

of hell, being punished with all kinds of torment, humiliation and eternal misery that will never end. This verse offers consolation to the believers and condemnation of the disbelievers, because provision in this world and in the hereafter can only come by the decree of Allah, and it cannot be attained except by the will of Allah. Allah (ﷻ) says: ﴿for Allah bestows His abundance without measure on whom He will﴾. Worldly provision is granted to believers and disbelievers alike; as for spiritual provision of knowledge, faith, love of Allah, fear of Him and hope in Him, and the like, He only grants them to those whom He loves.



﴿كَانَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَبَعَثَ اللَّهُ النَّبِيِّنَ مُبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ وَأَنْزَلَ مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ فِي مَا اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ فِيهِ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ أُوتُوهُ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُمْ الْبَيِّنَاتُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ فَهَدَى اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لِمَا اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ مِنَ الْحَقِّ بِإِذْنِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢١٣)

- 2:213. Humankind was one single nation, then Allah sent Messengers with glad tidings and warnings, and with them He sent the scripture in truth, to judge between people in matters wherein they differed. But none differed concerning it except those to whom it was given – after the clear signs had come to them – out of mutual envy. So Allah by His grace guided the believers to the truth concerning that wherein they differed. For Allah guides whom He will to a path that is straight.

People were united in guidance for ten generations after Nooh (ﷺ), then when they differed concerning religion, some of them disbelieved and the rest of them continued to follow the true religion. Disputes and conflicts occurred, and Allah sent the Messengers to