

«But Allah does not like mischief». As He does not like mischief, He hates and despises the person who spreads mischief in the land, even if he speaks nice words.

This verse indicates that the words that people say do not prove that they are sincere or insincere, righteous or evildoers, unless there are actions that confirm and prove that. Therefore witnesses, and those who are in the right or in the wrong, should be tested by examining their deeds and checking their behaviour and attitude; we should not be deceived by how they present themselves and praise themselves.

Then Allah tells us that if the one who spreads mischief in the land by committing sin is instructed to fear Allah, he arrogantly and stubbornly rejects that advice, and «his arrogance leads him to sin», thus he combines his sinful actions with arrogance towards the sincere advisers.

«Hell» which is the abode of the sinners and the arrogant «is enough for him – what a wretched resting-place» that is, a place to settle and dwell, and unceasing punishment and never-ending distress and despair; the punishment will not be reduced for them and they will have no hope of reward. This is the recompense for their evil deeds. We seek refuge with Allah from ending up like them.



﴿وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يَشْرِى نَفْسَهُ ابْتِغَاءَ مَرْضَاتِ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ رَءُوفٌ  
بِالْعَبَادِ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢٠٧)

2:207. But there are others who would sell their souls to earn the pleasure of Allah. And Allah is Most Compassionate towards His slaves.

These are the ones who are guided, who have sold their souls, regarding them as cheap, and have given them up in order to seek the