

We know what Allah has connected to these matters of reward in this world and in the hereafter, but this is not the place to discuss that in detail.



﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْقِصَاصُ فِي الْقَتْلِ الْحُرُّ بِالْحُرِّ وَالْعَبْدُ بِالْعَبْدِ وَالْأُنْثَىٰ بِالْأُنْثَىٰ ۖ فَمَنْ عُفِيَ لَهُ مِنْ أَخِيهِ شَيْءٌ فَإِنِّبَاعٌ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَأَدَاءٌ إِلَيْهِ بِإِحْسَنٍ ۚ ذَلِكَ تَخْفِيفٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ ۚ فَمَنِ اعْتَدَىٰ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَلَهُ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿١٧٨﴾ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقِصَاصِ حَيَوةٌ يَا أُولِيَ الْأَلْبَابِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٧٩﴾﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٧٨-١٧٩)

2:178. O you who believe, legal retribution is prescribed for you in cases of murder: the free for the free, the slave for the slave, the woman for the woman. But if any remission is made by the victim's next of kin, then blood money should be claimed in a reasonable manner and paid with goodwill. This is a concession and a mercy from your Lord. Whoever transgresses after that will have a painful punishment.

2:179. In this legal retribution there is [saving of] life for you, O people of understanding, so that you may become pious.

Here Allah (ﷻ) reminds His believing slaves of His favour to them in prescribing ﴿legal retribution... in cases of murder﴾, which means equity: the murderer is to be killed in the same manner as that in which he killed his victim, so as to establish justice and fairness among people.

This verse is addressed to the believers in general, which indicates that it is obligatory upon all of them, even the killer's next of kin, and even the killer himself, to help the victim's next of kin if he demands legal retribution. They should hand over the killer, and it is not permissible for them to try to prevent this ḥadd punishment or