204. When the Qur'an is read, listen to it with attention, and hold your peace: that you may receive Mercy.
205. And you (O reader!) bring your Lord to remembrance in your (very) soul, with humility and in reverence, without loudness in words, in the mornings and evenings; and you be not of those who are unheedful.
206. Those who are near to your Lord, do not disdain to do Him worship: they celebrate His praises, and bow down before Him.

The Spoils of War
In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

1. They ask you concerning (things taken as) spoils of war. Say: "(Such) spoils are at the disposal of Allah and the Apostle: so fear Allah, and keep straight the relations between yourselves: obey Allah and His Apostle, if you do believe."
2. For, Believers are those who, when Allah is mentioned, feel a tremor in their hearts, and when they hear His Signs rehearsed, find their faith strengthened, and put (all) their trust in their Lord;
3. Who establish regular prayers and spend (freely) out of the gifts We have given them for sustenance;
4. Such in truth are the Believers: they have grades of dignity with their Lord, and forgiveness, and generous sustenance:
5. Just as your Lord ordered you out of your house in truth, even though a party among the Believers
6. Disputing with you concerning the truth after it was made manifest, as if they were being driven to death and they (actually) saw it.

7. Behold! Allah promised you one of the two (enemy) parties, that it should be yours: you wished that the one unarmmed should be yours, but Allah willed to justify the Truth according to His words and to cut off the roots of the Unbelievers;- 

8. That He might justify Truth and prove Falsehood false, distasteful though it be to those in guilt.

9. Remember you implored the assistance of your Lord, and He answered you: “I will assist you with a thousand of the angels, ranks on ranks.”

10. Allah made it but a message of hope, and an assurance to your hearts: (in any case) there is no help except from Allah: and Allah is Exalted in Power, Wise.

11. Remember He covered you with a sort of drowsiness, to give you calm as from Himself, and He caused rain to descend on you from heaven, to clean you therewith, to remove from you the stain of Satan, to strengthen your hearts, and to plant your feet firmly therewith.

12. Remember your Lord inspired the angels (with the message): “I am with you: give firmness to the Believers: I will instil terror into the hearts of the Unbelievers: you smite above their necks

lakaariroon.

6. Yujaadiloonaaka fil-qaqqi ba'da maa tabayyana ka-
annaamaa yusaqoono ilkalmawti wa hum yanzuroon.

7. Wa iz ya'idukum-lauhu ihdat-ta'aa ifatayni annahaa lakum wa tawaddoono anna ghayra zaatish-shawkati takoonu lakum wa yuredul-
laahu an-yuhiqal-haqqa bikalimaathee wa yata'a daabiral-kaafireen.

8. Liyuhiqal-haqqa wa yuhiilul-baatifa wa law karihal-murrimoon.

9. Iz tastagheesoono Rabba-
kum fastajaaabu lakum annec mumiddukum bi-al-imimal-
malaau'iikati murdifeen.

10. Wa maa ja'alahlul-laah allaa bushraa wa liita ma biihe quloobukum; wa man-nasru-
illaah min andil-laah; inna-
laaha 'Azeezun Hakeem.

11. Iz yughasheekumun-
u'aasa amanatam-miinhu wa yunazzinu 'alaykum minas-
maaa'i maa'al-liyutah-
hirakum biibhe wa yughiba
ankum rizash Shaytaani wa liyarbita 'ala quloobukum wa
yuqshabbita bihil-al-daam.

12. Iz yoolheee Rabbuka
Ilal-malaai'ikati anne ma'akum faqashstitu-l-lazeena aamanoo; sa-ulqee fee quloobil-lazeena kafaru-ruba fa'adriboo fawqal-a'naaqi
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21. Nor be like those who say, “We hear,” but do not listen.

22. For the worst of beasts in the sight of Allah are the deaf and the dumb, those who do not understand.

23. If Allah had found in them any good, He would indeed have made them listen: (as it is), if He had made them listen, they would but have turned back and declined (Faith).

24. O you who believe! give your response to Allah and His Apostle, when He calls you to that which will give you life; and know that Allah comes in between a man and his heart, and that it is He to Whom you shall (all) be gathered.

25. And fear tumult or oppression, which affects not in particular (only) those of you who do wrong: and know that Allah is strict in punishment.

26. Call to mind when you were a small (band), deemed weak through the land, and afraid that men might despoil and kidnap you; but He provided a safe asylum for you, strengthened you with His aid, and gave you good things for sustenance: that you might be grateful.

