

Al-Bayyinah [The Clear Proof]

Madinan Period

In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

[1] Those who disbelieved - be they from the People of the Book or from those who associated others with Allah in His Divinity - will not desist from unbelief until the Clear Proof should come to them;

[2] a Messenger from Allah,¹ reciting from Purified Scrolls;

[3] in writings wherein are scriptures, absolutely true and unerring.²

[4] Nor did those to whom the Book had been given split up until after the Proof (of the Right Way) had come to them.³

[5] Yet all that they had been commanded was that they serve Allah, with utter sincerity, devoting themselves exclusively to Him, and that they establish Prayer and pay **Zakah**. That is the Right Faith.

1. The words "Clear Proof" here refer to the Prophet (peace be on him).

2. That is, the Prophet (peace be on him) brought a revealed message unblemished from falsehood, error or any taint of moral corruption.

3. The People of the Book had for long been victims of a great many errors. As a consequence, they were split into several sects. This was not because of any inadequacy in God's arrangements to guide them. It was rather because they followed erroneous ways after God had made True Guidance available to them. Hence, they themselves were responsible for wallowing in misguidance.

[6] Those who disbelieved - be they from among the People of the Book or among those who associated others with Allah in His Divinity⁴ - shall be in the Fire, and will abide in it. They are the worst of creatures.

[7] But those that believe and work righteous deeds, they are the best of creatures.

[8] Their recompense lies with their Lord: Gardens of eternity beneath which rivers flow; therein they shall dwell, forever and ever. Allah is well-pleased with them, and they are well-pleased with Him. All this is for him who fears his Lord.

4. "Those who disbelieved" refers to those who refused to accept the Prophet Muhammad (peace be on him) as God's Prophet and Messenger.