

revealing the Books. Once it is known that whatever people have of blessings is from Allah, and that no one in creation can benefit anyone else, this leads to the conclusion that Allah is the only One Who is deserving of all kinds of worship; He is the only One Who is to be loved, feared and venerated, in whom hopes are to be placed and in whom we should trust, and all other kinds of worship.

One of the worst and most abhorrent kinds of transgression is turning away from worship of Allah to worship of His slaves, and to associate those who were created from dust with the Lord of Lords, or to worship a created being that is controlled and helpless in all aspects alongside the Creator Who is in control, the All-Powerful, the Most Strong, Who has subjugated all things and everything is subservient to Him.

In this verse, the oneness and divinity of the Creator are affirmed, by denying that any created being is like Him, and by highlighting the basic evidence for that, which is the affirmation of His mercy, among the results of which are the existence of all blessings and the warding off of all harms. This is evidence, in general terms, of His oneness. In the next verse, detailed evidence is given:



﴿إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَالْفُلْكِ الَّتِي تَجْرِي فِي الْبَحْرِ بِمَا يَنْفَعُ النَّاسَ وَمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مِنْ مَّاءٍ فَأَحْيَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا وَبَثَّ فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ وَتَصْرِيفِ الرِّيْحِ وَالسَّحَابِ الْمُسَخَّرِ بَيْنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٦٤)

2:164. Verily in the creation of the heavens and the earth; in the alternation of the night and the day; in the sailing of the ships through the ocean for the benefit of humankind, in the rain which Allah sends down from the skies, and the life which He gives