

أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِهَذَا مَثَلًا يُضِلُّ بِهِ كَثِيرًا وَيَهْدِي بِهِ كَثِيرًا وَمَا يُضِلُّ بِهِ إِلَّا الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٢٦﴾ الَّذِينَ يَنْقُضُونَ عَهْدَ اللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مِيثَاقِهِ وَيَقْطَعُونَ مَا أَمَرَ اللَّهُ بِهِ أَنْ يُوصَلَ وَيُفْسِدُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ ﴿سورة البقرة:

(٢٧-٢٦)

- 2:26. Allah is not ashamed to present an example – that of a mosquito, or of something even more insignificant. Those who believe know that it is truth from their Lord; but those who disbelieve say: What does Allah mean by this example? He causes many to go astray thereby and He guides many thereby, but He does not cause any to go astray thereby except the evildoers.
- 2:27. Those who break Allah's covenant after it has been made binding, and sever the bonds that Allah has commanded to be upheld, and spread mischief in the land – they are the ones who are the losers.

«Allah is not ashamed to present an example» and it does not matter what it is

«that of a mosquito, or of something even more insignificant», because these examples or likenesses convey wisdom and highlight the truth, and Allah is not ashamed to tell the truth. It is as if this is a response to those who disliked the giving of examples that referred to insignificant things and objected to Allah doing such a thing. But there is no room for objection here; rather this is a means by which Allah teaches His slaves and it is a sign of His mercy towards them. So it should be accepted gratefully. Hence Allah says:

«Those who believe know that it is truth from their Lord», so they understand it and ponder its meaning. If they understand its message in a comprehensive manner, then their faith and belief will be increased thereby; if not, they still acknowledge that it is truth and that its meaning is true, even if the message is unclear to them. That is because