

**Brothers and sisters in Islam, Ramadan has been over for a week now, and some of us are just finishing up our celebration of Eid ul Fitr. May Allah grant our hearts and our souls continuous happiness as the joy and bliss that we experienced on the day of Eid.**

**Brothers and sisters, be reminded that just because Ramadan is over, that it doesn't mean we cease doing the good deeds we were practicing in Ramadan. As the Prophet Muhammad said that the best of deeds are those that are continuous even if they are small.**

**During the month of Ramadan Allah made it easy for us to do good and receive His mercy and forgiveness, but opening the doors of paradise, closing the doors of the hellfire and chaining up the shayateen and devils.**

**But be reminded O believers...that now our greatest enemy and his troops and agents are now loose and rampant, they've been released from their chains and fetters. ~~We cannot see them,~~ but him and his soldiers are following us, whispering to us, watching us and trying to deceive us, lie to us, and lead us far away from Allah and what Allah loves for us to do.**

*Some come  
in form  
of human  
beings,  
animals,  
etc...  
Jinn*

**This enemy has been around for thousands of years, His enmity with human beings started when Allah created the first human being Adam...Allah mentions his story in the Quran:**

*Lets listen to a dialogue between  
Allah and this enemy of mankind ---*

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي خَالِقٌ بَشَرًا مِنْ صَلْصَالٍ مِنْ حَمَإٍ مَسْنُونٍ {28}

And remember when your Lord said to the angels: 'I am going to create a man (Adam) from some dried clay of molded mud.

فَإِذَا سَوَّيْتُهُ وَنَفَخْتُ فِيهِ مِنْ رُوحِي فَقَعُوا لَهُ سَاجِدِينَ {29}

So when I have fashioned him completely and breathed into him the soul which I created for him, then all of you should prostrate to him out of respect and a greeting to him.

فَسَجَدَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ كُلُّهُمْ أَجْمَعُونَ {30}

So all of the angels prostrated together

إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ أَبَى أَنْ يَكُونَ مَعَ السَّاجِدِينَ {31}

Except for Iblees who refused to be from amongst those who prostrated

قَالَ يَا إِبْلِيسُ مَا لَكَ أَلَّا تَكُونَ مَعَ السَّاجِدِينَ {32}

Allah said to him: 'O Iblees, why didn't you prostrate with those who prostrated?

قَالَ لَمْ أَكُنْ لِأَسْجُدَ لِبَشَرٍ خَلَقْتَهُ مِنْ صَلْصَالٍ مِنْ حَمَإٍ مَسْنُونٍ {33}

Iblees responded: 'I am not the one to prostrate myself to a human being, whom you created from some dry clay and mud.'

قَالَ فَاخْرُجْ مِنْهَا فَإِنَّكَ رَجِيمٌ {34}

Then Allah said: 'Get out of this paradise, for verily you are an outcast and an accursed one.'

وَإِنَّ عَلَيْكَ اللَّعْنَةَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ {35}

And the curse of Allah is upon you until the day of resurrection

قَالَ رَبِّ فَأَنْظِرْنِي إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ {36}

Then Iblees responded: 'O lord, grant me respite until the day of resurrection.'

قَالَ فَإِنَّكَ مِنَ الْمُنْظَرِينَ {37}

So Allah said: 'Ok you are from those who are given respite'

إِلَى يَوْمِ الْوَقْتِ الْمَعْلُومِ {38}

Until the day of judgement

قَالَ رَبِّ بِمَا أَغْوَيْتَنِي لَأُزَيِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا أُغْوِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ {39}

Then Iblees said: 'O My lord, because you have thrown me out of the paradise and misled me, I shall indeed adorn the path of error for human beings on the earth, and I shall mislead them all.

إِلَّا عِبَادَكَ مِنْهُمُ الْمُخْلَصِينَ {40}

Except your chosen, guided, and sincere slaves

قَالَ هَذَا صِرَاطٌ عَلَيَّ مُسْتَقِيمٌ {41}

Allah said: 'This is the way that will lead straight to me.'

إِنَّ عِبَادِي لَيْسَ لَكَ عَلَيْهِمْ سُلْطَانٌ إِلَّا مَنْ اتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ الْغَاوِينَ {42}

Then Allah says: 'Certainly you shall have not authority over my obedient slaves, except those who follow you and follow the path of the misguided.

وَإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ لَمَوْعِدُهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ {43}

And surely Hellfire is the promised place for them all.

So we learn from these verses that Iblees will lead everyone astray, except for those sincere slaves of Allah.... Are we from amongst those sincere slaves.... Were we sincere in the past month of Ramadan, have we gained more sincerity and are we considered to be from Allah's sincere slaves... As these people will not be misled by the Shaytaan and his soldiers....

4 These are the servants who are not arrogant or prideful when they hear Allah's commands in the Quran... indeed arrogance is what led Iblees astray....

it was Iblees' arrogance – reinforced by his false logic, and jealousy – that prevented him from obeying Allah's command. As Allah tells us in the Quran, Satan said,

قَالَ أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِّنْهُ خَلَقْتَنِي مِن نَّارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِن طِينٍ

"I am better than him (Adam), You created me from fire, and him You created from clay" (Quran, [Surah Al-Aaraf: 12](#)).

When Iblees was certain that he was doomed, he resolved to mislead whomever he could from the slaves of Allah, so that they would be with him in Hell.

**This is his ultimate goal...And him and his agents will come to us from everywhere, as Allah tells us what Iblees said:**

قَالَ فَبِمَا أَغْوَيْتَنِي لَأَقْعُدَنَّ لَهُمْ صِرَاطَكَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ {16}

Because you have sent me astray, surely I will sit in wait against them on your straight path to mislead them.

ثُمَّ لَأَتِيَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ وَعَنْ أَيْمَانِهِمْ وَعَنْ شَمَائِلِهِمْ وَلَا تَجِدُ أَكْثَرَهُمْ شَاكِرِينَ {17}

Then I will come to them from in front of them, from behind them, from their right and from their left, and you will not find most of mankind as thankful or dutiful to their lord.'

Iblees has such confidence in ensnaring his victims that he openly declares his strategy of approaching them from all sides and making them succumb to his temptations. He has decided to make the world appear beautiful and attractive and works on ways to lure man, limit his perspective to the gains, pleasures and enjoyment of this world alone, and make him forget the path that Allah has defined for all human beings during their stay here.

Iblees' ultimate goal is to make people go astray and eventually to turn them into disbelievers, or polytheists at a minimum. The manner in which Iblees pursues that goal varies in accordance with the interests and inclinations of his victims. For example, he uses piety to attack the pious; scholarly disciplines to attack scholars; false reasoning and logic for those who take pride in being knowledgeable, and ignorance to attack the ignorant.

So, Allah has made it clear to mankind that Satan is their enemy and Satan's goal is to divert mankind from the goal that Allah established for them, which is to follow and worship Allah by obeying His commands. Satan's goal is to make mankind disobey Allah and guide them away from the paradise and into the hell fire in the hereafter, which will also be Satan's abode. Allah says in the Quran:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ فَلَا تَغُرَّنَّكُمُ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا وَلَا يَغُرَّنَّكُم بِاللَّهِ  
الْعُرُورُ {5}

O mankind, the promise of Allah is true, do not let this worldly life deceive you, and don't let the chief deceiver deceive you

إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ فَاتَّخِذُوهُ عَدُوًّا ۗ إِنَّمَا يَدْعُو حِزْبَهُ لِيَكُونُوا مِنْ أَصْحَابِ  
السَّعِيرِ {6}

Surely Shaytaan is an enemy to you, so take him and treat him as your enemy. He only invites his followers that they may become the dwellers of the blazing fire.

