

# **‘Bayt (Pledge) under the Tree’ (Bai'at of Ridhwan) Shia Perspective**

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### Abbreviations:

**saww:** - Sal lal la ho Allay hay Wa Aal lay he Wasallam

**azwj:** - Az Za Wa Jalla

**asws:** - Allay hay Salawat Wass Salam

**AJFJ:** Ajal Allah hey wa Fara Jaak

**ra:** - Razi Allah<sup>azwj</sup>

**La:** - Laan Allah<sup>azwj</sup>

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ, وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ, وَسَلَّم تَسْلِيمًا.

In the Name of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> the Beneficent, the Merciful. The Praise is for Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Lord<sup>azwj</sup> of the Worlds, and Blessing be upon our Chief Muhammad<sup>sawww</sup> and his<sup>sawww</sup> Purified Progeny<sup>asws</sup>, and greetings with abundant greetings.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَهُمْ وَالْعَنِ أَعْدَاءَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ

## ‘Bayt (Pledge) under the Tree’ – Shia Perspective

### Summary:

Sunni Muslims believe that all those who pledged allegiance to Rasool-Allah<sup>sawww</sup> under the tree (48:18)<sup>1</sup> are guaranteed for the success in the Hereafter, as Allah<sup>azwj</sup> became ‘رضي’ with them. This is the reason why Sunni Muslims respect and adore all those who were present under the tree by saying if ‘Allah<sup>azwj</sup> was ‘رضي’ (pleased) with them so why should we be also? This had happened prior to the signing of the treaty of ‘Hudaybiya’ when Muslims pledged their support to fight and sacrifice their support in the event of an attack by the non-believers, as a result Rasool-Allah<sup>sawww</sup> relief and Allahazwj became pleased with their allegiance and holy Verse 48:18 was revealed. Hence, those who were sincere in their allegiance of support and remained steadfast until their death so they are indeed worthy of being called ‘رضي الله’! However, not all of them remained in that state for very long, while some were not sincere in their pledge at all. One of the good example for the latter group, is the well-known hypocrite (*Munafiq*) Abd-Allah ibn Ubayy<sup>2</sup>. In addition, when we look at the Holy Quran, we see Allah<sup>azwj</sup> does not Expose a *Munafiq* or a insincere person unless and until he/she acts in opposition. Therefore, Allah<sup>azwj</sup>, although in clear Knowledge, Praised those who sincere in their pledge without specifically excluding the insincere ones – that was to be left for a later time when their actions led them to their separation from the praised group of Momineen.

After Rasool-Allah<sup>sawww</sup>, the differing of Muslims started and reached to the point where some of those who pledged allegiance under the tree, were fighting against each other, thereby, were responsible for killings of thousands of Muslims in the battle fields (i.e., Jamal, Siffeen).

Some Sunni Muslims, may here try to justify the differing of the ‘Muslims under the tree’, by quote a Hadith, in which allegedly Rasool-Allah<sup>sawww</sup> said: says: ‘Difference of opinion among

<sup>1</sup>لَقَدْ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ يُبَايِعُونَكَ تَحْتَ الشَّجَرَةِ فَعَلِمَ مَا فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ فَأَنْزَلَ السَّكِينَةَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَثَابَهُمْ فَتْحًا قَرِيبًا {48:18}

**Allah was Pleased from the Momineen when they pledged their allegiances to you under the tree, and He Knew what was in their hearts, so He Sent down the tranquillity upon them and Rewarded them with a near victory [48:18]**

<sup>2</sup> A well-recognised leader of hypocrites (Munafiqeen), when he died, 2<sup>nd</sup> Caliph, Umar held the garment of the Rasool-Allah<sup>sawww</sup> and said, “O Rasool Allah! Did Allah not prohibit you from performing janazah prayers of munafiqs?” (ref. Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, *ibid*, Vol. 2, p. 18; Muslim, *Sahih*, Vol. 4, p. 1865)

my Ummah is a mercy’, but it is against the Words of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> in the Holy Quran where Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Says: “And mankind was not but one community (united in religion), but (then) they differed. ...” [Yunus 10: 19] and there are many other Verses Forbidding the differing (e.g., 6:159, 3:103).

