

سورة الفتح

The Victory



The hypocrisy surfaced in Madinah. They thought badly of Allah, that He would not give victory to the truth. They are not like the believers, to whom Allah sent down tranquility. The hypocrites can be obstacles.

سَيَقُولُ لَكَ الْمُخَلَّفُونَ مِنَ الْأَعْرَابِ شَغَلْنَا أَمْوَالَنَا وَأَهْلُونَا فَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَنَا يَقُولُونَ بِأَلْسِنَتِهِمْ مَا لَيْسَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ قُلْ فَمَنْ يَمْلِكُ لَكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا إِنْ أَرَادَ بِكُمْ ضَرًّا أَوْ أَرَادَ بِكُمْ نَفْعًا بَلْ كَانَ اللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا

Those who remained behind of the bedouins will say to you, "Our properties and our families occupied us, so ask forgiveness for us." They say with their tongues what is not within their hearts. Say, "Then who could prevent Allah at all if He intended for you harm or intended for you benefit? Rather, ever is Allah, with what you do, Acquainted.

بَلْ ظَنَنْتُمْ أَنْ لَنْ يَنْقَلِبَ الرَّسُولُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِيهِمْ أَبَدًا وَزَيَّنَ ذَلِكَ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ وَظَنَّتُمْ ظَنَ السُّوءِ وَكُنْتُمْ قَوْمًا بُورًا

But you thought that the Messenger and the believers would never return to their families, ever, and that was made pleasing in your hearts. And you assumed an assumption of evil and became a people ruined."

وَمَنْ لَمْ يُؤْمَرْ بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ فَإِنَّا أَعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَافِرِينَ سَعِيرًا

And whoever has not believed in Allah and His Messenger - then indeed, We have prepared for the disbelievers a Blaze.

وَلِلَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يَعْفُرُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيُعَذِّبُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا

And to Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. He forgives whom He wills and punishes whom He wills. And ever is Allah Forgiving and Merciful.

سَيَقُولُ الْمُخَلَّفُونَ إِذَا انطَلَقْتُمْ إِلَىٰ مَغَابِمِ لِنَأْخُذُوهَا ذُرُوبًا نَتَّبِعُكُمْ يَرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُبَدِّلُوا كَلَامَ اللَّهِ قُلْ لَنْ تَتَّبِعُونَا كَذَلِكُمْ قَالَ اللَّهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ فَسَيَقُولُونَ بَلْ تَحْسُدُونَنَا بَلْ

كَانُوا لَا يَفْقَهُونَ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا

Those who remained behind will say when you set out toward the war booty to take it, "Let us follow you." They wish to change the words of Allah. Say, "Never will you follow us. Thus did Allah say before." So they will say, "Rather, you envy us." But [in fact] they were not understanding except a little.

قُلْ لِلْمُخَلَّفِينَ مِنَ الْأَعْرَابِ سَتُدْعُونَ إِلَىٰ قَوْمٍ أُولَىٰ بِأَسَىٰ شَدِيدٍ تَقَاتَلْتَهُمْ أَوْ يُسَلِّمُونَ فَإِنْ تَطِيعُوا يُؤْتِكُمْ اللَّهُ أَجْرًا حَسَنًا ۖ وَإِنْ تَتَوَلَّوْا كَمَا تَوَلَّيْتُمْ مِنْ قَبْلُ يُعَذِّبْكُمْ

عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا

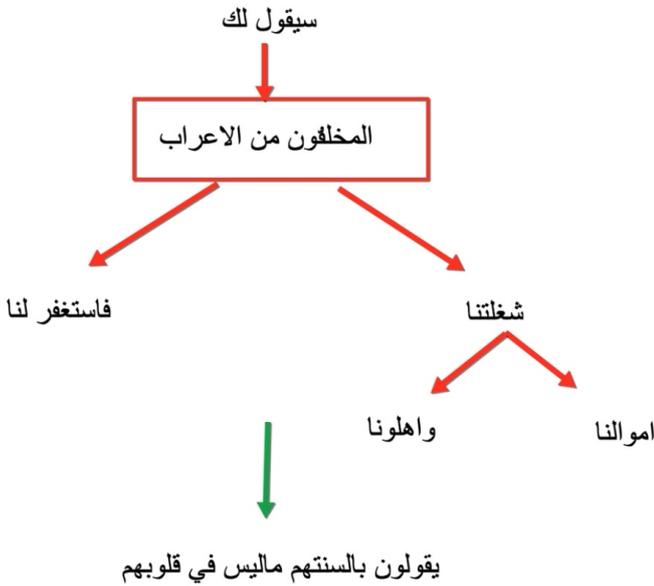
Say to those who remained behind of the bedouins, "You will be called to [face] a people of great military might; you may fight them, or they will submit. So if you obey, Allah will give you a good reward; but if you turn away as you turned away before, He will punish you with a painful punishment."

