

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلُودِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِّي بَأْنُ يُصْلِّي 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*

Satan tried to deceive Hadrat ‘Umar

Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* – narrates:

Once I left my house with the intention of making Jum’uah. On the road, I met Iblis who appeared as an old pious person. He then asked me, “O ‘Umar, where are you intending to go?”

I replied that I was intending to go to the Masjid.

He then told to me that the Salaah was complete and actually I had missed my Jumu’ah Salaah.

However, I recognized who he was and grabbed him by the throat and neck and shouted at him, “May you be cursed even more. Where you not someone who was once the most dedicated of worshippers and the pious? When it was said to you to bow down, you had refused to do so, you displayed pride and became from those who were the disbelievers and you will remain distanced from Allah Almighty until the Day of Judgement.”

He then asked me, “Tell me Umar! Think before giving me answer. Is disobedience part of me or obedience? In fact, I had made Sajdah on numerous occasion under the Divine Throne. In fact, there is not a place in the heavens where I had not made Sajdah and Ruku. In spite of this, I was told:

قَالَ فَأَخْرُجْ مِنْهَا فَإِنَّكَ رَجِيمٌ
وَإِنَّ عَلَيْكَ اللَّعْنَةَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Said Allah, “Therefore exit from Paradise, for you are an outcast.” “And indeed you are accursed till the Day of Judgement.” (Hajr 34/35)

Hadrat Sadrul Affadil - *may Allah be pleased with him* - explains in the *Khaza'iinul Irfaan* that, “The entire earth and heavens will curse Satan and when the Day of Judgement appears, with all his curses, he will be gripped in punishment and he will never be free of this.”

The Satan continued, “O ‘Umar! Are you certain that you will remain protected from the Secret Divine Decree of Allah Almighty? After all the Qur'an states:

أَفَأَمْنُوا مَكْرُ اللَّهِ فَلَا يَأْمُنُ مَكْرُ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْقَوْمُ الْخَسِرُونَ

Are they oblivious to Allah's secret plan? So none is unafraid of Allah's

secret plan except the people of ruin! (Al 'Araf, 99)

Hadrat Sadrul Affadil - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in the same treatise explains that, "There is no doubt that the sincere servants of Allah Almighty genuinely fear Allah Almighty. It is mentioned that once, the blessed daughter of Rabee bin Khaythem - *may Allah be pleased with him* - asked her father, 'What is the reason that when everyone is sleeping and you are still awake?' He replied, 'O my beloved daughter! Your father is extremely fearful of sleeping at night. I do not wish that this sleep becomes a reason for my obliviousness of the Dhikr of Allah Almighty and therefore becomes a means for my destruction.'"

Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - continues, "I then said to him, 'Get out from my sight. I do not have the knowledge to be able to answer such questions.'"

In other words, it is always the wish of the Satan to create doubts in you and once the doubt is created, your consistency in Ibadah will also be affected. This is also one of the greatest weapons which are used by the Munafiq. They say that the Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - does not have this knowledge, he does not have that knowledge, he is unable to listen to your Salaam or Durood, he is unable to help and assist you, he cannot do this or he cannot do that, etc.

When a sincere Muslim faces these types of questions, sooner or later, he himself starts to question his beliefs and that is when he becomes a victim of the Satan. This is the reason that the eminent companion told Iblis to get out. In other words, 'I believe in whatever I believe in whether you are happy or not means nothing to me'. In like manner, when the Munafiq approaches you and starts to question you, tell him to go to Hell, after all, you are not insulting him, you are merely telling him to go to his actual residence.