So Allah<sup>azwj</sup> does not Like differing in the religion and those who have differing will be punished or rewarded accordingly:

وَلَقَدْ بَوَّأْنَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ مُبَوَّأً صِدْقٍ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ فَمَا اخْتَلَفُوا حَتَّىٰ جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ ۗ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ يُقْضِي بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فِيمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ {10:93}

***And We had Lodged the Children of Israel in respectable dwellings and We Sustained them from the good things; but they did not differ until the Knowledge came to them. Surely your Lord will Judge between them on the Day of Judgement with regards to what they were differing in [10:93].***

The differing on religion means some of them were on the right path whereas the others were on the wrong path, so Allah<sup>azwj</sup> will Decide regarding them on the day of Judgement, to whom to reward and to whom to punish.

Also Allah<sup>azwj</sup> has praised Bani Israel as well as Reprimanded them (see for example Appendix I), as both believers and unbelievers were present in both places (of Praise and Reprimand), but Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Praised the Bani Israel nation while intending for the believers within them and rebuking the unbelievers/hypocrites of the Bani Israel but without distinguishing believers.

When Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Commanded Angels to Bow Down to Adam, Iblis who was made out of fire and was living among angels was also included in those who were Commanded by Allah<sup>azwj</sup>.

وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَىٰ وَاسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ {2:34}

***And when We Said to the Angels: Perform Sajdah to Adam! So they (all) performed Sajdah except Iblees. He refused and was arrogant, and he was from the unbelievers [2:34]***

## Introduction:

Allah<sup>azwj</sup> will Judge between them as per their intentions and deeds.

We present Shia perspectives in the short article rebutting the general belief that all those who pledged allegiance under the tree remained, until death, loyal to Allah<sup>azwj</sup> and Islam. The Verse 48:18 was Revealed prior to the signing of the treaty of ‘*Hudaybiya*’, some Ahadith related to the incident are given in Appendix I.

Briefly, the treaty of ‘*Hudaybiya*’ was a trail for Muslims, who after pledging allegiance to Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup> under the tree, few hours ago, some of them were overcome with disbelief and started doubting the ‘prophet-hood’ of Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup> when Rasool-Allah<sup>saww</sup> agreed to conditions of the treaty (apparently unfavourable to Muslims). As Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Says for those who ‘believe and disbelieve’ in Surah An-Nisa (4:137):

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ثُمَّ كَفَرُوا ثُمَّ آمَنُوا ثُمَّ كَفَرُوا ثُمَّ أَزْدَادُوا كُفْرًا لَمْ يَكُنِ اللَّهُ لِيُغْفِرَ لَهُمْ وَلَا لِيَهْدِيَهُمْ سَبِيلًا {4:137}

***Those who believe then commit Kufr, then believe, then commit Kufr, then increase in Kufr, it would not be for Allah to Forgive them nor Guide them to a way [4:137]***

**Also Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Says:**

وَمَا مُحَمَّدٌ إِلَّا رَسُولٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ الرُّسُلُ ۚ أَفَإِنْ مَاتَ أَوْ قُتِلَ انْقَلَبْتُمْ عَلَىٰ أَعْقَابِكُمْ ۚ وَمَنْ يَنْعَلِبْ عَلَىٰ عَقْبَيْهِ فَلَنْ يَضُرَّ اللَّهَ شَيْئًا ۗ وَسَيَجْزِي اللَّهُ الشَّاكِرِينَ {3:144}

***And Muhammad is not except for a Rasool; the Rasools have already passed away before him; so if he dies or is killed will you turn back upon your heels? And the one who turns back upon his heels, he will never harm Allah of anything and Allah would be Recompensing the grateful [3:144]***

## **Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Praises Bani Israel at several places in the Holy Quran:**

Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Praises Bani Israel in the Holy Quran at several places, and even declares them the best Nation and Preferred them over the worlds.

Allah<sup>azwj</sup> says :

يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتِيَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَأَلِيَّ فَضَّلْتُهُمْ عَلَىٰ الْعَالَمِينَ {2:47}

***O Children of Israel! Recall My Favour which I Bestowed upon you and I had Graced you all in the two worlds (Religion and world) [2:47]***

And at other places Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Says:

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحُكْمَ وَالنُّبُوَّةَ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَفَضَّلْنَاهُمْ عَلَىٰ الْعَالَمِينَ {45:16}

***And We had Given to the Children of Israel, the Book, and the Wisdom, and the Prophet-hood, and Sustained them from the goodly things, and Merited them over the worlds [45:16]***

يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتِيَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَأَنِّي فَضَّلْتُكُمْ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ {2:122}

***O Children of Israel! Recall My Favour which I Bestowed upon you and I had Graced you in the worlds [2:122]***

Indeed, in the above Verse, Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Prefers the Nation of Prophet Musa<sup>as</sup> but this Message was neither forever nor had included every single person of the nation, as for sure, there were hypocrites among the devout believers.

