

As their excuse for not believing that to which you, O Prophet, are calling them, they stated that their hearts are impenetrably wrapped. What is meant is that their hearts are covered over, so they do not understand what you say. In other words, they have an excuse – or so they say – for not understanding. But this is a lie on their part, hence Allah (ﷻ) said: ﴿Nay, Allah has cursed them for their disbelief﴾ that is, they are cast away and cursed because of their disbelief and the believers among them are few, or they have little faith and it is their disbelief that is prevalent.



﴿وَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ كِتَابٌ مِّنْ عِندِ اللَّهِ مُصَدِّقٌ لِّمَا مَعَهُمْ وَكَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ يَسْتَفْتِحُونَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ مَا عَرَفُوا كَفَرُوا بِهِ فَلَعْنَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ﴾^(٨٩) يَنْسَمَا أَشْرَوْا بِهِ أَنْفُسَهُمْ أَنْ يَكْفُرُوا بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ بَعِيًّا أَنْ يُنَزِّلَ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ عَلَى مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ قَبَاءً وَيُغْضِبَ عَلَى غَضَبٍ وَلِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ﴾^(٩٠) (سورة البقرة: ٨٩-٩٠)

- 2:89. And now that there has come to them a Book from Allah, confirming what is with them – although in the past they used to pray for victory against those who disbelieved – when there comes to them that which they recognise as truth, they disbelieve in it; the curse of Allah is upon the disbelievers.
- 2:90. How miserable is the price for which they have sold their souls, in that they reject that which Allah has sent down, out of resentment that Allah would send it down by His grace upon any of His slaves He chooses: Thus have they incurred wrath upon wrath. And for the disbelievers there will be a humiliating punishment.