

whatever they do or say. They do not achieve any success at all, because the condition for righteous deeds to be accepted is faith, so the one who has no faith has no righteous deeds to his credit. This kind of loss is the result of disbelief. However, with regard to that loss that may be the result of disbelief, committing sins or neglecting to do deeds that are recommended, as mentioned in the verse in which Allah says:

﴿Verily man is in a state of utter loss.﴾ (al- 'Aşr 103: 2)

– this is general in application and may include all humans, except those who have the characteristics of faith and righteous deeds, and exhort one another to hold fast to the truth and exhort one another to hold fast to patience (cf. 103: 3). What loss really means is missing out on something good that one could have achieved and that was within one's means.



﴿كَيْفَ تَكْفُرُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَكُنْتُمْ أَمْوَاتًا فَأَحْيَاكُمْ ثُمَّ يُمِيتُكُمْ ثُمَّ يُحْيِيكُمْ ثُمَّ إِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢٨)

- 2:28. How can you disbelieve in Allah, when you were lifeless, then He gave you life, then He will cause you to die, then He will bring you back to life, then to Him you will return?

This is a question which is intended to reflect astonishment as well as to rebuke and denounce. In other words, how could you disbelieve in Allah, Who created you from nothing and bestowed upon you all types of blessings, then He will cause you to die when you reach the appointed time, and He will requite you in the grave, then He will bring you back to life at the time of the Resurrection, then to Him you will return and He will repay you in full? As you are under His