



﴿وَإِذْ قُلْنَا ادْخُلُوا هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةَ فَكُلُوا مِنْهَا حَيْثُ شِئْتُمْ رَغَدًا وَادْخُلُوا الْبَابَ  
سُجَّدًا وَقُولُوا حِطَّةٌ نَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ خَطِيئَتَكُمْ وَسَيَزِيدُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾ فَبَدَّلَ الَّذِينَ  
ظَلَمُوا قَوْلًا غَيْرَ الَّذِي قِيلَ لَهُمْ فَأَنْزَلْنَا عَلَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا رِجْزًا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ بِمَا  
كَانُوا يَفْسُقُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٥٨-٥٩)

- 2:58. And [remember] when We said: Go into this town, and eat freely from it wherever you may wish; but enter the gate bowing down [with humility] and say: Relieve us [from the burden of our sins]. We will forgive you your sins and increase [the reward] of those who do good.
- 2:59. But the wrongdoers changed the word to something other than what they had been told; so We sent down upon the wrongdoers a plague from heaven, because of their defiant disobedience.

This is a further part of the blessings that Allah bestowed upon them after they had disobeyed Him. He commanded them to enter a town, which would become a place where they could settle and live a life of dignity, and in which they would have abundant provision. But they were to enter it showing humility towards Allah in their actions, by entering the gate ﴿bowing down [with humility]﴾, and in their words, by saying: ﴿Relieve us [from the burden of our sins]﴾, asking Allah to relieve them of their sins by virtue of their asking Him for His forgiveness.

﴿We will forgive you your sins﴾ by virtue of your asking for forgiveness

﴿and increase [the reward] of those who do good﴾ by virtue of their good deeds, by granting them reward in this world and in the hereafter

﴿But the wrongdoers changed the word﴾ that is, the wrongdoers among them. This means that not all of them did this, because not all of them changed the word.