27. O you that believe! do not betray the trust of Allah and the Apostle, nor misappropriate knowingly things entrusted to you.

28. And you should know that your possessions and your progeny are but a trial; and that it is Allah with Whom lies your highest reward.

29. O you who believe! if you fear Allah, He will grant you a Criterion (to judge between right and wrong), remove from you (all) evil (that may afflict) you, and forgive you: for Allah has no desire to punish you.
30. Remember how the Unbelievers plotted against you, to keep you in bonds, or slay you, or get you out of (your home). They plot and plan, and Allah too plans, but the best of planners is Allah.

31. When Our Signs are rehearsed to them, they say: “We have heard this (before): if we wished, we could say (words) like these: these are nothing but tales of the ancients.”

32. Remember how they said: “O Allah! if this is indeed the Truth from You, rain down on us a shower of stones from the sky, or send us a grievous Chastisement.”

33. But Allah was not going to send them a Chastisement whilst you were amongst them; nor was He going to send it whilst they could ask for pardon.

34. But what plea have they that Allah should not punish them, when they keep out (men) from the Sacred Mosque - and they are not its guardians? No men can be its guardians except the righteous; but most of them do not understand.

35. Their prayer at the House (of Allah) is nothing but whistling and clapping of hands: (its only answer can be), “You taste the Chastisement because you blasphemed.”

36. The Unbelievers spend their wealth to hinder (men) from the path of Allah, and so will they continue to spend; but in the end they will have (only) regrets and sighs; at length they will be overcome: and the
Unbelievers will be gathered together to Hell; 37. In order that Allah may separate the impure from the pure, put the impure, one on another, heap them together, and cast them into Hell. They will be the ones to have lost.

38. Say to the Unbelievers, if (now) they desist (from Unbelief), their past would be forgiven them; but if they persist, the punishment of those before them is already (a matter of warning for them).

39. And fight them on until there is no more tumult or oppression, and religion becomes Allah’s in its entirety, but if they cease, surely Allah sees all that they do.

40. If they refuse, be sure that Allah is your Protector - the Best to protect and the Best to help.

41. And know that out of all the booty that you may acquire (in war), a fifth share is assigned to Allah, and to the Apostle, and to near relatives, orphans, the needy, and the wayfarer, - if you do believe in Allah and in the revelation We sent down to Our Servant on the Day of discrimination, - the Day of the meeting of the two forces. For Allah has power over all things.

42. Remember you were on the hither side of the valley, and they on the farther side, and the caravan on lower ground than you. Even if you had made a mutual appointment to meet, you would certainly have failed in the appointment: but (thus you met), that Allah might accomplish a matter already decided; that those who died might die after a Clear Sign (had been given), and those who lived might live after
a Clear Sign (had been given). And verily Allah is He Who
hears and knows (all things).
43. Remember in your dream
Allah showed them to you as
few: if He had shown them to
you as many, you would surely
have been discouraged, and you
would surely have disputed in
(your) decision; but Allah saved
(you): for He knows well the
(secrets) of (all) hearts.
44. And remember when you
met, He showed them to you as
few in your eyes, and He made
you appear as contemptible in
their eyes: that Allah might
accomplish a matter already
decided. For to Allah do all
questions go back (for decision).
45. O you who believe! When
you meet a force, be firm, and
call Allah in remembrance
much (and often); that you may
prosper:
46. And obey Allah and His
Apostle; and fall into no
disputes, lest you lose heart and
your power depart; and be
patient and persevering: for
Allah is with those who
patiently persevere:
47. And be not like those who
started from their homes
insolently and to be seen of men,
and to hinder (men) from the
path of Allah: for Allah
compasses round about all that
they do.
48. Remember Satan made
their (sinful) acts seem alluring
to them; and said: “No one
among men can overcome you
this day, while I am near to you”;
But when the two forces came in
sight of each other, he turned on
his heels, and said: “Lo! I am
clear of you; Lo! I see what you
do not see; Lo! I fear Allah: for
Allah is strict in punishment.”
49. Lo! the Hypocrites say, and those in whose hearts is a disease: “These people, their religion has misled them.” But if any trust in Allah, behold! Allah is Exalted in might, Wise.