وَإِذْ بَحَّيْنَاكُمْ مِنْ آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ يَسُومُونَكُمْ سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ يُدَبِّحُونَ أَبْنَاءَكُمْ وَيَسْتَحْيُونَ نِسَاءَكُمْ ۗ وَفِي ذَلِكُمْ بَلَاءٌ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ عَظِيمٌ {2:49}

***And when We Rescued you from Pharaoh’s people, who were afflicting you with evil punishments. They were slaughtering your sons and were letting your women live; and during that you were in an enormous Trial from your Lord. [2:49]***

Here, again the message is general that Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Saved them, the whole nation of Bani Israel, without distinguishing between the hypocrites (munafiqeen) and believers (Momineen). So both good one and hypocrites were tried by Allah<sup>azwj</sup>.

وَإِذْ فَرَقْنَا بِكُمْ الْبَحْرَ فَأَبْجَيْنَاكُمْ وَأَغْرَقْنَا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ وَأَنْتُمْ تَنْظُرُونَ {2:50}

***And when We Parted the sea for you, so We Rescued you and We Drowned the People of Pharaoh and you were looking on.[2:50]***

Here again the Blessings of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> were for the whole nation of Prophet Musa<sup>as</sup>, since hypocrites were hidden among the believers.

وَقَطَعْنَا لَهُمْ آيَاتِي عَشْرَةَ أَسْبَاطًا أُمَمًا ۗ وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ إِذِ اسْتَسْقَاهُ قَوْمَهُ أَنْ اضْرِبْ بِعَصَاكَ الْحَجَرَ ۗ فَانْبَجَسَتْ مِنْهُ اثْنَا عَشْرَةَ عَيْنًا ۗ قَدْ عَلِمَ كُلُّ أُنَاسٍ مَشْرِبَهُمْ ۗ وَظَلَّلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الْغَمَامَ وَأَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَنَّاءَ وَالسَّلْوَىٰ ۗ كُلُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ ۗ وَمَا ظَلَمُونَا وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ {7:160}

***And We Divided them into twelve tribes, as communities, and We Revealed to Musa when his people asked him for water: “Strike the rock with your staff!” So there gushed out twelve springs from it. All people knew their respective drinking place. And We Shaded the clouds upon them and Sent down upon them the manna and the quails: “Eat from the good things What We Grace you!” And they did not wrong us but they were being unjust to their own selves [7:160]***

**Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Also Reprimands Bani Israel at several places in the Holy Quran:**

سَلَّ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ كَمَا آتَيْنَاهُمْ مِنْ آيَةٍ بَيِّنَةٍ ۗ وَمَنْ يُبَدِّلْ نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ {2:211}

**Ask the Children of Israel how many a clear Sign have We Given them! And if one alters Allah's blessed message after it has reached him - verily, Allah is severe in retribution! [2:211]**

يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ اذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتِيَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَأَوْفُوا بِعَهْدِي أُوفِ بِعَهْدِكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ فَارْهَبُونِ {2:40}

**O Children of Israel! Recall My Bounties which I Bestowed upon you and fulfil My Covenant, I will Fulfil My Covenant with you; Me alone, you should be fearing [2:40]**

**The Bani Israel tuned away from their pledged with Allah<sup>azwj</sup>:**

وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ لَا تَعْبُدُونَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ ثُمَّ تَوَلَّيْتُمْ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا مِّنْكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ مُعْرِضُونَ {2:83}

**And when We Took a Covenant with the Children of Israel: “You will not be worshipping but Allah, and the kindness with the parents, and the ones with relationship, and the orphans, and the poor, and you would be saying to the people good words, and will be establishing the Salat, and be giving the Zakat.**

**And yet, except for a few of you, you turned away: for you are obstinate folk!” [2:83]**

أَمْ تَرَىٰ إِلَى الْمَلَأِ مِن بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مُوسَىٰ إِذْ قَالُوا لَنَبِيِّهِمْ هُمْ ائْتِ بِمَلِكًا لَّنَا نُقَاتِلَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۗ قَالَ هَلْ عَسَيْتُمْ إِنْ كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْقِتَالُ أَلَّا تُقَاتِلُوا ۗ قَالُوا وَمَا لَنَا أَلَّا نُقَاتِلَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَقَدْ أُخْرِجْنَا مِنْ دِيَارِنَا وَأَبْنَائِنَا ۗ فَلَمَّا كُتِبَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقِتَالُ تَوَلَّوْا إِلَّا قَلِيلًا مِّنْهُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِالظَّالِمِينَ {246}

*Have you not considered the chiefs of the children of Israel after Musa, when they said to a Prophet of theirs: ‘Appoint for us a king; we would fight in the Way of Allah’. He said: ‘Perhaps you would not fight if fighting is Prescribed for you?’ They said: ‘And what is for us except that we fight in the Way of Allah, and we and our children have been expelled from our homes?’*

**But when fighting was Prescribed upon them, they turned back, except a few of them, and Allah Knows the unjust ones [2:246]**

وَلَقَدْ أَخَذَ اللَّهُ مِيثَاقَ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ وَبَعَثْنَا مِنْهُمُ اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ نَقِيبًا ۗ وَقَالَ اللَّهُ إِنِّي مَعَكُمْ ۗ لَئِنْ أَقَمْتُمُ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَيْتُمُ الزَّكَاةَ وَآمَنْتُمْ بِرُسُلِي وَعَزَّرْتُمُوهُمْ وَأَقْرَضْتُمُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا لَأُكَفِّرَنَّ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَلَأُدْخِلَنَّكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ۗ فَمَنْ كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ مِنْكُمْ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ {5:12}

**And Allah has Taken a Covenant with the Children of Israel, and We Sent from them twelve chieftains; and Allah Said: “I am with you all, if you establish the Salat and give the Zakat and you believe in My Rasools and support them, and you lend Allah a goodly loan,**

*I shall Expiate your evil deeds and will Enter you all into Gardens beneath which the rivers flow. So the one from you who commits Kufr after that, then he has lost the right way” [5:12]*

## **Bani Israel Killed Prophets after the acceptance of their Pledge by Allah<sup>azwj</sup>:**

لَقَدْ أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ وَأَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْهِمْ رَسُولًا ۖ كُلَّمَا جَاءَهُمْ رَسُولٌ بِمَا لَا تَهْوَىٰ أَنفُسُهُمْ فَرِيقًا كَذَّبُوا وَفَرِيقًا يَقْتُلُونَ {5:70}

*We had Taken a Covenant with the Children of Israel and Sent Rasools to them. Every time a Rasool came to them with what their souls did not desire, a group they belied and a group they killed [5:70]*

## **Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Curses the Transgressors among the Bani Israel:**

لُعِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ عَلَىٰ لِسَانِ دَاوُدَ وَعِيسَىٰ ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ ۚ ذَٰلِكَ بِمَا عَصَوْا وَكَانُوا يَعْتَدُونَ {78}

*Cursed were those who committed Kufr from the Children of Israel, upon the tongue of Dawood and Isa Bin Maryam. That was due to their disobedience and they were exceeding [5:78]*

## **The worshiping of the calf by the Bani Israel:**

وَحَاوَرْنَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ فَاتَّوَا عَلَىٰ قَوْمٍ يَعْكُفُونَ عَلَىٰ أَصْنَامٍ لَهُمْ ۗ قَالُوا يَا مُوسَىٰ اجْعَلْ لَنَا إِلَهًا كَمَا لَهُمْ آلِهَةٌ ۚ قَالَ إِنَّكُمْ قَوْمٌ بَٰجِلُونَ {7:138}

*And We Got the Children of Israel to cross the sea, and they came to a people devoting themselves to their idols. They said, ‘O Musa! Make a god for us just as there is a god for them’. He said, ‘You are an ignorant people [7:138]*



## The differing of Bani Israel:

وَلَقَدْ بَوَّأْنَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ مُبَوَّأً صِدْقٍ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ فَمَا اخْتَلَفُوا حَتَّىٰ جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ ۗ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ يَقْضِي بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فِيمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ {10:93}

***And We had Lodged the Children of Israel in respectable dwellings and We Sustained them from the good things; but they did not differ until the Knowledge came to them. Surely your Lord will Judge between them on the Day of Judgement with regards to what they were differing in [10:93].***

The differing on religion means some of them were on the right path whereas the others were on the wrong path, so Allahazwj will decide regarding them on the day of Judgement, to whom to reward and to whom to punish.

## Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Commanded Angels to Bow Down:

وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَىٰ وَاسْتَكْبَرَ وَكَانَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ {2:34}

***And when We Said to the Angels: Perform Sajdah to Adam! So they (all) performed Sajdah except Iblees. He refused and was arrogant, and he was from the unbelievers [2:34]***

أَبُو عَلِيٍّ الْأَشْعَرِيُّ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ الْجُبَّارِ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ حَدِيدٍ عَنْ جَمِيلِ بْنِ دَرَّاجٍ قَالَ

Abu Ali Al-Ashary, from Muhammad Bin Abdul Jabbaar, from Ali Bin Hadeed, from Jameel Bin Darraaj who said:

سَأَلْتُ أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) عَنْ إِبْلِيسَ أَمْ كَانَ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ أَمْ كَانَ يَلِي شَيْئاً مِنْ أَمْرِ السَّمَاءِ فَقَالَ لَمْ يَكُنْ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَ لَمْ يَكُنْ يَلِي شَيْئاً مِنْ أَمْرِ السَّمَاءِ وَ لَا كَرَامَةً

I asked Abu Abdullah<sup>asws</sup> about Iblees<sup>la</sup>, ‘Was he<sup>la</sup> from the Angels or was he<sup>la</sup> in charge of something from the matters of the sky?’ So he<sup>asws</sup> said: ‘He<sup>la</sup> was neither from the Angels, nor was he<sup>la</sup> in charge of anything from the matters of the sky, nor was he<sup>la</sup> honourable’.

فَأْتَيْتُ الطَّيَّارَ فَأَخْبَرْتُهُ بِمَا سَمِعْتُ فَأَنْكَرَهُ وَ قَالَ وَ كَيْفَ لَا يَكُونُ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ يَقُولُ وَ إِذْ قُلْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ

I came up to Al-Tayyaar, and I informed him of what I had heard. He denied it and said, ‘How can he<sup>la</sup> not be from the Angels and Allah<sup>azwj</sup> Mighty and Majestic is Saying: ***And when We Said to the Angels: Perform Sajdah to Adam! So they (all) performed Sajdah except Iblees [2:34]***

فَدَخَلَ عَلَيْهِ الطَّيَّارُ فَسَأَلَهُ وَ أَنَا عِنْدَهُ فَقَالَ لَهُ جُعِلْتُ فِدَاكَ رَأَيْتَ قَوْلَهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فِي غَيْرِ مَكَانٍ مِنْ مُحَاظَبَةِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَيْدُخُلُ فِي هَذَا الْمُنَافِقُونَ قَالَ نَعَمْ يَدْخُلُ فِي هَذَا الْمُنَافِقُونَ وَ الضَّالُّلُ وَ كُلُّ مَنْ أَقَرَّ بِالدَّعْوَةِ الظَّاهِرَةِ.

So Al-Tayyaar went over to him<sup>asws</sup>, and he asked him<sup>asws</sup> while I was in his<sup>asws</sup> presence, ‘May I be sacrificed for you<sup>asws</sup>! What is your<sup>asws</sup> view of the Words of the Mighty and Majestic: ***O you those who believe [2:34]***, and in other places where the *Momineen* are addressed, are the hypocrites included in this?’ He<sup>asws</sup> said: ‘Yes, they are included in this, the hypocrites and the straying ones, and everyone who acknowledged with the call (to be a Muslim), apparently’.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Al Kafi – H 14861

As we will see, this is by no means an eternal choice, but the choice was made on knowledge (as it's said in the Quran), on the fact that the other nations existing in their era were idol worshipers.

Thereby, at that time the other nations had refused the call of Allah<sup>azwj</sup> to Adore only Him One and Only God, worshiping merely idols made by their own hands. This is where the Divine choice was established, to send them down the sacred books (Old and New Testament, but they chose not to accept the last one for being in reality **haughty** by their undeservedly deal with Jesus (pbuh) calling him a bastard).

Allah had made them a nation, after being persecuted by the pharaohs, and made them cross the Red Sea by a great miracle while opening them twelve beaks on this sea granting access to the twelve tribute of Children of Israel.

And by many favours cited previously in Quranic verses received from God<sup>azwj</sup>, but what were their answers to all what was done for them?

They put aside God's commandments received through the Torah, worshiping the **gold calf** instead of Allah, and sinning when they were commanded to not fish on Saturday, and transgressing countless Divine laws.

The **polytheism "shirk"** is sin that Allah does not forgive, all these goods turned against them, swinging from the chosen people to the **cursed people**.