

which is inferior, and he sold his soul for a cheap price. By the same token, there is no one who is wiser or more mature than one who follows the religion of Ibrâheem. Then Allah tells us of Ibrâheem's status in this world and the hereafter:

﴿We chose him in this world﴾ that is, We selected him and guided him to do good deeds, by virtue of which he became one of the chosen and truly good (cf. 38: 47).

﴿and in the hereafter he will be among the righteous﴾ who will have the highest status.

﴿[Remember] when his Lord said to him: Submit [to Me], he said﴾ in obedience to his Lord: ﴿I submit to the Lord of the worlds﴾ with sincerity, affirming His oneness, out of love for Him and turning to Him. So tawḥeed (affirming the oneness of Allah) became his defining characteristic.

Then he passed down that legacy of tawḥeed (pure monotheism) to his descendants, enjoining it upon them and leaving it as a word to endure among those who came after him, that they might turn back (to Allah) (cf. 43: 28). Thus it was handed down from one to another, until it reached Ya'qoob, who enjoined it upon his sons.

So you – O sons of Ya'qoob – see that your father enjoined it upon you in particular, so you are obliged to submit completely and follow the Seal of the Prophets, as Ya'qoob said:

﴿O my sons, Allah has chosen this religion for you﴾ that is, He selected it for you, out of mercy and kindness towards you, so adhere to it, follow it and mould your character in accordance with its teachings, so that you may persist in that; and do not let death come to you except when you are adhering to that, because whoever lives his life following something will die in that state, and whoever dies following something will be resurrected in the same state.

As the Jews claimed to be following the religion of Ibrâheem, and of Ya'qoob after him, Allah said, denouncing them: