

ٱلْحَمْدُ بِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَاهُلُهُ وَالصَّلُوةُ وَالسَّلَامُرعَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلْدِ ادَمَرَكَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضى بِأَنْ يُصَلِّي عَلَيْهِ



TAFSIR OF AHLUS SUNNAH

Through the Centuries

Surah Al-Falaq 113: Verse No. 5



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وَمِنْ شُبِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدً ٥

"And from the evil of the envious when he envies me."

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وَقَوْلُهُ: {وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ} [الفلق: 5] اخْتَلَفَ أَهْلُ التَّأُويلِ فِي الْحَاسِدِ النَّاعُ الْفُعَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنْ يَسْتَعِينَ مِنْ شَرِّ حَسَدِةِبِهِ

The exegetists differed in the interpretation of "the envious", the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – was commanded to seek refuge from the evil of his envy.

عَنْ قَتَادَةً، {وَمِنْ شَرِّحَاسِدٍإِذَاحَسَدَ} [الفلق: 5]قَالَ: «مِنْ شَرِّعَيْنِهِ وَنَفْسِهِ» وَعَنْ عَطَاءِ الْخُرَاسَائِيِّ مِثُلُ ذَلِكَ

Sayyiduna Qatadah – may Allah be pleased with him – is reported to have commented on 'And from the evil of the envious when he envies me', i.e. "From his evil eye and evil spirit."

Similar view is narrated from Sayyiduna 'Ata al-Khorasani as well.

وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: بَلُ أُمِرَالنَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِهَذِهِ الْآيَةِ أَنْ يَسْتَعِينَ مِن شَيِّ الْيَهُودِ الَّذِينَ حَسَدُوهُ

Others said, "The Holy Prophet was commanded through this verse to seek refuge from the evil of those who envied him."

Tafsir Al-Tabari (Tafsir Ibn Jareer / Jame' al-Bayaan fi Taweel al-Quraan) of Imam Abu Ja'far Muhammad ibn Jareer al-Tabri & D. 310 A.H.

Tafsir al-Baghawi

تفسيرالبغوي

i.e. the jews, for they used to envy the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him.

Tafsir al-Baghawi (Ma'aalim al-Tanzeel) of Muhiyy al-Sunnah Imam Abu Muhammad Al-Husain ibn Mas'ood al-Baghwi al-Shafe'l & D. 510 A.H.

Tafsir al-Qurtubi

تفسيرالقرطبي

وَأَنَّهُ تَبَيِّى زَوَالِ نِعْمَةِ الْمَحْسُودِ وَإِنْ لَمْ يَصِى لِلْحَاسِدِ مِثْلُهَا. وَالْمُنَافَسَةُ هِيَ تَمَنِّى مِثْلِهَا وَإِنْ لَمْ تَزُلْ. فَالْحَسَدُ شَنَّ مَذْمُومٌ. وَالْمُنَافَسَةُ مُبَاحَةٌ.

To envy is to wish for the loss of blessings of the victim if the envious does not enjoy the same while to aspire is to wish for the same without wishing for the loss of its possessor. Envy is a disgraceful evil while it is permissible to aspire.

وَقَدُ رُوِى أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قال: الْمُؤْمِنُ يَغْبِطُ، وَالْمُنَافِقُ يَحْسُدُ.

It is narrated that the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – said, "A believer aspires while a hypocrite envies."

The Scholars have said, "The envious does not harm until his envy is practically put into practice or speech. It is when the envy tempts him to indulge in doing evil to the victim, so he advances to fault finding.

The Hoy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – said, "When you get jealous, do not act on it."

Envy is the first sin responsible for the disobedience towards Allah in the heaven and it is the first sin responsible for disobedience towards Him on the earth. Iblis envied Sayyiduna Adam – peace be upon him and Qabil envied Habil.

