



﴿وَقَالُوا لَنْ يَدْخُلَ الْجَنَّةَ إِلَّا مَنْ كَانَ هُودًا أَوْ نَصْرَىٰ تِلْكَ أَمَانِيُّهُمْ قُلْ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿١١١﴾ بَلَىٰ مَنْ أَسْلَمَ وَجْهَهُ لِلَّهِ وَهُوَ مُحْسِنٌ فَلَهُ أَجْرُهُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿١١٢﴾﴾ (سورة

البقرة: ١١١-١١٢)

- 2:111. And they say: No one will enter paradise unless he is a Jew or a Christian. That is their own wishful thinking. Say: Produce your evidence if you are telling the truth.
- 2:112. Nay, whoever submits himself [completely] to Allah and is a doer of good will have his reward with his Lord; they will have no fear, nor will they grieve.

That is, the Jews said: No one will ever enter paradise except one who is a Jew. The Christians said: No one will ever enter paradise except one who is a Christian. Thus they ruled that paradise was for them alone. But this was just wishful thinking that cannot be accepted unless it is accompanied by proof and evidence. So ﴿Produce your evidence if you are telling the truth﴾.

The same applies to anyone who makes a claim; he must supply proof to the validity of his claim, otherwise if it was met by an opposing claim from someone else, and he had no proof either, then there would be no difference between the two. Evidence is that which proves or disproves a claim; as they have no proof, it is known that this claim of theirs is false.

Then Allah describes the ruling that is based on clear proof, which is general in application, as He says: ﴿Nay﴾, the matter is not as you wish or claim. Rather ﴿whoever submits himself [completely] to Allah﴾ that is, is sincere to Allah alone in his deeds and turns to Him with all his heart