

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Surah Baqarah

قَالَ إِنَّهُ يَقُولُ إِنَّهَا بَقَرَةٌ لَا ذَلُولٌ تُثِيرُ الْأَرْضَ وَلَا تَسْقِي الْحَرْثَ مُسَلَّمَةٌ لَا شِيَةَ فِيهَا قَالُوا لَنْ جِئْت  
بِالْحَقِّ فذَبَحُوهَا وَمَا كَادُوا يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٧١﴾

71. He said: "He says: A heifer not trained to till the soil or water the fields; sound and without blemish." They said: "Now hast thou brought the truth." Then they offered her in sacrifice, but not with good-will.

...In a hadīth [it is stated that], 'Had they sacrificed any cow, it would have sufficed them, but they made it difficult for themselves and so God made it difficult for them'.

Tafsir Jalalayn

...The din of Allah is easy. It is blameworthy to go deep into asking the Prophets and others about matters of detail in this way. We ask Allah for well-being... So they sacrificed it- but they almost did not do it because of their rebellion and excessive questioning or because of the high price of the cow.

Tafsir Qurtubi

#### Compilers' notes:

- ... قَالَ - ذَرُونِي مَا تَرَ كُتُبَكُمْ فَإِنَّمَا هَلَكَ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ بِكَثْرَةِ سُؤَالِهِمْ وَاحْتِلَافِهِمْ عَلَى أَنْبِيَائِهِمْ فَإِذَا أَمَرْتُكُمْ  
بِشَيْءٍ فَأَتُوا مِنْهُ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ وَإِذَا نَهَيْتُكُمْ عَنْ شَيْءٍ فَدَعُوهُ " Abu Huraira reported that Allah's Messenger ﷺ said : ... Leave me with what I have left to you, for those who were before you were destroyed because of excessive questioning, and disputing with their apostles. So when I command you to do anything, do as much as you are able to and when I forbid you to do anything, then abandon it. [Muslim].

