every kind of honourable place.
59. Thus [We turned them (Pharaoh’s people) out] and We caused the Children of Israel to inherit them.
60. So they pursued them at sunrise.
61. And when the two hosts saw each other, the companions of Mûsâ (Moses) said: “We are sure to be overtaken.”
62. [Mûsâ (Moses)] said: “Nay, verily, with me is my Lord. He will guide me.”
63. Then We revealed to Mûsâ (Moses) (saying): “Strike the sea with your stick.” And it parted, and each separate part (of that sea water) became like huge mountain.
64. Then We brought near the others [Fir‘aun’s (Pharaoh) party] to that place.
65. And We saved Mûsâ (Moses) and all those with him.
66. Then We drowned the others.
67. Verily, in this is indeed a sign (or a proof), yet most of them are not believers.
68. And verily, your Lord, He is truly the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful.
69. And recite to them the story of Ibrâhîm (Abraham).
70. When he said to his father and his people: “What do you worship?”
71. They said: “We worship idols, and to them we are ever devoted.”
72. He said: “Do they hear you, when you call on (them)?
73. “Or do they benefit you or do they harm (you)?”
74. They said: “(Nay) but we found our fathers doing so.”
75. He said: “Do you observe that which you have been worshipping —
76. “You and your ancient fathers?”
77. “Verily, they are enemies to me, except the Lord of the ‘Âlâmîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists),
78. “Who has created me, and it is He Who guides me.
79. “And it is He Who feeds me and gives me to drink.
80. “And when I am ill, it is He who cures me.
81. “And Who will cause me to die, and then will bring me to life (again).
82. “And Who, I hope, will forgive me my faults on the Day of Recompense, (the Day of Resurrection).
83. My Lord! Bestow Hukm (religious knowledge, right judgement of the affairs and Prophethood) on me, and join me with the righteous.
84. And grant me an honourable mention in later generations.
85. And make me one of the inheritors of the Paradise of Delight.
86. And forgive my father, verily, he is of the erring.
87. And disgrace me not on the Day when (all the creatures) will be resurrected.
88. The Day whereon neither wealth nor sons will avail,
89. Except him who comes to Allâh with a clean heart [clean from Shirk (polytheism) and Nifâq (hypocrisy)].”
90. And Paradise will be brought near to the Muttaqûn (the pious — See V.2:2).
91. And the (Hell) Fire will be placed in full view of the erring.
92. And it will be said to them: “Where are those (the false gods whom you used to set up as rivals with Allâh) that you used to worship.
93. “Instead of Allâh? Can they help you or (even) help themselves?”
94. Then they will be thrown on their faces into the (Fire), they and the Ghâwûn (devils, and those who were in error).
95. And the whole hosts of Iblîs (Satan) together.
96. They will say while contending therein,
97. By Allâh, we were truly in a manifest error,
98. When We held you (false gods) as equals (in worship) with the Lord of the ‘Âlamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists);
99. And none has brought us into error except the Mujrimûn
[Iblîs (Satan) and those of human beings who commit crimes, murderers, polytheists, oppressors].

100. Now we have no intercessors,

101. Nor a close friend (to help us).

102. (Alas!) If we only had a chance to return (to the world), we shall truly be among the believers!

103. Verily, in this is indeed a sign, yet most of them are not believers.

104. And verily, your Lord, He is truly the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful.

105. The people of Nûh (Noah) denied the Messengers.

106. When their brother Nûh (Noah) said to them: “Will you not fear Allâh and obey Him?

107. “I am a trustworthy Messenger to you.

108. “So fear Allâh, keep your duty to Him, and obey me.

109. “No reward do I ask of you for it (my Message of Islâmic Monotheism); my reward is only from the Lord of the ‘Âlamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists).

110. “So keep your duty to Allâh, fear Him and obey me.”

111. They said: “Shall we believe in you, when the meanest (of the people) follow you?”

112. He said: “And what knowledge have I of what they used to do?

113. “Their account is only with my Lord, if you could (but) know.

114. “And I am not going to drive away the believers.

