

«But if they turn away» that is, if they turn away from obeying Allah and His Messenger, there is no recourse for them except disbelief and obedience to every rebellious devil:

«About whom it is decreed that whoever takes him as an ally, he will lead him astray and guide him to the punishment of the raging fire.» (al-Hajj 22: 4)

Hence Allah says: «But if they turn away, Allah does not love the disbelievers»; rather He hates them and despises them, and punishes them in the severest manner. It is as if this verse is explaining what it means to follow His Messenger, which is by obeying Allah and obeying His Messenger. This is following in the true sense.



﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَىٰ آدَمَ وَنُوحًا وَآلَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَآلَ عِمْرَانَ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ﴾ (٣٣) ذُرِّيَّةً
بَعْضُهَا مِنْ بَعْضٍ وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٣٤﴾ إِذْ قَالَتِ امْرَأَتُ عِمْرَانَ رَبِّ إِنِّي نَذَرْتُ لَكَ مَا فِي
بَطْنِي مُحَرَّرًا فَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٣٥﴾ فَلَمَّا وَضَعَتْهَا قَالَتْ رَبِّ إِنِّي وَضَعْتُهَا
أُنْثَىٰ وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا وَضَعْتَ وَلَيْسَ الذَّكَرُ كَالْأُنْثَىٰ وَإِنِّي سَمِعْتُهَا مَرِيem وَإِنِّي أُعِيدُهَا
لَكَ وَذُرِّيَّتَهَا مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ﴿٣٦﴾ فَتَقَبَّلَهَا رَبُّهَا بِقَبُولٍ حَسَنٍ وَأَنْبَتَهَا نَبَاتًا
حَسَنًا وَكَفَّلَهَا زَكَرِيَّا كُلَّمَا دَخَلَ عَلَيْهَا الْعِمْرَابُ وَجَدَ عِنْدَهَا رِزْقًا قَالَ يَنْعَزِمُ أَنَّي
لَكَ هَذَا قَالَتْ هُوَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ﴿٣٧﴾ (سورة آل

عمران: ٣٣-٣٧)

3:33. Allah chose Adam and Nooh, the family of Ibrâheem, and the family of 'Imrân above all of creation.²³

3:34. They were descendants one of another. And Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

²³ Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) is the best of Allah's creation, and he is included in the family of Ibrâheem mentioned here.