

arguing with him. Likewise, there is no point in paying attention to any of the specious arguments that they present to support their view. Hence Allah (ﷻ) said: ﴿So fear them not﴾, because their argument is invalid, and what is invalid is always defeated, as is its proponent. This is unlike the proponent of the truth, for truth always gains the upper hand and prevails; it is the one who has truth on his side who ought to be feared. Allah decreed that He should be feared, and this fear is the foundation of all good. The one who does not fear Allah will not refrain from disobeying Him, and he will not obey His commands.

The Muslims' turning to face towards the Kaaba is a matter that resulted in a great deal of confusion, that was promoted by the People of the Book, the hypocrites and the polytheists. They spoke a great deal about it and presented specious arguments. Hence Allah (ﷻ) explained the matter fully, clarified it and reiterated it in various ways, including this verse.

- He enjoined it three times, although saying it once would have been sufficient.
- Commands were usually either addressed to the Messenger (ﷺ), and the Ummah was included in that, by implication, or they were addressed to the Ummah in general. But in this verse, the command is addressed to the Messenger (ﷺ) in particular: ﴿turn your face﴾, and then to the Ummah in general: ﴿turn your faces﴾.
- Allah refuted all the false arguments that were presented by the stubborn people, addressing them one by one, as explained above.
- He put an end to hope on the part of the People of the Book that the Messenger (ﷺ) would follow the qibla of the People of the Book.
- Allah says: ﴿that is indeed the truth from your Lord﴾. The mere fact that this is a statement from Almighty Allah is sufficient,