

Satan is Your Enemy

First Khutbah:

O Muslims! Allaah says that which means: **“Do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy”** (*Al-Baqarah: 208*), and: **“Indeed, Satan is an enemy to you; so take him as an enemy”** (*Faatir: 5*).

There is a devil upon each misguided path, calling people towards himself, so beware of sitting upon his ways, which Allaah Has warned us against. Indeed, Satan is your enemy and your father’s, Prophet *Aadam*, peace be upon him. He is the one who was deprived from the mercy of Allaah and promised Hell as an eternal dwelling, so he asked his Lord to give him respite and took it upon himself to misguide the offspring of *Aadam*.

Allaah has legislated for us different means to protect ourselves from him, his evil and his schemes. The following are some deeds, which can help protect the Muslim from the plots of Satan:

1. Shunning intoxicants and gambling; Allaah says that which means: **“indeed, intoxicants, gambling, [sacrificing on] stone alters [to other than Allah], and divining arrows are but defilement from the work of Satan ... Satan only wants to cause between you animosity and hatred through intoxicants and gambling and to avert you from the remembrance of Allah and from prayer”** (*Al-Maa’idah: 90-91*). Consuming intoxicants is the greatest instrument that Satan exploits to prevent Man from obeying Allaah and worshipping Him alone. Likewise, gambling, which has become widespread between people, is another means. Allaah says that which means: **“And if Satan should cause you to forget, then do not remain after the reminder with the wrongdoing people”** (*Al-An’aam: 68*).
2. *Athaan*, or call to prayer: when Satan hears the *Athaan* being called, he runs away while passing wind, so that he does not hear it, and when it is finished, he returns and whispers in (the souls of) people. Similarly, when the *Iqaamah* (the call made to start performing the prayer) is called, he leaves the place so that he cannot hear it and when it is over, he returns and whispers to people (who are praying).
3. Saying *Bismillaah Ar-Rahmaan Ar-Raheem* (i.e., In The Name Of Allaah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful); one should utter it when he takes off his garment in particular, because it prevents the *Jinn* from seeing his private parts, as the Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* informed. Also, many people travel and take along cassettes of songs and music, which are evil and satanic means (to misguide Man); instead, they should have tapes that contain the mention of Allaah.
4. Sniffing and blowing the nose thrice when one wakes up, as the Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* instructed, saying: **“When you wake up, sniff and blow your nose thrice because Satan spends the night in your nasopharynx.”**
5. Seeking refuge with Allaah; one should take refuge in Allaah from Satan, in the following situations:
 - a. When he hears the braying of a donkey or the barking of a dog at night, because they see what we do not.
 - b. Before reciting the Qur’aan, as Allaah says that which means: **“So when you recite the Qur’an, [first] take refuge with Allah from Satan, the expelled [from His mercy].”** (*An-Nahl: 98*).
 - c. At the time of anger; the Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* said regarding a man who was mad: **“I know of a word, if he were to utter that, his rage would**

vanish, and that is: 'A'oothu billaahi minash-Shaytaan ar-rajeem' (i.e., I seek refuge in Allaah, from Satan, the expelled [from His Mercy])."

- d. When entering the bathroom, as the Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* taught us to supplicate: ***"O Allaah! I take refuge in You from Al-Khubth and Al-Khabaa'ith (i.e., the evil of male and female devils)."***
6. Reciting the Chapters *Al-Falaq* and *An-Naas* completely, that is recommended for a Muslim to read after each prayer thrice and before he goes to bed thrice as well, along with the great Chapter *Al-Ikhlaas*, whose reward is equivalent to that of reading the entire Qur'aan when read three times. Reciting these chapters forms a protective fortress for the believer against Satan, the evil eye and magic, yet, some people go to sleep without mentioning Allaah or reading the Qur'aan. Others have the habit of cursing Satan whenever something unpleasant happens instead of remembering Allaah, even though the Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* instructed: ***"Do not curse Satan; take refuge in Allaah from his evil, in its place."***
7. Reciting the Chapter of *Al-Baqarah*, for the Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* advised: ***"Recite the Chapter of Al-Baqarah in your houses, because Satan does not enter a house in which it is read."*** Nonetheless, how many of us recite it in our homes?
8. The prostration of recitation: when you recite a verse for which prostration is recommended, then prostrate, because it infuriates Satan. The Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* said: ***"When the son of Adam recites a verse at which he should prostrate, Satan cries and exclaims: 'Woe to the son of Adam! He was commanded to prostrate so he did, and he will be rewarded with Paradise, while I was ordered to prostrate and I disobeyed, hence I will be put in Hell'."***
9. Avoiding disputes: a husband should shun quarreling with his wife because that is one of the main gateways from which Satan enters. The Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* said, ***"Satan sets his throne on the sea, then he sends off his troops; the closest to him (i.e., most beloved) is he who causes the greatest trial. One would come to him and Satan would ask him: 'What did you do?' and, he would reply: 'I did such-and-such.' Satan would remark: 'You have not done anything important.' (This will continue) until one comes saying: 'I did not leave him until he divorced his wife', so Satan would bring him near to himself, saying: 'Yes, you are the one, you are the one'."*** Undoubtedly, some men divorce their wives at the time of anger, without even thinking about the consequences.

