

Ibrâheem and other Prophets were neither Jews nor Christians, but they concealed this knowledge and testimony, hence their wrongdoing is the worst. Hence Allah (ﷻ) says: «And who does greater wrong than those who conceal a testimony they have received from Allah?» This is testimony that they have; it was entrusted to them by Allah and not by any created being, so they should have paid attention to it by declaring it, but they concealed it and showed the opposite. Thus they combined the sin of concealing the truth and not speaking it with the propagation of falsehood. Is this not the greatest wrongdoing? Indeed it is, and they will receive the harshest punishment. Hence Allah says: «But Allah is not unaware of what you do». Rather He has recorded and listed their deeds and has stored up the punishment for them. What a bad punishment theirs will be, and what a bad final abode the fire will be. This is the Qur'anic style, to mention the knowledge and power of Allah after verses that refer to the deeds that He will punish.

Then Allah (ﷻ) says:



﴿يَلِكْ أُمَّةٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ وَلَكُمْ مَا كَسَبْتُمْ وَلَا تُسْأَلُونَ عَمَّا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٤١)

2:141. That is a nation which has [already] passed away; they will have what they earned and you will have what you earn, and you will not be questioned about what they used to do.

The meaning of this verse has been discussed above. It is repeated in order to put an end to anyone pinning his hopes on any created being; what matters is the attributes that a person acquires, not the deeds of his forefathers. What really benefits the individual is his deeds and not his lineage.