

Here Allah (ﷻ) tells us that those to whom He sent the Book and on whom He bestowed His great favour, ﴿read it as it should be read﴾ that is, they follow it as it should be followed. Reading (*tilâwah*, *lit.* recitation) may mean following. So they regard as permissible that which it permits, they regard as forbidden that which it forbids, they act upon its clear and unambiguous verses, and they believe in its ambiguous verses. These are the ones among the People of the Book who are blessed, those who acknowledge the blessings of Allah and give thanks for them; they believe in all the Messengers and do not differentiate between any of them.

These are the true believers, not those among them who said: ﴿We believe in that which was revealed to us; yet they disbelieve in that which came after it﴾ (2: 91). Hence, Allah warned them by saying: ﴿And those who disbelieve in it, they are the losers.﴾ (2: 121).

We have discussed previously the commentary on the following verse.



﴿وَإِذْ ابْتَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ رَبُّهُ بِكَلِمَاتٍ فَأَتَمَّهُنَّ قَالَ إِنِّي جَاعِلُكَ لِلنَّاسِ إِمَامًا قَالَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي ۖ قَالَ لَا يَنَالُ عَهْدِي الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٢٤﴾ وَإِذْ جَعَلْنَا الْبَيْتَ مَثَابَةً لِّلنَّاسِ وَأَمْنَا وَاتَّخِذُوا مِن مَّقَامِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ مُصَلًّى ۖ وَعَهِدْنَا إِلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ أَن طَهِّرَا بَيْتِيَ لِلطَّائِفِينَ وَالْمُكَيِّفِينَ وَالرُّكَّعِ السُّجُودِ ﴿١٢٥﴾﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٢٤-١٢٥)

- 2:124. And [remember] when Ibrâheem was tested by his Lord with certain commands, which he fulfilled. He [Allah] said: I will make you a leader of people. He said: And also from among my progeny? He said: My covenant does not extend to the transgressors.
- 2:125. And [remember] when We made the House a focal point for the people, and a sanctuary [and said]: Take the Station of Ibrâheem