



﴿وَلِكُلِّ وِجْهَةٍ هُومَوْلِيهَا فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْحَيْرَاتِ ۚ إِنَّ مَا تَكُونُوا يَأْتِي بِكُمْ اللَّهُ جَمِيعًا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٤٨)

2:148. Each community has its own direction to which it turns, so hasten to do good deeds. Wherever you are, Allah will bring you all together, for Allah has power over all things.

That is, the people of each religion have a direction towards which they face in worship. It is not the issue of facing towards a particular direction, because that is one of the laws that may change with time and circumstance, and it is subject to abrogation or to change from one direction to another. Rather what matters is obeying Allah and seeking to draw closer to Him. This is a sign of blessing and piety; if one does not acquire it, he will be a loser in this world and in the hereafter, but if he acquires it, he will be a winner in the true sense of the word. This is something that is agreed upon in all religions, and it is the purpose for which Allah created the universe and enjoined it upon them.

The command to hasten to do good deeds implies more than a command to do good deeds, for hastening to do good deeds implies doing them in the best possible manner, and racing to do that. The one who takes this initiative in this world will be the first to attain paradise in the hereafter, and those who are foremost in the race will be the highest in status.

Good deeds include all obligatory duties, such as prayer, fasting, zakâh, Hajj, 'umrah, jihad and helping others and yourself.

As one of the greatest motivations for hastening to do good deeds is the reward that Allah has connected to such deeds, He says: ﴿Wherever you are, Allah will bring you all together, for Allah has power over all things﴾. He will bring you all together on the Day