

Bible

Luke 9:49–56

49 Now John answered and said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us.”

50 But Jesus said to him, “Do not forbid *him*, for he who is not against us is on our side.”

Samaria Rejects Christ

51 Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, **52** and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. **53** But they did not receive Him, because His face was *set* for the journey to Jerusalem.

54 And when His disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?”

55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, “You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. **56** For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save *them*.” And they went to another village.

Matthew 11:28-30

A Call To The Weary

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am

gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Hebrew Bible

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. **16** For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

17 But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, **18** I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live **20** and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



Quran

Al-Alaq 96, 1

Read, 'O Prophet,' in the Name of your Lord Who created—

Al-Mutaffifin 83, 33

even though they were not sent as keepers over the believers.

Junus 10, 99

Had your Lord so willed 'O Prophet', all 'people' on earth would have certainly believed, every single one of them! Would you then force people to become believers?

Al-Isra 17, 84

Say, 'O Prophet,' "Everyone acts in their own way. But your Lord knows best whose way is rightly guided."

Al-Balad 90, 10

and shown them the two ways 'of right and wrong'?

Hud 11, 118

Had your Lord so willed, He would have certainly made humanity one single community 'of believers', but they will always 'choose to' differ—