50. If you could see, when the angels take the souls of the Unbelievers (at death), (how) they smite their faces and their backs, (saying): “Taste the Chastisement of the blazing Fire—

51. “Because of (the deeds) which your (own) hands sent forth; for Allah is never unjust to His servants:

52. “(Deeds) after the manner of the people of Pharaoh and of those before them: they rejected the Signs of Allah, and Allah punished them for their crimes: for Allah is Strong, and Strict in punishment:

53. “Because Allah will never change the Grace which He has bestowed on a people until they change what is in their (own) souls, and surely Allah is He Who hears and knows (all things).”

54. “(Deeds) after the manner of the people of Pharaoh and those before them”: they treated as false the Signs of their Lord, so We destroyed them for their crimes, and We drowned the people of Pharaoh: for they were all oppressors and wrong-doers.

55. For the worst of beasts in the sight of Allah are those who reject Him: they will not believe.

56. They are those with whom you made a covenant, but
they break their covenant every
time, and they do not have the
fear (of Allah).

57. If you encounter them in a
battle deal severely with them
so as to put terror in those who
follow them, that they may
remember.

58. If you fear treachery from
any group, throw back (their
covenant) to them, (so as to be)
on equal terms: for Allah does
not love the treacherous.

59. Let not the Unbelievers
think that they can get the better
(of the godly); they will never
frustrate (them).

60. Against them make ready
your strength to the utmost of
your power, including steeds of
war, to strike terror into (the
hearts of) the enemies, of Allah
and your enemies, and others
besides, whom you may not
know, but whom Allah knows.
Whatever you shall spend in the
Cause of Allah, shall be repaid
to you, and you shall not be
treated unjustly.

61. But if the enemy incline
towards peace, you (also)
incite towards peace, and trust
in Allah: for He is the One
that hears and knows (all things).

62. Should they intend to
deceive you,- verily Allah
suffices you: He it is that has
strengthened you with His aid
and with (the company of) the
Believers;

63. And (moreover) He has
put affection between their
hearts: not if you had spent all
that is in the earth, could you
have produced that affection,
but Allah has done it: for He is
Exalted in might, Wise.

64. Your enemy is he who
killeth and encourseth others
to kill.
64. O Apostle! sufficient to you is Allah, (to you) and to those who follow you among the Believers.

65. O Apostle! rouse the Believers to the fight. If there are twenty amongst you, patient and persevering, they will vanquish two hundred: if a hundred, they will vanquish a thousand of the Unbelievers: for these are a people without understanding.

66. For the present, Allah has lightened your (task), for He knows that there is a weak spot in you: but (even so), if there are a hundred of you, patient and persevering, they will vanquish two hundred, and if a thousand, they will vanquish two thousand, with the leave of Allah: for Allah is with those who patiently persevere.

67. It is not fitting for an Apostle that he should have prisoners of war until he has thoroughly subdued the land. You look for the temporal goods of this world; but Allah looks to the Hereafter: and Allah is Exalted in might, Wise.

68. Had it not been for a previous ordainment from Allah, a severe penalty would have reached you for the (ransom) that you took.

69. But (now) enjoy what you took in war, lawful and good: but fear Allah: for Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.

70. O Apostle! say to those who are captives in your hands: “If Allah finds any good in your hearts, He will give you something better than what has been taken from you, and He will forgive you: for Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.”
71. But if they have treacherous designs against you, (O Apostle!), they have already been in treason against Allah, and so has He given (you) power over them. And Allah is He Who has (full) knowledge and wisdom.

72. Those who believed, and adopted exile, and fought for the Faith, with their property and their persons, in the cause of Allah, as well as those who gave (them) asylum and aid, these are (all) friends and protectors, one of another. As to those who believed but came not into exile, you owe no duty of protection to them until they come into exile; but if they seek your aid in religion, it is your duty to help them, except against a people with whom you have a treaty of mutual alliance. And (remember) Allah sees all that you do.

73. The Unbelievers are protectors, one of another: unless you do this, (protect each other), there would be tumult and oppression on earth, and great mischief.

74. Those who believe, and adopt exile, and fight for the Faith, in the cause of Allah as well as those who give (them) asylum and aid, these are (all) in very truth the Believers: for them is the forgiveness of sins and a provision most generous.

75. And those who accept Faith subsequently, and adopt exile, and fight for the Faith in your company, they are of you. But kindred by blood have prior rights against each other in the Book of Allah. Verily Allah is well-acquainted with all things.