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105388 - Praying for the kaafir to be guided or else be punished by Allaah

the question

What is the ruling on praying for Allaah to guide some wrongdoers and evildoers or kaafirs, and if He does not guide them, may He seize them with such a penalty that comes from One exalted in power and able to carry out His will? Is this du'aa' permissible? Or does it come under the heading of letting Allaah choose?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

This is not letting Allaah choose, rather it is asking for them to be guided by Allaah, whilst referring the matter of their being guided to His will and wisdom. If that is done for them then praise be to Allaah, otherwise may Allaah protect us against their evil by seizing them with such a penalty that comes from One exalted in power and able to carry out His will, as a punishment for their wrongdoing and so as to cleanse the earth of their filth. So it is a permissible du'aa'.

And Allaah is the Source of strength, May Allaah send blessings and peace upon our Prophet Muhammad and his family and companions.

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