One can also avoid Satan and his insinuations during the prayer by the following ways:

- Making the rows packed throughout the prayer, for the Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* used to say: ***"Compact yourselves within the lines and do not leave gaps between each other for Satan. Straighten your rows and squeeze yourselves within the line, for I swear by the One in Whose Hand my soul is, I can see the devils between your rows."***
- Putting a *Sutrah* (i.e., a handspan-high object) in front of you whilst praying and this is applicable whether one is leading the prayer or praying alone. The Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* said: ***"Whenever one of you prays whilst having a Sutrah, he should stand close to it so that Satan cannot pass between him and the Sutrah."***
- Seeking refuge in Allaah from Satan; if Satan comes to you during prayer and whispers to you, reminding you of worldly matters, then follow the instructions of your Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam*, who said, advising the man who complained about being distracted by Satan during prayer: ***"Take refuge with Allaah from Satan and spit three times on your left side."*** However, if one is praying with the congregation, he is not

supposed to spit, lest he harms the person next to him.

- Prostrating the prostration of forgetfulness, for it frustrates Satan, who whispers to the worshipper. If you are uncertain of the number of *Rak'ah* (units of prayer) that you have offered, base your prayer on the lower number which you are certain of, make up the rest and then prostrate the forgetfulness prostration.
- Moving the index finger repeatedly during *Tashahhud*, for it is heavier on Satan than a steel hammer.
- Stifling a yawn: do not make a sound if you happen to yawn during prayer because Satan laughs if you do so; close your mouth and do not allow him to enter, as he does during yawning, but if you cannot close it, then at least cover it with your hand.
- Mentioning Allaah before eating and upon entering one's house; Satan eats from any food upon which the name of Allaah has not been mentioned but when you mention His name, Satan informs his followers that they have no food or shelter in your house. So, otherwise, you guarantee them accommodation and provisions in your home. Likewise, we should mention the name of Allaah before doing anything and if some food falls on the floor, we should pick it up, dust it off, then eat it – do not leave it for Satan to consume. Also, if you see a disturbing dream, spit three times (on your left) and seek refuge in Allaah from Satan and do not inform anyone about it, as the Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* counseled.
- Not resembling Satan: beware of being hasty like him, walking like him with only one shoe on and sitting in an area that is half under the shade and half in the sun, because this is where Satan sits.

These points were conveyed to us by the Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam*, who taught us everything, starting from the prohibition of associating with Allaah (in worship) down to not walking with only one shoe on. Truly, what religion can be greater than this one?

Second Khutbah:

The main followers of Satan are the Jews, Christians and those who set partners with Allaah; them, in addition to those who have spread corruption upon the earth, who have been killing our Muslims brothers in Palestine, and at present, in Bosnia and India and those disbelieving idolaters who worship Satan.

The Hindus ... these worshippers of Satan who believe that the cow is a god, and who burn the woman after the death of her husband because she becomes worthless according to them. These people have demolished the *Baabri* Mosque, with the insinuations of their allies, the Jews and Christians. They have done such a thing to the oldest mosque in India and then slaughtered all Muslims who objected to their act, but many Muslims are unaware of this second incident. Initial statistics reported the number of killed Muslims to be nine hundred, while it is lighter in the scale of Allaah for the Heavens and earth to vanish than the killing of one Muslim. Indeed, murdering Muslims is greater than demolishing the mosque.

One could sense the extent of the disaster by the (distraught) faces of our Muslim brothers from India the next morning upon entering into the stores where they worked. This happened while we still hire Hindus in different jobs and positions.

O business owners! Repent to Allaah! Is it enough that they kill your brothers and demolish your mosques (for you to not employ them)? We are one nation among whom there is no difference between its east and west. You hire them and pay them salaries from which they give

out to their deviant organizations that oppress Muslims; in reality, you strengthen their economy with your paychecks that you confer to them. It is prohibited that you do that while the Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* has commanded you to get them out from the Arabian Peninsula.

These Hindus, even those living amongst us, rejoiced at the aforementioned incident and distributed sweets after the tearing down of the mosque.

They have conspired to make all workers come to us from their Hindu country, but we should work in supporting the religion of Allaah. The Prophet *sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam* said, ***“Two groups of my nation Allaah has protected from Hell: a group that conquers India and the group which fights with ‘Eesaa, the son of Maryam.’”***

The conquest of India started when the idol-worshippers captured a ship, aboard which were Muslim women who then sought the help of Muslims; so, *Muhammad Ibn Al-Qaasim*, may Allaah have mercy on him, dispatched an army that freed them and captured part of India. Thereafter, the Muslims went by sea and conquered *Ad-Daybal*, which is now known as Karachi (in Pakistan). The most famous Muslim leader to conquer India was *Mahmood Al-Ghaznawi*, may Allaah have mercy on him, who hailed from Afghanistan, for when he took over India, he broke their idols, demolished their temples and raised the banner of *Tawheed* (i.e., monotheism), established a mosque every three miles and appointed a person to lead the prayers and a person to call the *Athaan*. In spite of the fact that the Indians fought using elephants, they were killed and Allaah granted victory to the Muslims. This great leader was engaged in negotiations by them so he would not demolish their largest idol in return of taking all their gold and silver, but he refused.

The Indians of today want to erase the history of Muslims, for even if the mosque is prayed in, they still knock it down. They have timed this with the vicious attack on the capital of Bosnia, so that the tragedies accumulate upon the Muslims at one time, which is an evil plan to make the Muslims arrive at a state of despair.

We know that we, as a nation, are the most targeted in the world, as the British Lord in India admitted at the time when they were still occupying India; he said: *“We know that the Muslims are the ones who have the most hatred towards us and therefore, we must start dealing with the Hindus.”* This explains why the British placed the Hindus in the important positions and granted them many things, until the situation became as we see today, despite India being ruled by Muslims for centuries.

Afflicting the Muslims with many disasters at the same time and broadcasting bad and depressing news about their situation worldwide, causes their morale to drop.

O Muslims! This is an evil plan, but trust that Allaah will grant victory to His religion. However, the important thing is that we support His religion, by fulfilling His commands and adhering to His legislations.