هَذِهِ سُورَةٌ دَالَّةٌ عَلَى أَنَّ اللهَ سُبْحَانَهُ خَالِقُ كُلِّ شَيِّ، وَأَمَرَنَبِيَّهُ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنُ عَذِهِ سُورَةٌ دَالَّةٌ عَلَى أَنَّ الله عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنُ يَتَعَوَّذَ مِنْ جَبِيعِ الشُّمُ ورِ. فَقَال: مِنْ شَيِّ مَا خَلَقَ. وَجَعَلَ خَاتِمَةَ ذَلِكَ الحسد، تَنْبِيهًا عَلَيْ عَلَيْهِ اللهِ. عَلَى عِظَهِ وَ كَثَرُةٍ ضَرَرِةٍ. وَالْحَاسِدُ عَدُوْنِ عَهُ قِاللهِ.

This Surah proves that indeed Allah Almighty is the Creator of everything, and that includes every evil as well. He commanded His beloved Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – to seek refuge from all evil. Hence, He stated, "From the evil of all creation". He concluded it on envy, to warn about its severe consequences and serious disasters. An envious person is the enemy of Allah's blessings.

قَالَ بَعْضُ الْحُكَمَاءِ: بَارْتَمَ الْحَاسِدُ رَبَّهُ مِنْ خَمْسَةِ أَوْجُهِ:

أَحَدُهَا ـ أَنَّهُ أَبُغَضَ كُلَّ نِعْمَةٍ ظَهَرَتْ عَلَى غَيْرِهِ.

وَثَانِيهَا - أَنَّهُ سَاخِطٌ لِقِسْمَةِ رَبِّهِ، كَأَنَّهُ يَقُولُ: لِمَ قَسَمْتَ هَنِهِ الْقِسْمَةَ

وَثَالِثُهَا - أَنَّهُ ضَادَّ فِعُلَ اللهِ، أَيْ إِنَّ فَضَلَ اللهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ، وَهُوَيَبُخَلُ بِفَضْلِ اللهِ.

وَرَابِعُهَا لَنَّهُ خَنَالَ أُولِيَاءِ اللهِ، أَويُرِيدُ خِنَالاَنَهُمُ وَزَوَالَ النِّعْمَةِ عَنْهُم.

وَخَامِسُهَا لَنَّهُ أَعَانَ عَدُوَّ هُ إِبْلِيسَ.

Some wise men have said, "The envious person fights with his Lord in five ways:

1. He hates every blessing He bestows upon anyone other than himself.

- 2. He is dissatisfied with his Lord's destiny, as if he is saying, "Why did You make my destiny like this?"
- 3. He is disagreeing with Allah's action i.e.

ذٰلِكَ فَضُلُ اللهِ يُؤْتِيُهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ

This is the bounty of Allah, He gives it to whom He pleases. (Al-Ma'idah 5, Verse 54)

But he is resentful about Allah's blessing.

- 4. He betrays Allah's friends or wishes for their destruction and fall of their blessings.
- 5. He supports His enemy Iblis."

قِيلَ: الْحَاسِدُ لَا يَنَالُ فِي الْمَجَالِسِ إِلَّا نَدَامَةً، وَلَا يَنَالُ عِنْدَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ إِلَّا لَعْنَةً وَبَغْضَاءَ، وَلَا يَنَالُ فِي الْخَلُوةِ إِلَّا جَزَعًا وَغَمَّا، وَلَا يَنَالُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ إِلَّا حُزْنًا وَاحْتَرَاقًا، وَلَا يَنَالُ مِنَ اللهِ إِلَّا عُدُنَا وَاحْتَرَاقًا، وَلَا يَنَالُ مِنَ اللهِ إِلَّا عُدُا وَمَقْتًا.

It is said that the envious only attracts shame in public, curse and hatred by the angels, sorrow and grief in isolation, sadness and burn in the hereafter, and all he gets from Allah is distance and distaste.

