

refutation of the Christians who say that 'Eesâ is God or the son of God; it is an affirmation on his part that he is a slave under orders and a created being, as he said:

﴿... Verily, I am a slave of Allah; He has given me the Book and made me a Prophet.﴾ (Maryam 19: 30)

﴿When Allah says: O 'Eesâ son of Maryam, did you say to people: Take me and my mother as two gods besides Allah? He ['Eesâ] will say: Glory be to You! It is not proper for me to say that which I have no right [to say]. If I had said it, You would surely have known it... I said nothing to them except that which You commanded me [to say]: Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord...﴾ (al-Mâ'idah 5: 116-117)

﴿This﴾ that is, worshipping and fearing Allah and obeying His Messenger ﴿is a straight path﴾ that leads to Allah and to His paradise; anything other than that is a way that leads to hell.

﴿When 'Eesâ came to know of their disbelief﴾ that is, when he saw that they were not accepting what he said, and they said that it was obvious sorcery, and they thought of killing him and tried to do that, ﴿he said: Who will be my helpers in the cause of Allah?﴾ That is, who will help me and stand with me in support of Allah's religion? ﴿The disciples﴾, who were the helpers, ﴿said: We will be helpers [in the cause] of Allah﴾ that is, they offered their support and did that, and they said: ﴿We believe in Allah; bear witness that we are Muslims﴾.

﴿Our Lord! We believe in what You have revealed, and we follow the Messenger, so record us among those who bear witness [to the truth]﴾ that is, beneficial testimony, bearing witness to the oneness of Allah (tawḥeed) and believing in His Messenger, and adhering to that. When they stood with 'Eesâ in support of Allah's religion and established His laws, some of the Children of Israel believed whilst others disbelieved. Then the two groups fought, and Allah supported those who had believed against their enemies, and thus they were victorious. Hence Allah (ﷻ) says here: