

Allah and hope for that which is with Him makes them do it happily, because they have the hope of reward and the fear of punishment. This is unlike the one who is not like that, for he has no motivation to do it, and if he does do it, it is one of the most burdensome of things for him.

Humility means submission of the heart, being tranquil and turning to Allah (ﷻ), expressing one's utter need of Him, having faith in Him and believing in the meeting with Him.

Hence He says: ﴿Who are certain that they are going to meet their Lord﴾, and He will requite them for their deeds ﴿and that to Him they will return﴾. This belief is what makes acts of worship easier for them, gives them consolation at the time of calamity, raises their spirits at the time of crisis and deters them from doing bad deeds. They are the ones who will find eternal bliss in paradise. As for the one who does not believe in the meeting with his Lord, prayer and other acts of worship are among the most difficult things for him.

Then Allah again reminds the Children of Israel of His blessings, as an exhortation and warning, and He instils in them fear of the Day of Resurrection, ﴿when no soul﴾, even if it is one of the noble souls, such as the Prophets and the righteous, ﴿shall avail﴾ that is, be able to help ﴿another﴾, even if the latter is the closest of family members ﴿at all﴾ in any way, great or small; rather the only thing that will benefit an individual is righteous deeds that he sent on ahead.

﴿and neither intercession nor ransom will be accepted from it﴾ that is, that soul will not be able to intercede for anyone without the permission of Allah and His approval of the one for whom intercession is sought, for Allah does not accept any deed except that which is intended for His sake and is in accordance with the straight path and the Sunnah. And no ransom will be accepted either: