



﴿وَقَاتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ وَلَا تَعْدُوا إِيَّاهُ اللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ
 الْمُعَدِّيْنَ ﴿١٩٠﴾ وَأَقْتُلُوهُمْ حَيْثُ تَقْبَلُونَهُمْ وَأَخْرِجُوهُمْ مِنْ حَيْثُ أَخْرَجَكُمُ وَالْفَنَاءُ أَشَدُّ
 مِنَ الْقَتْلِ وَلَا تُقَاتِلُوهُمْ عِنْدَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ حَتَّى يُقَاتِلَكُمْ فِيهِ فَإِنْ قَتَلُوكُمْ فَأَقْتُلُوهُمْ كَذَلِكَ
 جَزَاءُ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٩١﴾ فَإِنْ أَنَّهُوَا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٩٢﴾ وَقَاتِلُوهُمْ حَتَّى لَا تَكُونَ فِتْنَةٌ وَيَكُونَ
 الدِّينُ لِلَّهِ فَإِنْ أَنَّهُوَا فَلَا عُدُونَ إِلَّا عَلَى الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٩٣﴾﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٩٠-١٩٣)

- 2:190. Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but do not overstep the limits, for Allah does not love those who overstep the limits.
- 2:191. And slay them wherever you find them, and drive them out from where they have driven you out, for persecution is worse than slaughter; but do not fight them in the Sacred Mosque, unless they [first] fight you there; but if they fight you, then slay them. Such is the recompense of the disbelievers.
- 2:192. But if they desist, then Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.
- 2:193. Fight them until there is no more worshipping of others along with Allah, and all worship becomes devoted to Allah alone; but if they desist, let there be no more hostility except towards wrongdoers.

These verses include the command to fight for the sake of Allah. This came after the migration to Madinah, when the Muslims had become strong enough to fight. Allah instructed them to fight after they had been instructed to refrain. The stipulation that fighting should only be «in the cause of Allah» is encouragement to make it sincerely for Him alone; this also implies prohibition on getting involved in fighting during turmoil in which Muslims kill other Muslims.

«those who fight you» that is, those who are prepared to fight you. This refers to adult men, not old men who have no contribution to