

﴿For Allah guides whom He will to a path that is straight﴾. He calls all of humanity to the straight path, on the basis of His justice and so as to establish proof against them, lest they say: No bearer of glad tidings and no warner came to us. And by His grace and mercy, and with His help and kindness, He guides whomever He will among His slaves. This is His blessing and kindness, and that is his justice and wisdom.



﴿أَمْ حَسِبْتُمْ أَنْ تُدْخَلُوا الْجَنَّةَ وَلَمَّا يَأْتِكُمْ مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ مَسْتَكْمِلِينَ
الْبَاسَاءَ وَالضَّرَاءَ وَزُلْزِلُوا حَتَّى يَقُولَ الرَّسُولُ وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مَعَهُ مَتَى نَصْرُ اللَّهِ ؕ أَلَا إِنَّ
نَصْرَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢١٤)

2:214. Or do you think that you will enter paradise without such [trials] as came to those who passed away before you? They encountered suffering and adversity, and were so shaken in spirit that even the Messenger and the believers who were with him said: When will the help of Allah come? Verily, the help of Allah is [always] near.

Here Allah (ﷻ) tells us that He will inevitably test His slaves with both ease and hardship, as He tested those who came before them. This is His way that never alters or changes. Whoever adheres to His religion and follows His laws will inevitably be tested; if he is patient in bearing the decree of Allah and does not worry about the difficulties he encounters for His sake, then he is the sincere one who has attained true happiness and high status. Whoever regards the trials that befall people as a punishment from Allah, in that hardship deterred him from carrying on what he had committed himself to, then he is insincere in his claim to be a believer, because faith is not