

To sum up the meaning of these two verses, those who will attain salvation and victory are those who believe and do righteous deeds; those who will be doomed to hell are those who associate others with Allah and disbelieve in Him.



﴿وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ لَا تَعْبُدُونَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَيَالِ الَّذِينَ إِحْسَانًا وَذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالسَّكِينِ وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ ثُمَّ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا مِّنْكُمْ وَأَنتُمْ مُّعْرِضُونَ﴾ (٨٣)

(سورة البقرة: ٨٣)

- 2:83. And [remember] when We took a covenant from the Children of Israel [saying]: Do not worship anyone but Allah; show kindness to your parents and kindred, and to orphans and those in need; speak good words to people; establish prayer; and give zakâh. Then you turned away, except a few of you, and paid no heed.

These teachings are among the basic principles of faith, which Allah has enjoined upon all nations because they contain that which is in the public interest at all times and in all places. So they are not subject to abrogation, because they are fundamental to the religion. Hence Allah enjoined them upon us when He said:

﴿Worship Allah, and do not ascribe any partner to Him...﴾ (an-Nisâ' 4: 36)

﴿And [remember] when We took a covenant from the Children of Israel﴾. That was because of their hard-heartedness; whatever command was enjoined upon them, they were reluctant to obey and would not do it unless they were made to give a solemn covenant and binding promises.