

The Saheeh International Quran Translation

وَإِذْ قَالَتْ أُمَّةٌ مِّنْهُمْ لِمَ تَعِظُونَ قَوْمًا لَّا
يَسْمَعُونَ أَوْ مَعَذِبُهُمْ عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا قَالُوا مَعذِرَةٌ
إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ وَلَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ

And when a community among them said, "Why do you advise [or warn] a people whom Allah is [about] to destroy or to punish with a severe punishment?" they [the advisors] said, "To be absolved before your Lord and perhaps they may fear Him."