115. I am only a plain warner.”

116. They said: “If you cease not, O Nûh (Noah) you will surely be among those stoned (to death).”

117. He said: “My Lord! Verily, my people have denied me.

118. Therefore judge You between me and them, and save me and those of the believers who are with me.”

119. And We saved him and those with him in the laden ship.

120. Then We drowned the rest (disbelievers) thereafter.

121. Verily, in this is indeed a sign, yet most of them are not believers.
122. And verily, your Lord, He is indeed the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful.
123. ‘Ád (people) denied the Messengers.
124. When their brother Hûd said to them: “Will you not fear Allâh and obey Him?
125. “Verily, I am a trustworthy Messenger to you.
126. “So fear Allâh, keep your duty to Him, and obey me.
127. “No reward do I ask of you for it (my Message of Islâmic Monotheism); my reward is only from the Lord of the ‘Alamîn (mankind, jinn, and all that exists).
128. “Do you build high palaces on every high place, while you do not live in them?
129. “And do you get for yourselves palaces (fine buildings) as if you will live therein forever?\(^{\text{i1}}\)
130. “And when you seize (somebody), seize you (him) as tyrants?
131. “So fear Allâh, keep your duty to Him, and obey me.
132. “And keep your duty to Him, fear Him Who has aided you with all (good things) that you know.
133. “He has aided you with cattle and children.
134. “And gardens and springs.
135. “Verily, I fear for you the torment of a Great Day.”
136. They said: “It is the same to us whether you preach or be not of those who preach.
137. “This is no other than the false tales and religion of the ancients, [Tafsîr At-Tabarî]
138. “And we are not going to be punished.”
139. So they denied him, and We destroyed them. Verily, in this is indeed a sign, yet most of them are not believers.
140. And verily, your Lord, He is indeed the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful.
141. Thamûd (people) denied the Messengers.
142. When their brother Sâlih said to them: “Will you not fear Allâh and obey Him?
143. “I am a trustworthy Messenger to you.

\(^{\text{i1}}\) (V.26:129) See the footnote (C) of (V.9:111).
144. “So fear Allâh, keep your duty to Him, and obey me.
145. “No reward do I ask of you for it (my Message of Islâmic Monotheism); my reward is only from the Lord of the ‘Âlamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists).
146. “Will you be left secure in that which you have here?
147. “In gardens and springs.
148. And green crops (fields) and date-palms with soft spadix.
149. “And you hew out in the mountains, houses with great skill.
150. “So fear Allâh, keep your duty to Him, and obey me.
151. “And follow not the command of Al-Musrifûn [i.e. their chiefs: leaders who were polytheists, criminals and sinners],
152. “Who make mischief in the land, and reform not.”
153. They said: “You are only of those bewitched!
154. “You are but a human being like us. Then bring us a sign if you are of the truthful.”
155. He said: “Here is a she-camel: it has a right to drink (water), and you have a right to drink (water) (each) on a day, known.
156. “And touch her not with harm, lest the torment of a Great Day should seize you.”
157. But they killed her, and then they became regretful.
158. So the torment overtook them. Verily, in this is indeed a sign, yet most of them are not believers.
159. And verily, your Lord, He is indeed the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful.
160. The people of Lût (Lot) (who dwelt in the town of Sodom in Palestine) denied the Messengers.
161. When their brother Lût (Lot) said to them: “Will you not fear Allâh and obey Him?
162. “Verily, I am a trustworthy Messenger to you.
163. “So fear Allâh, keep your duty to Him, and obey me.
164. “No reward do I ask of you for it (my Message of Islâmic Monotheism); my reward is only from the Lord of the ‘Âlamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists).
165. “Go you in to the males of the ‘Âlamîn (mankind),
166. “And leave those whom Allâh has created for you to be
your wives? Nay, you are a trespassing people!"

167. They said: “If you cease not O Lût (Lot)! verily, you will be one of those who are driven out!”

168. He said: “I am, indeed, of those who disapprove with severe anger and fury your (this evil) action (of sodomy).

169. “My Lord! Save me and my family from what they do.”

170. So We saved him and his family, all,

171. Except an old woman (his wife) among those who remained behind.

172. Then afterward We destroyed the others.

173. And We rained on them a rain (of torment). And how evil was the rain of those who had been warned!

174. Verily, in this is indeed a sign, yet most of them are not believers.

175. And verily, your Lord, He is indeed the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful.

176. The dwellers of Al-Aikah [near Madyan (Midian)] denied the Messengers.

177. When Shu‘aib said to them: “Will you not fear Allâh and obey Him?

178. “I am a trustworthy Messenger to you.

179. “So fear Allâh, keep your duty to Him, and obey me.

180. “No reward do I ask of you for it (my Message of Islâmic Monotheism); my reward is only from the Lord of the ‘Âlamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists).

181. “Give full measure, and cause no loss (to others).

182. “And weigh with the true and straight balance.

