

This is an expression of something being very unlikely; that is, it is very unlikely that Allah would guide people who chose disbelief and misguidance after having believed and testified that the Messenger (ﷺ) was true on the basis of what he brought to them of clear signs and definitive proof.

﴿But Allah does not guide people who are wrongdoers﴾. These people did wrong and abandoned the truth after having come to know it, and they followed falsehood even though they knew it was false, wrongfully and stubbornly, and on the basis of their own whims and desires. Hence these people will not be shown the path of guidance, because the one who it is hoped will be guided is the one who did not know the truth but is keen to seek it. Such a one is deserving of being shown the path of guidance and being protected from misguidance by Allah.

Then Allah tells us of the punishment of these stubborn wrongdoers in this world and in the hereafter, as He says:

﴿The requital of such people is that upon them is the curse of Allah, the angels and all humankind. They will remain under it forever. Their punishment will not be alleviated, nor will they be given respite﴾. That is, the punishment is not reduced for them, not even for a moment, either by being stopped altogether or by being reduced in intensity. ﴿nor will they be given respite﴾ that is, they will not be given any reprieve, because the time for respite has passed and Allah has left them no excuse, as He caused them to live for a long time but they did not heed the admonition. If there had been any good in them, it would have shown, and if they were to return to this world they would go back to their evil ways.



﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بَعْدَ إِيمَانِهِمْ ثُمَّ أَزْدَادُوا كُفْرًا لَنْ تُقْبَلَ تَوْبَتُهُمْ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ
الضَّالُّونَ ۝ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَمَاتُوا وَهُمْ كُفَّارٌ فَلَنْ يُفْعَلَ مِنْ أَحَدِهِمْ مَلَأٌ