

a state of fear and humiliation. Because they terrorised the slaves of Allah, Allah cast fear in their hearts. When the polytheists prevented the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) from reaching Makkah, it was not long before Allah gave permission to His Messenger (ﷺ) to conquer Makkah and prevent the polytheists from coming near His House, as He said:

﴿O you who believe, truly the polytheists are impure, so do not let them come near the Sacred Mosque after this [final] year...﴾
(at-Tawbah 9: 28)

As for the people of the elephant, Allah told us what happened to them; with regard to the Christians, Allah gave the believers power over them and they took Bayt al-Maqdis away from them.

This applies to everyone who meets this description; Allah's justice will inevitably overtake him. This is one of the great signs of which the Creator spoke before it happened, and it happened as foretold. The scholars quoted this verse as evidence that it is not permissible to permit the disbelievers to enter the mosques.

﴿For them there is disgrace﴾ that is, shame and scandal, as mentioned above, ﴿in this world and grievous punishment in the hereafter﴾.

As there is no one who does greater evil than those who prevent the name of Allah from being mentioned in His mosques, then there is no one who has greater faith than the one who strives to tend the mosques in both a physical and metaphorical sense, as Allah (ﷻ) says: ﴿The mosques of Allah are only to be visited and tended by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day...﴾ (at-Tawbah 9: 18)

Indeed, Allah (ﷻ) enjoined that His houses should be venerated and honoured, as He says:

﴿[Such lamps are lit] in houses [mosques] which Allah has ordained to be built so that His name may be remembered therein...﴾ (an-Noor 24: 36)