

they would be the ones who are beloved to Allah, the pious for whom paradise is prepared, and they would be the best and the most honoured of Allah's creation, unlike those who say, we are under no obligation towards the unlettered. The latter are included in the verse in which Allah says: ﴿As for those who sell Allah's covenant and their own oaths for a small price...﴾. That includes anyone who makes any worldly gains in return for overlooking the rights of Allah or the rights of His slaves. It also includes the one who swears an oath in order to acquire the property of another to which he has no right; such a one is also included in this verse. These are the ones who ﴿shall have no share in the hereafter﴾ that is, they will have no share of good.

﴿Allah will not speak to them﴾ on the Day of Resurrection, because He will be angry with them, as they gave precedence to their own whims and desires over pleasing their Lord

﴿nor will He purify them﴾ that is, He will not purify them of their sins nor free them from their faults

﴿and theirs will be a painful punishment﴾ that is, it will be painful both psychologically and physically; this is the punishment of the divine wrath and being kept away from Him, and the punishment of hell. We ask Allah to keep us safe and sound.



﴿وَإِنَّ مِنْهُمْ لَفَرِيقًا يَلْوُنَ أَلْسِنَتَهُم بِالْكِتَابِ لِتَحْسَبُوهُ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمَا هُوَ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَيَقُولُونَ هُوَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ وَمَا هُوَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ وَيَقُولُونَ عَلَى اللَّهِ الْكَذِبَ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ﴾ (سورة آل عمران: ٧٨)

- 3:78. There are some among them who distort the Book with their tongues, so that you would think it is part of the Book, but it is not part of the Book; and they say: This is from Allah, but it is not from Allah. And they tell lies about Allah knowingly.