## Shaitan is the source of all evil

Everything that happens among the sons of Adam such as disbelief, murder, enmity, hatred, the spread of immorality and fornication, immodesty, drinking alcohol, worshiping idols and other major sins, is all the work of Satan to corrupt mankind and to drive people from following the way of Allah and drag them to the Fire of Hell with him. So, let's remember that when we find ourselves around evil or being lured by it, Satan is engaged in his work and our task is to fend off his plans. Allah says in the Quran:

وَأِمَّا يَنْزَغَنَّكَ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ نَزْغٌ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

**“And if an evil whisper from Shaitan (waswasa) tries to turn you away from doing good, then seek refuge in Allah. Verily, He is the All Hearer, the All Knower”**  
(Quran, Surah Fussilat: 36).

**Some examples of his luring us is when we sit down in our cars to listen to Quran and satan whispers to us to listen to something else, when we have the money and intention to go for Hajj, but satan whispers to us telling us to buy a new car that we don' need, when we have the intention to pray in the masjid, but he whispers to us saying: 'you're late, it's better to pray at home'... These are some of the ways shaytaan and his soldiers distract us...**

**May Allah protect all of us from the whispers of the shaytaan and make it easy for us to continue upon goodness throughout the year.**

Second khutbah:

Satan approaches man through stealthy means. Allah (SWT) cautions us in the Quran with this verse:

يَا بَنِي آدَمَ لَا يَفْتِنَنَّكُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ كَمَا أَخْرَجَ أَبَوَيْكُم مِّنَ الْجَنَّةِ يَنْزِعُ عَنْهُمَا لِبَاسَهُمَا لِيُرِيَهُمَا سَوْآتَهُمَا ۗ إِنَّهُ يَرَائِكُمْ ۖ إِنَّهُ هُوَ وَقَبِيلُهُ مِمَّنْ حَيْثُ لَا تَرَوْنَهُمْ ۗ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا الشَّيَاطِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ {27}

O sons of Adam, don't let the Shaytaan deceive you, as he deceived your parents-Adam and Eve-and made them be thrown out of the paradise, removing their clothing, to show them their private parts. Indeed the Shaytaan and his soldiers from the Jinn see you from where you cannot see them. Verily we have made the devils and shayateen protectors and helpers for those who don't believe.'

## Provokes rebelliousness:

**Satan encourages the person to become rebellious** and to reject the laws and rules established by Allah the All Mighty. He leads men to their suspicion, questioning and argumentation in sheer obduracy. In a world where human weakness from temptations and weakness of faith abound, Satan influences man into ignoring and belittling the words of Allah stated in the Quran. He thus overly engages man into running after the worldly goals at the expense of violating Allah's divine commandments.

## Instills feelings of pride and Ar-Riya (showing off)

**Induces conceit in a person who has accomplishments to his credit** – Satan also induces false confidence in a person making him feel that he has reached perfection or that he is far better than others. This leads to vanity, self-admiration and distancing one from reality.

## **Uses laziness and procrastination to keep one away from good deeds**

We should realize that when Satan fails to make us rebel against the key truths of Islam, he uses other tactics to distance us from our basic obligations by using the tools of laziness and procrastination, and belittling in our minds the importance of those obligations.

## **Sets one Muslim against another**

Satan works on a common human weakness related to making one quickly assume something negative about the other. He thus infuses suspicion and doubt in the hearts of Muslims making them think badly about one another, and provoking them against one another. For example, Satan considers sowing the seeds of discord between a husband and wife as one of his greatest achievements.

## **Pushes obligatory deeds to the background**

Within Islam, obligatory duties take precedence as they establish the Muslim's identity and foundation of belief. When Satan's efforts to influence the believer hit a dead end, he attempts to make the 'recommended' lawful deeds appear more inviting than 'obligatory' duties thus pulling the believers away from the obligatory duties of Islam. For example, helping and supporting parents and family members is more important than helping friends. Similarly, praying the five obligatory prayers in congregation is more important than praying Taraweeh prayers. We should, therefore, be careful in not sacrificing the obligatory deeds at the expense of the less important deeds.

Finally, at the end, whom do we blame and what will Satan say?

So, at the end – on the Day of Judgment – when we are all made to account for what we had done in this life, we won't be able to blame Satan for the bad deeds that we did because of how he had incited us. Rather, this is what Satan will say on the Day of Judgment (as Allah tells us in the Quran):