وَرُوِى أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: (ثَلَاثَةٌ لَا يُسْتَجَابُ دُعَاؤُهُمْ: آكِلُ الْحَمَامِ، وَرُوِى أَنَّ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: (ثَلَاثَةٌ لَا يُسْتَجَابُ دُعَاؤُهُمْ: آكِلُ الْحَمَامِ، وَمُكْثِرُ الْغِيبَةِ، وَمَنْ كَانَ فِي قَلْبِهِ غِلَّ أَوْحَسَدٌ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ. وَاللهُ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى أَعْلَمُ.

It is narrated that the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – said, "There are three people whose Du'as are not answered:

- 1. One who eats unlawful.
- 2. One who is involve in backbiting excessively.
- 3. One in whose heart, there is malice and envy for the Muslims."

Allah Almighty knows best.

Tafsir Qurtubi (Al-Jame' Li Ahkaam al-Quran) Imam Shamsuddin Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Qurtubi & D. 671 A.H.

تفسيرالنسفي Tafsir al-Nasafi

أىإذا ظهرحسده وعبل به قتضاه لأنه إذا لم يظهر فلا ضرر يعود منه على من حسده بل هو الضار لنفسه لاغتمامه بسرور غيره وهو الأسف على الخير عند الغير والاستعاذة من شره هذه الأشياء بعد الاستعاذة من شرما خلق إشعار بأن شرهؤلاء أشد وختم بالحسد ليعلم أنه شرها وهو أول ذنب عصى الله به في السباء من إبليس وفي الأرض من قابيل

i.e. when one's envy gets the better of him he acts on this instinct, for if one does not act on it no harm approaches the victim from it but it rather haunts the envious person himself due to saddening over the happiness of the other and he will grieve over other's bounties. Seeking refuge from the evil of these things after seeking refuge from the evil of all creation denotes that the evil of these things is worse, and this Surah is concluded

with envy to make it known that envy is also an evil. It is the first sin due to which Allah Almighty was disobeyed by Iblis in the heavens, and on the earth, He was disobeyed by Qabil due to envy.

Tafsir al-Nasafi (Madarik al-Tanzeel) of Imam Abul Barakaat Abdullah ibn Ahmed al-Nasafi & D. 710 A.H.

Tafsir al-Jalalain

فسيرالجلالين

i.e. when his envy gets the better of him and he acts on this instinct, like Labeed, the jewish man who was envious of the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him.

Tafsir al-Jalalain of Imam Jalaaluddin Muhammad ibn Ahmad al-Mahalli al-Shafe'i & D. 864 A.H. and Imam Jalaaluddin Abd al-Rahman ibn Abi Bakr al-Suyooti al-Shafe'i & D. 911 A.H.

Tafsir al-Durr al-Manthoor

تفسيرالدر الهنثور

Imam Ibn 'Adi in Al-Kamil and Baihagi in Shu'ab al-Iman:

Sayyiduna Hasan's – may Allah be pleased with them – view concerning 'And from the evil of the envious when he envies', he commented, "It was the first sin committed in the heaven."

وَأَخْرِجَ ابُنَ أَبِي حَاتِمِ عَنِ الْحَسِنِ رَضِى الله عَنهُ { وَمِن شَرَّ حَاسِد إِذَا حَسِد } يَعْنِي الْيَهُود هم حسدة الإسلام

Imam Ibn Abi Hatim narrated from Sayyiduna Hasan – may Allah be pleased with them that 'And from the evil of the envious when he envies' means the jews, they are envious of Islam.

وَأَخْرِجِ ابْنِ الْمُنْدُرِ عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسِ رَضِى الله عَنْهُمَا {وَمِن شَرِّحَاسِد إِذَا حسد } قالَ: نفس ابْن آ دم وعينه

Imam Ibn al-Mundhir narrated from Sayyiduna Ibn Abbas – may Allah be pleased with them – to have commented on 'And from the evil of the envious when he envies', "It's the human spirit and his evil eye."

