

greedier for life than anyone else, even the polytheists who did not believe in any of the Messengers or Books.

Then Allah mentioned the intensity of their love for this world: «Each one of them wishes that he could be granted a life of a thousand years». This highlights how eager they were to live, as they wished for something that is impossible. However, even if they were to live for that number of years, it would not avail them anything or ward off any of the punishment.

«For Allah sees well all that they do» – this is a threat to them of punishment for their deeds.



﴿قُلْ مَنْ كَانَ عَدُوًّا لِجِبْرِيلَ فَإِنَّهُ نَزَّلَهُ عَلَى قَلْبِكَ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَهُدًى وَبُشْرَى لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٩٧﴾ مَنْ كَانَ عَدُوًّا لِلَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَجِبْرِيلَ وَمِيكَالَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَدُوٌّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٩٨﴾﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٩٧-٩٨)

2:97. Say: Whoever is an enemy to Jibreel – for he brings down the [revelation] to your heart by Allah's leave, a confirmation of what came before it, and guidance and glad tidings to the believers –

2:98. Whoever is an enemy to Allah and His angels and Messengers, to Jibreel and Meekâl [Meekâ'eel], then indeed, Allah is an enemy to the disbelievers.

That is, say to these Jews, who claim that what is preventing them from believing in you is the fact that your protector is Jibreel (جبريل), and if it were anyone else among the angels of Allah, they would have believed in you, that this claim of yours is flawed and self-contradictory, and it is arrogance towards Allah. That is because Jibreel (جبريل) is the one who brought down the Qur'an to your heart