

With regard to asking in order to learn and understand, this is something praiseworthy and was enjoined by Allah when He said:

﴿...So [O people] ask those who have knowledge, if you do not know.﴾ (an-Nahl 16: 43)

This is something of which He approves, as He says: ﴿They ask you about intoxicants and gambling﴾ (2: 219). And: ﴿They ask you concerning [the property of] orphans﴾ (2: 220). And so on.

Because the kind of asking that is forbidden is blameworthy, it may lead the one who asks to disbelief, as Allah says: ﴿Whoever exchanges faith for disbelief has strayed from the right path﴾.

Then He tells them about the envy of many of the People of the Book, which has reached such a point that they wished ﴿they could turn you back to disbelief after you have believed﴾, and they strove to achieve that, plotting and planning, but their plot backfired on them, as Allah (ﷻ) says:

﴿A group among the People of the Book say: [Claim to] believe in the morning in what is revealed to the believers, but reject it at the end of the day; perhaps they may turn back [from Islam].﴾ (Āl 'Imrān 3: 72)

That was because of the envy they had in their hearts.

Hence Allah enjoined the believers to respond to their extreme mistreatment with forgiveness and to overlook it until He gave His command.

Then after that, Allah gave His command to them to fight in jihad. Thus Allah gave the believers the satisfaction of settling the score with them. So they killed some, took some prisoner and expelled others. ﴿for Allah has power over all things﴾.

Then Allah commanded them to make the most of the present time by establishing the prayer, giving zakāh and doing all kinds of acts of worship. He promised them that whatever they did of good would never be lost with Allah; rather they would find it with Him in abundance, as He would preserve it. ﴿for Allah sees well all that you do﴾.