وَأَخْرِجُ ابْنَ مُرْدَوَيُهُ عَنْ عَبَادَةً بِنِ الصَّامِتُ رَضِى الله عَنهُ عَنْ رَسُولَ الله صلى الله عَلَيْهِ وَسلم أَن جِبْرِيل أَتَالُا وَهُو يوعك فَقَالَ: بِسم الله أرقيك من كل شَيْء يُؤُذِيك من حسد حَاسِد وكل عين اسم الله يشفيك

Imam Ibn Mardawaih narrated from Sayyiduna 'Ubadah ibn Samit – may Allah be pleased with them – who narrates from the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him:

Sayyiduna Jibreel – peace be upon him – visited him when he was in pain, then he recited:

بسم الله أرقيك من كل شَيْء يُؤُذِيك من حسد حَاسِد وكل عين اسم الله يشفيك

وَأَخْرِجُ ابْنِ مِرْدَوَيْهِ عَنِ أَبِي هُرِيْرَةً رَضِى الله عَنهُ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولَ الله صلى الله عَلَيْهِ وَسلم: إِيَّاكُمُ والحسد فَإِن الْحَسَديَأُكُلِ الْحَسَنَات كَمَا تَأْكُلِ النَّارِ الْحَطب

Imam Ibn Mardawaih narrated from Sayyiduna Abu Hurairah – may Allah be pleased with them – that the Holy prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – stated, "Beware of envy, for envy consumes virtues just as the fire consumes wood."

وَأَخْرِجِ الْبَيْهَةِيِّ فِي الشَّعبِ عَن أَنس رَضِ الله عَنهُ قَالَ: كُنَّا عِنْد النَّبِي صلى الله عَلَيْهِ وَسلم جُلُوسًا فَقَالَ: يطلع عَلَيْكُم الآن من هَذَا الْفَج رجل من أهل الْجنَّة فطلع رجل من أهل الْجنَّة فطلع رجل من الأَنْصَار تنطف لحيته من وضوئِهِ قدعلق نَعْلَيْه فِي يَده الشّمَال فَسلم فَلَمَّا كَانَ من الأَنْصَار تنطف لحيته من وضوئِهِ قدعلق نَعْلَيْه فِي يَده الشّمَال فَسلم فَلَمَّا كَانَ من الْغَدة قالَ النَّبِي صلى الله عَلَيْهِ وَسلم مثل فطلع الرجل مثل مرته الأولى فَلَمَّا كَانَ النَّبِي صلى الله عَلَيْهِ وَسلم مثل مقالته أَيْضا فطلع ذَلِك الرجل على الله عَلَيْهِ وَسلم مثل مقالته أَيْضا فطلع ذَلِك الرجل على مثل حاله الأولى فَلَمَّا قَامَ النَّبِي صلى الله عَلَيْهِ وَسلم مثل مقالته أَيْضا فطلع ذَلِك الرجل على مثل حاله الأولى فَلَمَّا قَامَ النَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَسلم تبعه عبد الله بن عَبْروبن الْعَاصِ

رَضِ الله عَنهُ فَقَالَ: إِنِّ لاحيت أَبِي فأقسبت أَن لا أَدخل عَلَيْهِ ثَلَاثًا فَإِن رَأَيْت أَن تأويني إِلَيْك حَتَّى تَبْضِى الثَّلَاث فعلت قَالَ: نعم

قَالَ أنس: فَكَانَ عبد الله يحدث أنه بَات مَعَه ثَلَاثَ لَيْلًا فَلم يره يقوم إِلَّا لصَلَاة الْفجُر وَإِذا تقلب على فرَاشه ذكر الله وَ كبره وَ لا يَقُول إِلَّا خيرا