183. “And defraud not people by reducing their things, nor do evil, making corruption and mischief in the land.

184. “And fear Him Who created you and the generations of the men of old.”

185. They said: “You are only one of those bewitched!

186. “You are but a human being like us and verily, we think that you are one of the liars!

187. “So cause pieces of the heaven to fall on us, if you are of the truthful!”

188. He said: “My Lord is the Best Knower of what you do.”
189. But they denied him, so the torment of the day of shadow (a gloomy cloud) seized them. Indeed, that was the torment of a Great Day.

190. Verily, in this is indeed a sign, yet most of them are not believers.

191. And verily, your Lord, He is indeed the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful.

192. And truly, this (the Qur’ân) is a revelation from the Lord of the ‘Ālamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists),

193. Which the trustworthy Râh [Jibrîl (Gabriel)] has brought down

194. Upon your heart (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) that you may be (one) of the warners,

195. In the plain Arabic language.

196. And verily, it (the Qur’ân, and its revelation to Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) is (announced) in the Scriptures [i.e. the Taurât (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)] of former people.

197. Is it not a sign to them that the learned scholars (like ‘Abdullâh bin Salâm رضي الله عنه who embraced Islâm)\[11\] of the Children of Israel knew it (as true)?

198. And if We had revealed it (this Qur’ân) to any of the non-Arabs,

199. And he had recited it to them, they would not have believed in it.

200. Thus have We caused it (the denial of the Qur’ân) to enter the hearts of the Mîjrimûn (criminals, polytheists, sinners).

201. They will not believe in it until they see the painful torment.

202. It shall come to them of a sudden, while they perceive it not.

203. Then they will say: “Can we be respited?”

204. Would they then wish for Our Torment to be hastened on?

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\[11\] (V.26:197) See the footnote of (V.5:66) [The story about ‘Abdullâh bin Salâm رضي الله عنه].
205. Think! (even) if We do let them enjoy for years, 
206. And afterwards comes to them that (punishment) which they had been promised, 
207. All that with which they used to enjoy shall not avail them.
208. And never did We destroy a township but it had its warners
209. By way of reminder, and We have never been unjust.
210. And it is not the Shayâtîn (devils) who have brought it (this Qur’ân) down.
211. Neither would it suit them, nor they can (produce it).
212. Verily, they have been removed far from hearing it.
213. So invoke not with Allâh another ilâh (god) lest you should be among those who receive punishment.
214. And warn your tribe (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) of near kindred.$^{[1]}$
215. And be kind and humble to the believers who follow you.
216. Then if they disobey you, say: “I am innocent of what you do.”
217. And put your trust in the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful,
218. Who sees you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) when you stand up (alone at night for Tahâjjud prayers).
219. And your movements among those who fall prostrate (to Allâh in the five compulsory congregational prayers).
220. Verily, He, only He, is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower.
221. Shall I inform you (O people!) upon whom the Shayâtîn (devils) descend?

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$^{[1]}$ (V.26:214) Narrated Ibn ‘Abbâs رضي الله عنهما: When the Verse: “And warn your tribe (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) of near kindred” was revealed, Allah’s Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم went out, and when he had ascended As-Safa mountain, he shouted, “Yâ Sabâhââh!” The people said, “Who is that?” Then they gathered around him, whereupon he said, “Do you see? If I inform you that cavalrymen are proceeding up the side of this mountain, will you believe me?” They said, “We have never heard you telling a lie.” Then he said, “I am a plain warner to you of a coming severe punishment.” Abû Lahab said: “May you perish! You gathered us only for this reason?” Then Abû Lahab went away. So Sûrat Al-Masâd “Perish the hands of Abû Lahab!” (V.111:1) was revealed. (Sâhîh Al-Bukhârî, Vol.6, Hadîth No.495).

* “Yâ Sabâhââh!” is an Arabic expression used when one appeals for help or draws the attention of others to some danger.
222. They descend on every lying, sinful person.
223. Who gives ear (to the devils and they pour what they may have heard of the Unseen from the angels), and most of them are liars.
224. As for the poets, the erring ones follow them,
225. See you not that they speak about every subject (praising people — right or wrong) in their poetry?
226. And that they say what they do not do.
227. Except those who believe (in the Oneness of Allâh — Islâmic Monotheism) and do righteous deeds, and remember Allâh much, and vindicate themselves after they have been wronged [by replying back in poetry to the unjust poetry (which the pagan poets utter against the Muslims)]. And those who do wrong will come to know by what overturning they will be overturned.