

SUMMER IMMERSION DEFEATING SHAYTAN



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Introduction

- Allah says to take Shaytan as an enemy

إِنَّ الشَّيْطَنَ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌ فَاتَّخِذُوهُ عَدُوًّا

Indeed, Satan is an enemy to you; so take him as an enemy.

- Book by Ibn Al Jawzi - The Devil's Deception (Talbis Iblis)
- Shaytan is a jinn
- His original name was Azazel
- He was so respected that he lived among the angels, unlike the jinn who lived on Earth
- شيطان means to be expelled or distanced
 - Shaytan is the most distant from Allah
 - Those who get closer to Shaytan get further away from Allah
 - The closest to Allah is Prophet (SAW)
 - Those who gets closer to the Prophet (SAW) gets closer to Allah
- Tablis comes from ilitabasa, which means to cover
- Iblis was covered in his deception
 - The two strongest forces of Shaytan are shahawat (desires) and shubuhat (doubts)
 - Doubts are more dangerous than desires
 - However, desires can lead someone to doubts

- There are many groups that Shaytan targets
 - One of them are scholars
 - Hasan Al Basri, a great scholar who was raised in the house of Umm Salama saw a blind man walking in mud
 - He advised the man to be careful not to fall
 - The man recognized Hasan Al Basri's voice and told him, if I slip and fall, it will only affect me, but you should watch your step. If you fall, the whole community falls
- The first thing we say when reciting Quran is Aoodhubillahi min Ashaytanirrajim
- Shaytan isn't very interested in someone who is not practicing
 - The objective of Shaytan is to take people away from Allah
- Yaqub tells Yusuf to not tell his dream to his brothers, acknowledging the fact that Shaytan is an enemy to mankind
- We can't blame Shaytan for our own sins
 - On the Day of Judgment, many will blame Shaytan for their position in Hell
 - Shaytan will give a speech to them, explaining that Allah had promised them a true promise, and that Shaytan had no control over them except through invitation to sins.

What Shaytan Calls Us Towards

- Evil
- Immodesty
 - This could be in clothing, words, etc.
- For us to say things about Allah that we do not know
 - We shouldn't speak about religion without knowledge
- Misguidance
 - There are many ways this is done
 - It can be very subtle - we should try to find the roots of our sins
- Animosity and hate

- This is Shaytan's motivation
- He loves when there is animosity between Muslims
- Oftentimes, this is created by intoxication