فَلَمَّا مض الثَّلاث لَيَال وكدت احتقى عمله قلت يَاعبد الله: لم يكن بينى وَبَين وَالِدى غضب وَلا هِجُرَة وَلَكِنِّى سَبِعت رَسُول الله صلى الله عَلَيْهِ وَسلم يَقُول: يطلع الْآن عَلَيْكُم رجل من أهل الْجنَّة فطلعت أَنْت الثَّلاث مَرَّات فَأَرَدُت أَن آوى إِلَيْك فَأَنْظر مَا عَبَلك فَلم أُرك تغمل كثير عمل فَلمَّا وليت دَعَان فَقَال: مَا هُو إِلَّا مَا رَأَيْت غير أَنِّ لا أجد فِى نَفسِى غشاً على أحد من الْمُسلمين وَلا أحسد لاعلى خير أعطّا لا الله إيّالا

قَالَ عبدالله: فَهَذِهِ الَّتِي بلغت بك وَهِي الَّتِي لا تطاق

Imam Bayhaqi narrated from Sayyiduna Anas – may Allah be pleased with them – in Shu'ab al-Iman: He said, "We were by the Holy Prophet – peace and blessings of Allah be upon him – and he said, 'There will be a man of paradise passing by you now through this way.' Then an Ansari man appeared. The water of Wudhu was dripping from his beard and he had held his shoes in his left hand. He made Salam. The Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – said the same words the next day, and the same man appeared as before, and on the third day, the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace

and blessings upon him – said the same words and the same man appeared again in the same condition as before. While the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – stood, Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn 'Amr ibn al-'Aas – may Allah be pleased with him – followed him and said to him, 'I had a fight with my father and I swore the oath of not returning to him for three days. If you feel appropriate, would you please provide me an accommodation for three days?'

Sayyiduna Anas narrates from Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn 'Amr ibn al-'Aas – may Allah be pleased with them – that he spent three nights with him and observed that he only wakes up for Fair Salah and when he changes sides on his bed he only makes Allah's Dhikr and His Greatness, and says nothing but good. When I spent three nights and was on the verge of discrediting his actions, I said to him, 'O Allah's servant, I have no issues with my father nor have I fought with him but I heard the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – saying, 'There will be a man of paradise passing by you through this way.' And all these three times it was you who appeared. I thought to stay by you and observe your actions, but I have not seen you do anything extraordinary.' When I turned my back to leave, he called me and said, 'I have not any other actions but what you have seen, except that I never keep malice for any Muslim in my heart, nor do I envy anyone over their status or blessings which Allah Almighty has bestowed upon him.' Sayyiduna Abdullah – may Allah be pleased with him - said, 'It is the very quality which has elevated you to this station, and this is the action which is not everyone's cup of tea'."

وَأَخَى جَ الْبَيْهَ عِي عَن أَنس رَضِى الله عَنهُ أَن رَسُول الله صلى الله عَلَيْهِ وَسلم قَالَ: الصَّلَاة نور وَالصِّيَام جنَّة وَالصَّدَقَة تُطْفِئ الْخَطِيئَة كَمَا يُطْفِئ البَاء النَّار والحسد يَأْكُل الْحَسَنَات كَبَاتَأْكُل النَّار الْحَطب

Imam Baihaqi reports from Sayyiduna Anas – may Allah be pleased with them:

The Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – has stated, "Salah is light, fasting is shield, charity eradicates the sins like water extinguishes the fire and envy consumes the virtues like fire consumes the wood."

Tafsir Al-Durr al-Manthoor Bi al-Tafsir al-Mathoor of Imam Jalaaluddin Abd al-Rahman ibn Abi Bakr al-Suyooti al-Shafe'i & D. 911 A.H.

Tafsir Rooh al-Bayaan

تفسيرروحالبيان

وفي الحديث المؤمن يغبط والمنافق يحسد

Hadeeth: The believer aspires and the hypocrite envies.

وأول ذنب عصى الله به في السباء حسد إبليس لآدم فأخرجه من الجنة فطرد وصار شيطانا رجيا وفي الأرض قابيل لاخيه هابيل فقتله

The first sin that was committed to disobey Allah in the heaven is the envy of Iblis for Sayyiduna Adam – peace be upon him, so it got him out of heaven due to this. He was expelled and became a cursed satan. On earth, it was the envy of Qabil for his brother Habil, so he killed him.

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