

The Saheeh International Quran Translation

فَإِذَا لَقِيتُمُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَضَرْبَ الرِّقَابِ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَثْخَتَمُوهُم فَشَدُّوا الْوَتَاقَ فَإِمَّا مِّنَّا بَعْدُ
وَأِمَّا فِدَاءٌ حَتَّىٰ تَضَعَ الْحَرْبُ أَوْزَارَهَا ^ج ذَلِكَ وَلَوْ يَشَاءُ اللَّهُ لَانتَصَرْنَا مِنْهُمْ وَلَكِن لِّيَبْلُوَ
بَعْضُكُم بِبَعْضٍ ^ق وَالَّذِينَ قُتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَلَن يُضِلَّ أَعْمَالَهُمْ

So when you meet those who disbelieve [in battle], strike [their] necks
until, when you have inflicted slaughter upon them, then secure their
bonds, and either [confer] favor afterwards or ransom [them] until the
war lays down its burdens. That [is the command]. And if Allah had
willed, He could have taken vengeance upon them [Himself], but [He
ordered armed struggle] to test some of you by means of others. And
those who are killed in the cause of Allah - never will He waste their
deeds.