

- 2:159. Those who conceal the clear signs and guidance that We have sent down, after We have made it clear for the people in the Book – on them shall be the curse of Allah, and the curse of the cursers,
- 2:160. Except those who repent and mend their ways and openly declare [what they used to conceal]; they are the ones whose repentance I will accept, for I am the Acceptor of repentance, the Most Merciful.
- 2:161. Those who disbelieve, and die as disbelievers – upon them is the curse of Allah and of the angels and of all humankind.
- 2:162. They will remain under it [the curse] forever. The punishment will not be reduced for them, nor will they be given any reprieve.

Although these verses were revealed concerning the People of the Book and what they concealed concerning the Messenger (ﷺ) and his attributes, the ruling is general in meaning and applies to everyone who conceals that which Allah revealed of «clear signs» that confirm and highlight the truth «and guidance», which is knowledge by means of which one is guided to the straight path, and the path that leads to paradise becomes distinct from the path of the people of hell. Allah took a covenant from people of knowledge, that they should explain to the people what Allah has blessed them with of knowledge of the Book and should not conceal it, for whoever ignores the covenant and combines the two evils, of concealing that which Allah has revealed and deceiving the slaves of Allah, «on them shall be the curse of Allah» that is, He will cast them far away from Him and His mercy. «and the curse of the cursers» – this refers to all of creation. The curse will befall them from all of creation, because they strove to mislead people, corrupt their religion and take them away from the mercy of Allah. Thus their punishment will fit their crime. By the same token, if someone teaches the people good, Allah will send blessings upon