

the reason why, when fighting was ordained for them, they turned away. The latter is reflected in the words: ﴿When they came out against Jâloot and his troops, they said: Our Lord, bestow on us steadfastness and make us stand firm; and grant us victory over the disbelieving people. Thus they defeated them by Allah's leave...﴾ (2: 250-251).

- The wisdom of Allah (ﷻ) dictates that evil be distinct from good, true be distinct from false, and patience be distinct from cowardice. He would not have left the people as they were, mixed and not distinct from one another.
- By His mercy and according to His way, He restrains the harm caused by disbelievers and hypocrites by means of believers who fight. Were it not for that, the world would be filled with mischief when it was overtaken by disbelief and its symbols.



﴿تِلْكَ الرُّسُلُ فَضَّلْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ عَلَى بَعْضٍ مِنْهُمْ مَنْ كَلَّمَ اللَّهُ وَرَفَعَ بَعْضَهُمْ دَرَجَاتٍ ۚ وَآتَيْنَا عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَيَّدْنَاهُ بِرُوحِ الْقُدُسِ ۖ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مَا أَقْتَلَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُمْ الْبَيِّنَاتُ وَلَكِنْ اخْتَلَفُوا فَعِنْهُمْ مَنْ ءَامَنَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ كَفَرَ ۚ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مَا أَقْتَلُوا وَلَكِنْ اللَّهُ يَفْعَلُ مَا يُرِيدُ﴾

(سورة البقرة: ٢٥٣)

2:253. Those Messengers: We favoured some above others. There are some to whom Allah spoke directly; others He raised in rank; to 'Eesâ the son of Maryam We gave clear signs and supported him with the Pure Spirit. If Allah had so willed, those who came after them would not have fought one another after clear signs had come to them, but they disagreed among themselves, some believing and others disbelieving. If Allah had so willed, they