

«And [remember] when We took a covenant from you and We raised the Mount above you, [saying]: Hold fast to that which We have given you and listen» that is, listen to it, accept it, obey and respond «they said: We hear and we disobey» that is, this is how they were. «And their hearts were filled with love of the calf» that is, love of the calf and love of worshipping it was instilled in their hearts, because of their disbelief.

«Say: How wretched is that which your faith commands you to do, if you are believers» that is, you claim to believe and boast about having the true religion, yet you killed the Prophets of Allah and took the calf as a god instead of Allah, when your Prophet Moosâ was absent from you, and you did not accept his commands and prohibitions except after receiving threats and after the Mount was raised above you. Then you paid lip service to commitment, but your actions contradicted that. So what is this faith that you claim to have, and what is this religion?

If this is faith, as you claim, then how wretched is the faith that calls its followers to transgression, disbelief in the Messengers of Allah and great disobedience, when it is well known that true faith enjoins its followers to do all that is good and forbids them to do all that is evil. Thus their lies were highlighted and the contradiction (between their words and deeds) became evident.



﴿قُلْ إِنْ كَانَتْ لَكُمْ الدَّارُ الْآخِرَةُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ خَالِصَةً مِنْ دُونِ النَّاسِ فَتَمَنَّوْا الْمَوْتَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٩٦﴾ وَلَنْ يَتَمَنَّوْهُ أَبَدًا بِمَا قَدَّمْتُمْ أَيْدِيَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِالظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٩٧﴾ وَلَنَجْذِثَهُمْ أَخْرَصَ النَّاسِ عَلَى حَيَوتِهِمْ مِنَ الَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا يَوْمَ أَحَدُهُمْ لَوْ يُعَمَّرُ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ وَمَا هُوَ بِمُرَحَّضٍ مِنْهُ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ أَنْ يُعَمَّرَ وَاللَّهُ بَصِيرٌ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٩٨﴾﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٩٤-٩٦)