

between east and west. What a wretched companion! ﴿ (az-Zukhruf 43: 38)

By Allah, giving up every desire and pleasure, even if it is difficult to do so in this world, is easier than suffering all these pains and exposure before people (on the Day of Judgement). But because of wrongdoing and ignorance, a person may focus only on the present moment and not have the rational thinking to see the consequences and thus do that which would benefit him in this world and in the hereafter, and refrain from that which will harm him in both realms. Then Allah reiterates the admonition to fear Him, out of kindness and mercy towards us, lest our hearts become hard with the passage of time. This is a combination between encouragement that leads to hope and righteous deeds and warnings that lead to fear of Allah and giving up sin, as He says:

﴿But Allah admonishes you to fear Him. And Allah is Most Compassionate towards His slaves﴾.

We ask Him to bless us with consciousness of Him at all times, so that we will not do that which incurs His wrath and punishment.



﴿قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ﴾

﴿(سورة آل عمران: ٣١)﴾

3:31. Say: If you love Allah then follow me; Allah will love you and forgive you your sins: For Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

This verse speaks of the obligation to love Allah and explains the signs, consequences and fruits thereof.

﴿Say: If you love Allah﴾ that is, you claim this lofty status, above which there is no other, but it is not sufficient to make mere claims;