

other people. Without that, the individual will not be able to attain that level of perfection, because Allah (ﷻ) has created His slave with the inclination to worship Him, love good and seek truth. So Allah sent the Messengers to remind them of that which is already instilled in their nature and their minds, and to explain to them that which they did not know. People may be divided into two categories: (the first of which is) those who responded to their call, and knew what would benefit them and did it, and they knew what would harm them and avoided it. These are the people of perfect understanding and sound reason. The second category is those who did not respond to their call; rather they followed that which was in accordance with their evil inclinations, and they failed to obey the Lord of humanity. These are not people of understanding. Hence Allah (ﷻ) says: ﴿but none will bear this in mind except people of understanding﴾.



﴿وَمَا أَنْفَقْتُمْ مِنْ نَفَقَةٍ أَوْ نَذَرْتُمْ مِنْ نَذْرٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُهُ، وَمَا لِلظَّالِمِينَ مِنْ أَنْصَارٍ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢٧٠)

2:270. And whatever you spend in charity or whatever vows you make, then verily Allah knows it all. But for the wrongdoers there are no helpers.

This verse speaks of the reward for all types of spending, obligatory and recommended, great or small, that Allah has enjoined, as well as vows by which a person commits himself to something. Allah (ﷻ) knows them and nothing is hidden from Him; He knows the intention behind them, whether it is sincerely for His sake or not. If it is based on sincerity and seeking the pleasure of Allah, He will reward it abundantly. If a person does not spend what is enjoined upon him and does not fulfil the vows to which he committed himself, or he