

Evildoing (*fisq*) is of two types, the first of which is that which puts one beyond the pale of Islam, such as that which is mentioned in this and similar verses. The second type does not put one beyond the pale of Islam, as mentioned in the verse in which Allah (ﷻ) says: ﴿O you who believe, if a wrongdoer comes to you with any news, investigate [and verify the facts]...﴾ (*al-Hujurât* 49: 6)

Then Allah describes the evildoers:

﴿Those who break Allah's covenant after it has been made binding﴾. This includes covenants between them and Him as well as covenants between them and other people which Allah has made binding upon them in the strongest terms, but they do not care about those binding obligations; rather they break them, ignore His commands, do that which He has forbidden and transgress the covenants between them and other people.

﴿and sever the bonds that Allah has commanded to be upheld﴾. This includes many things. Allah has commanded us to uphold the bond between us and Him by believing in Him, carrying out duties as His slaves. He has commanded us to uphold the bond between us and His Messenger (ﷺ) by believing in him, loving him, respecting him and fulfilling our duties towards him. He has also commanded us to uphold the bonds between us and our parents, relatives, friends and all other people by respecting those rights that Allah has commanded us to uphold.

The believers uphold the bonds that Allah has commanded us to uphold and they fulfil the related duties in a proper manner. The evildoers, on the other hand, sever those bonds and ignore them completely, replacing them with evildoing, breaking of ties and striving in sin; this is spreading mischief in the land.

﴿they﴾ namely those who meet this description ﴿are the ones who are the losers﴾ in this world and in the hereafter. They are the only ones who are losers, because their losses affect them in all circumstances,