

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَدِدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,
The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

Even to Think Evil silently

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ahmed bin Mohammed Tusi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that he heard from a very famous Wali, Hadrat Sayyiduna Ebrahim Aajeri - *may Allah be pleased with him*, who narrates:

My teacher and mentor, Hadrat Sayyiduna Ebrahim Aajeri Kabeer, mentions that, “I was once sitting near the door of the Masjid and it was very cold indeed. I then noticed a person walking by who only had two pieces of cloth covering himself and I said to myself, ‘Perhaps this person is among those people who beg from others. If only this person can use his two hands to earn his livelihood and support himself.’ The same night while I slept, I noticed two Angels approaching me and they grabbed me by my shoulders and took me towards the same Masjid. I then noticed that there was a person who was sleeping and he had only two pieces of cloth covering him. When they removed the cloth from his face, it was the same person whom I had seen earlier and who had passed me. The Angels then ordered me to eat the flesh of this person. I replied that I

had not being guilty of backbiting against this person but they replied, ‘Your Nafs and inner self had been guilty of thinking evil and backbiting against this person. You thought low of the person and also displayed dislike for him.’

When I heard these words, I immediately awoke and I was trembling with fear. I then waited for three days near the door of this Masjid waiting for this person and used to leave this spot for the Fard Salaah only. I also used to make Du’a that I am able to meet this person one more time so that I can apologize to him. I only managed to see him nearly month later and again he was only wearing two pieces of cloth. I then immediately went towards him and when he saw me, he began to walk away as fast as possible. I began to follow him as speedily as possible. However, when I realised that I will never be able to catch up with this person, I called out “O servant of Allah! I wish to speak to you.” He replied, “O Ebrahim! Are you among those people who backbite about Muslims in your heart?”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ebrahim Aajeri Kabeer - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions, “When I heard these words, I fell on the floor unconscious. When I regained my senses, I realized that this Saint was standing over me. He then said to me, ‘Will you do something like this again?’ I promised him that I will never do something like this again. He then disappeared from my sight and I never met him again.” (Uyunul Hikaaya)