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AVOIDING SATAN'S TEMPTATIONS



O slaves of Allah! Have the *taqwa* of Allah with the utmost *taqwa*. And do not die except in the state of Islam. I implore myself and fellow audience to increase our *taqwa* of Allah by

fulfilling all of His
Commandments and avoiding
all of His prohibitions.
Let us contemplate and reflect
upon today's *khutbah* titled,
**“Avoiding Satan’s
Temptations.”**

The *khateeb* today would like to invite the *Muslimeen* today to get to know closer of our archenemy that is *shaytaan*, furthermore so we can avoid his evil temptations in attaining

salvation in this world and the Hereafter. *Shaytaan* is a species of the jinn that was created from fire, whom are descendants of *Iblees la'natullah* (may Allah's Curse be upon him),

always causing corruption,
deceit, and whispering doubts in
the hearts of mankind. From the
first mankind created, *shaytaan*
has been relentless in inciting
and instigating

mankind towards disobedience and evil, preventing them from acts of obedience. This is the curse of *shaytaan* as Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* has mentioned in al-Qur'an:

**“[*Iblees*] said, “By your
might, I will surely mislead
them all. Except, among
them, Your chosen
servants.””**

(Saad 38:82-83)

To illustrate how significant it is for the Muslims to be extra cautious with the deceptions of *shaytaan*, Allah has mentioned the word *shaytaan* 86 times, in which 68 times it was

mentioned in the singular form
“*shaytaan*” (شَيْطَان) and 18
times mentioned in the plural
form “*shayaateen*” (شَيْاطِين).

No one can dispute the
importance for each Muslim to
avoid *shaytaan*'s

deceptions. However, in avoiding such wickedness, it behoove us to know the methods and techniques that *shaytaan* employs, enabling him to slip thru inside the hearts of mankind.

Shaytaan would utilize all of our limbs in causing us to slip from the Right Path. Imaam al-

Ghazzaali *rahimahullah* mentioned in his book *Ihya*'

'Uloom ad-Deen that just

through the

“tongue” alone, *shaytaan* is
capable of causing 20
destructions.

Dr Fathi Yakan, a well-known
Muslim thinker, mentioned that
there are seven areas of
penetration

that *shaytaan* will utilize in
misguiding mankind, namely:

1- Through anger

When an individual is overcome
with anger, it only means that
the function of

the '*aql* (intellect) has been greatly minimized. '*Aql* is a very useful gift from Allah. It must be protected and safeguarded so that it will function towards good. When it gets sidelined,

then such are happy moments
for *shaytaan* in dominating
mankind.

There are those who would even
murder their own siblings and
parents while in the state of
anger.

Unfortunately, it would only be followed with full regret once the anger dies down. Hence, when in state of anger, we are recommended to make *wudoo*' to “cool” the anger and protect our

inner-selves from evil
whisperings of *shaytaan*.

**2- Through *shahwah* (lustful
desire)**

This refers to the urge and
desire of the human body
wanting to be fed with drink

and water, intercourse, wealth,
and many others. The longing
for these matters is not
something deplorable. But
shaytaan can easily manipulate
such desire to misguide
mankind from

the path of Allah. The desire
longs for food, so *shaytaan*
incite the individual to eat that
which is *haraam* or take the
easier route but unIslamic just
to obtain that food, through
cheating,

bribery, oppression, and others.

Then the soul desires marital relation, so *shaytaan* stimulate the lust to leer at the beauty of women he is not married to, unlawfully gazing at the *'awrah* of

others, and many more.

3- Through recklessness and haphazard.

The characteristic of *al-‘ajalah* (العجلة), meaning greed or recklessness, is the opposite of being careful and

cautious. Being greedy and reckless will truly make one very vulnerable to the trickery of *shaytaan*. This is because one will pursue something haphazardly without making rational and

sound evaluation using their
'*aql*. That is why we are warned
and prohibited from accepting
and believing any information
received from doubtful sources,
without further investigation.

Shaytaan will always strive for that opportunity and space to create discord among mankind.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

“O you who have believed, if there comes to you a disobedient one with information, investigate, lest you harm a people out of ignorance and become, over what you have done, regretful.”

