



﴿وَإِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا بَلَدًا آمِنًا وَارْزُقْ أَهْلَهُ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ مَنْ آمَنَ مِنْهُمْ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ قَالَ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ فَأُمَتِّعُهُ قَلِيلًا ثُمَّ أَضْطَرُّهُ إِلَىٰ عَذَابِ النَّارِ وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ﴾

(سورة البقرة: ١٢٦)

2:126. And [remember] when Ibrâheem said: My Lord, make this a city of peace, and provide its people with fruits, those among them who believe in Allah and the Last Day. [Allah] said: As for those who disbelieve, I will grant them enjoyment for a short while, but then I will drive them towards the punishment of the fire; what a hapless journey's end.

That is, remember when Ibrâheem prayed for this House and its environs, that Allah should make it a city of peace and provide its people with various kinds of fruits, then he limited this supplication to the believers, out of appropriate manners before Allah, because his first request concerning leadership had been general (in the sense that he prayed for all of his offspring) and the response had been limited to those other than the transgressors among them.

Hence when he prayed for provision for them, he limited it to the believers, although the provision of Allah encompasses believers and disbelievers, disobedient and obedient. Allah said: ﴿As for those who disbelieve﴾ that is, I shall grant provision to all of them, Muslims and disbelievers alike; as for the Muslims, they will use that provision to help them in worshipping Allah, then they will move from that to the delights of paradise; as for the disbelievers, they will enjoy it for a short while

﴿but then I will drive them﴾ that is, force them and bring them reluctantly

﴿towards the punishment of the fire; what a hapless journey's end﴾.