

﴿If the wrongdoers had everything on earth, and as much again with it, they would offer it to ransom themselves from the terrible punishment on the Day of Resurrection...﴾ (az-Zumar 39: 47)

But that will not be accepted from them, ﴿nor will they be helped﴾ that is, no harm will be warded off from them. This highlights the fact that there will be no benefit from any created being in any way. The words ﴿no soul shall avail another at all﴾ have to do with obtaining benefits, and the words ﴿nor will they be helped﴾ have to do with warding off harm.

﴿neither intercession nor ransom will be accepted from it﴾ – there will be no benefit from anyone that a person could seek in return for something, such as a ransom or intercession. This makes a person cut off any attachment to created beings, because he knows that they cannot bring him the slightest benefit; and it makes him put all his trust in Allah, Who is the One Who brings benefits and wards off harm; so he should worship Him alone, with no partner or associate, and seek His help in worshipping Him.



﴿وَإِذْ نَجَّيْنَاكُمْ مِّنْ ءَالِ فِرْعَوْنَ يَسُومُونَكُمْ سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ يُدَبِّحُونَ أَبْنَاءَكُمْ وَيَسْتَحْيُونَ نِسَاءَكُمْ وَفِي ذَٰلِكُمْ بَلَاءٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٤٦﴾ وَإِذْ فَرَقْنَا بِكُمُ الْبَحْرَ فَأَنجَيْنَاكُمْ وَأَغْرَقْنَا ءَالَ فِرْعَوْنَ وَأَنْتُمْ نَنْظُرُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾ وَإِذْ وَعَدْنَا مُوسَىٰ أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً ثُمَّ أَخَذْنَا الْعِجْلَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ وَأَنْتُمْ ظَالِمُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾ ثُمَّ عَقَوْنَا عَنْكُمْ مِّنْ بَعْدِ ذَٰلِكَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾ وَإِذْ ءَاتَيْنَا مُوسَىٰ الْكِتَابَ وَالْفُرْقَانَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾ وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ يَنْقُومِ إِلَّائِكُمْ ظَلَمْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ بِاتِّخَاذِكُمُ الْعِجْلَ فَتُوبُوا إِلَىٰ بَارِيكُمْ فَاقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ عِنْدَ بَارِيكُمْ فَتَابَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِنَّهُ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٥١﴾ وَإِذْ قُلْتُمْ يَمُوسَىٰ لَن نُّؤْمِنَ لَكَ حَتَّىٰ نَرَى اللَّهَ جَهْرَةً فَأَخَذَتْكُمُ