(al-Hujuraat 49:6)

4- **Through *hasad* (envy).**

This is from among the early traits of *Iblees la'natullah* in his first encounter with Nabi Adam 'alayhissalam. *Iblees* felt jealous, arrogant, and cocky when he was

commanded by Allah to
prostrate down to Adam who is
“inferior” than him, being his
“junior”.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

“[Allah] said, “What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?” [Satan] said, “I am better than him. You created me from fire and created him from clay.””

(al-A‘raaf 7:12)

Shaytaan also attempts to instill this very characteristic inside our hearts. So when mankind is entrapped with *hasad*, it brings joyful feeling for *shaytaan* to further instigate in escalating

disputes among mankind.

5- Through *bakheel* (miserly).

Indeed, *shaytaan* would always

stir up anxiety in our hearts,

fearing poverty and destitution.

The fear of destitution would only prevent mankind from giving *sadaqah*, making donation, and others. It also weakens the sympathy and benevolence towards others within our inner-selves.

In al-Qur'an, Allah mentions
such deceitful trickery of
shaytaan in this regard:
**“Satan threatens you with
poverty and orders**

**you to immorality,
while Allah promises you
forgiveness from Him and
bounty. And Allah is all-
Encompassing and Knowing.”**

(al-Baqarah 2: 268)

6- Through takabbur (pride)

Takabbur is a praiseworthy attribute for Allah, for He Alone is truly deserving of glorifying and exalting Himself.

However, when created beings
make such claim of this
characteristic, then it becomes
evil and wicked. This is also
from among the characteristics
of *shaytaan* that caused him to
be

deprived of the *rahmah* of Allah
and accursed eternally.

Therefore, anyone immersed in
vanity or conceit, then it only
brings happiness for *shaytaan* to
seep through this pride and
destroy the deeds

and *'ibaadah* of the children of Adam. In a *hadeeth qudsi* narrated by Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* said:

“Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala* said: ‘Pride is My cloak and greatness is My robe, and he who competes with Me in respect of either of them, I shall cast into the Hell Fire.’”

(Abu Dawood: *saheeh*)

7- Suspicion towards Muslims.

Suspicion is a reprehensible trait that will cause one to always look down and negatively upon other Muslims, even without proof

or evidence to substantiate such
purview. It will cause one to
always strive in finding the
faults of others. The Messenger
sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam
would always remind his

Companions *radiyAllaahu*
'anhum ajma'een to conceal and
cover the faults of their Muslim
brethren if the fault does not
cause harm to the public.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala
mentions in al-Qur'an:

**“O you who have believed,
avoid much [negative]
assumption. Indeed, some
assumption is sin.**

**And do not spy or backbite
each other. Would one of you
like to eat the flesh of his
brother when dead? You
would detest it.**

**And fear Allah;
indeed, Allah is Accepting
of repentance and
Merciful.”**

(al-Hujuraat 49:12)

After knowing the paths and avenues that paves the way for *shaytaan* to “sneak” into the human soul, then let us be on guard in protecting our own selves from falling into the deceptions of *shaytaan*.

“Did I not enjoin upon you, O children of Adam, that you not worship Satan – [for] indeed, he is to you a clear enemy. And that

you worship [only]

**Me? This is a straight
path. And he had already
led astray from among you
much of creation, so did
you not use reason?"**

(Ya-Seen 36:60-62)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوْهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُوْرُ الرَّحِيْمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,
we are grateful unto You for having
bestowed upon us Mercy and
Blessings, nourishing us to strive
to continue in strengthening the
Muslim nation especially the state
of Selangor, as an advanced,
progressive, peaceful, and
benevolent state.**

**We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah,
to strengthen our *imaan*, increase
our good deeds, strengthen our
unity, increase our provision,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge, nourish our soul with
beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide us to the
Path that is Pleasing to You,**

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

**Purify their wealth and soul so that
they will live according to that
which pleases You. Protect the poor
and needy from disbelief and
everlasting poverty. *Allaahummaa
ameen***



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