لَيْسَ عَلَىٰ الْأَعْمَىٰ حَرْجٌ وَلَا عَلَىٰ الْأَعْرَجِ حَرْجٌ وَلَا عَلَىٰ الْمَرِيضِ حَرْجٌ ۚ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ يُدْخِلْهُ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۚ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّ يَعْذِبْهُ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا

There is not upon the blind any guilt or upon the lame any guilt [for remaining behind]. And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger - He will admit him to gardens beneath which rivers flow; but whoever turns away - He will punish him with a painful punishment.

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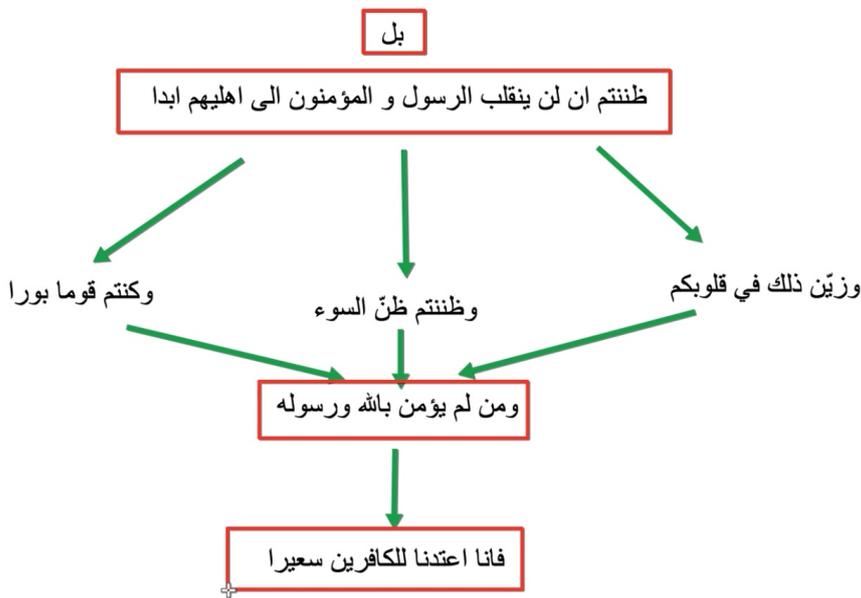


Those who didn't go to battle because of the weakness of their faith, were afraid of the battle, and of confronting the enemy. They gave flimsy excuses for not going, saying that their money and property and families needed them. They knew it was wrong to make excuses, and a sin, so they asked the Messenger of Allah to ask Allah for their forgiveness. They take the situation so lightly, and Allah knows what is in their hearts. The forgiveness of the Messenger of Allah will not help them.

No one can stop the good if Allah wants it for you. This is in the hands of Allah. The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم cannot harm or benefit anyone.

The hypocrites only care about their picture in front of people. Allah is All-Aware of their actions and the consequences of what they are saying. Only Allah is important, no one else.

Allah reveals the secrets of their hearts, what they are really thinking. They want something bad to happen to the believers, and they assume that they will never return to their families, and that they will all be killed. This idea is adorned in their hearts, so that it has sunk in and is settled in their hearts.

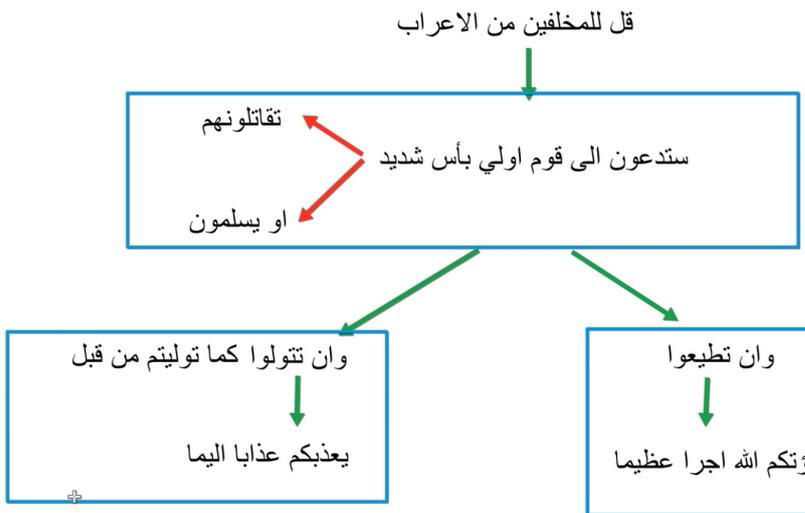
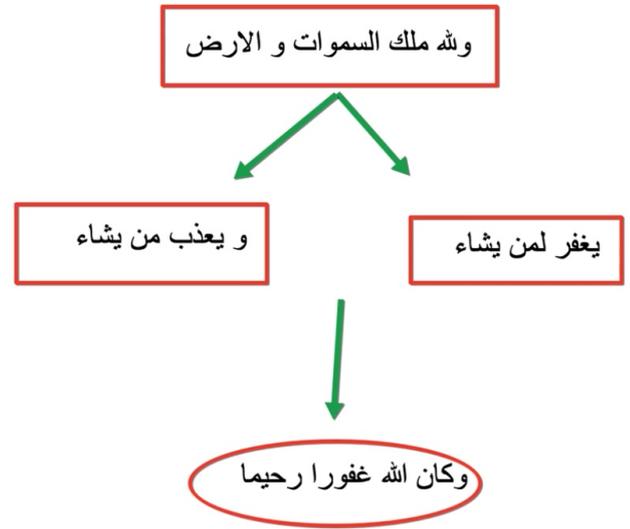


The dominion of the heavens and earth belongs to Allah. He disposes of the affairs of His creation, He decrees and judges.

Allah knows who deserves forgiveness, and He will punish whomever He wills. He is the Oft Forgiving and the Most Merciful. Accept whatever Allah ordains. Allah send His mercy and forgiveness to the one who repents.

We must always think good of Allah. He will give victory to the believers. The hypocrites are actually destructive and useless, their thinking is wrong. There is no goodness in them. Our relationship with Allah must be with the heart, it should be clear and truthful.

The crux of the problem is that they don't believe in Allah. Lack of faith leads to all the problems. They will end up in the Fire.

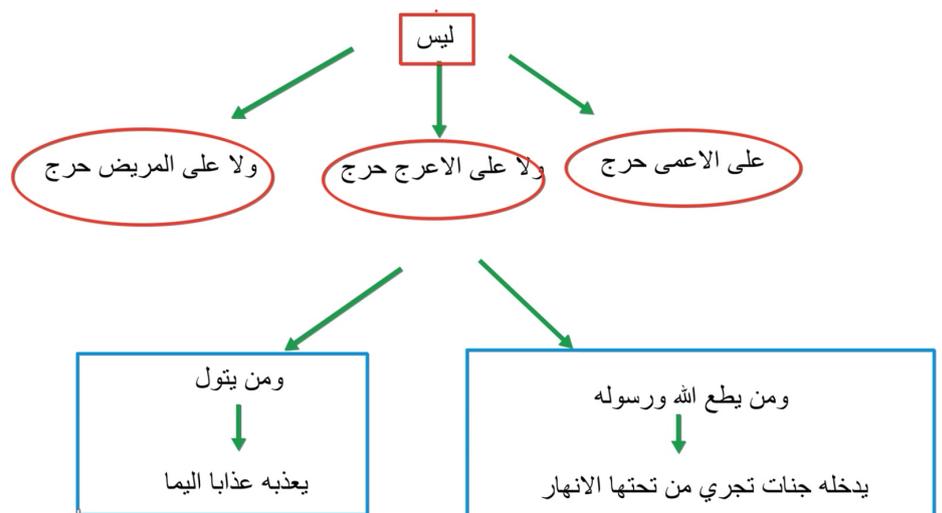


Allah mentions the hypocrites again, that they will say the believers are jealous of them. They will never understand, and all they want is the booty, and the benefits. If they don't get them, they will make excuses. So they will say they wanted to follow the believers, but these are only words.

They are themselves undecided, unsure, swaying from side to side. They will never follow the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم. They are also not required in the battle. This was already decided in the past, but all that they want to do is argue. Their minds are restricted, and they don't deserve to understand. If they had understood, they would have realized that they are deprived because of

their disobedience, which was the result of their lack of faith. This is a kind of punishment. These type of people must be stopped.

Allah tells the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم to test them, by telling them that they will have to confront a very strong enemy, and either they will have to fight with them, or they will submit.



They would be given two options; either they would have to obey and go to battle, without any excuses, or turn away. If they obeyed, they would be rewarded, and if they turned away, they would be punished. The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم had to test them with this frightening

scenario.

Victory needs struggle, and thinking good of Allah. The opening is when you support the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم. It is not a privilege.

There are some people whose excuses must be accepted. There is no need for the blind, lame, and sick to go to battle. Anyone who obeys Allah and the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم will be rewarded. The one who turns away will be punished. It is important to face the enemy and not give excuses. Obedience is very important. The reward for obedience of the gardens of Jannah. It's not what you like, but the obedience. You must face the enemy, and not give excuses.

The people are two groups. One group wants the war booty only, so if there is no fight, they will come to claim a share. The other group will give excuses to get out of battle and hardship.