

SUMMER IMMERSION DEFEATING SHAYTAN



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The Meaning of Iblis

- Iblis comes from the word *البس*, which means to lose hope
 - Shaytan's ultimate goal is to make you lose hope in the mercy of Allah
 - Imam Al-Dhahabi has a book on major sins, and one of the top sins is to despair in Allah's mercy
- Muadh narrated a hadith from the Prophet SAW that the right of Allah on His servants is that He is worshiped with no one else, and the right of His servants on Allah is that He forgives anyone who does not do shirk with Allah

Iblis in the Quran

- Iblis is mentioned 11 times in the Quran
- The first story in the Quran (based on the order) is the story of Adam and Iblis in Surah Baqara
- Allah often starts surahs with the story of Adam and Iblis

Prostration of the Angels

- Allah says in Surah al-Baqarah:

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً قَالُوا أَتَحْعَلُ فِيهَا مَنْ يُفْسِدُ فِيهَا وَيَسْفِلُ الْدَّمَاءَ وَنَحْنُ نُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِكَ وَنُقَدِّسُ لَكَ قَالَ إِنِّي أَعْلَمُ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ۝ وَعَلَّمَ إِدَمَ الْأَسْمَاءَ كُلَّهَا ثُمَّ عَرَضَهُمْ عَلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ فَقَالَ أَنِّي وَنِي بِاسْمَاءٍ هُوَ لَاءُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَدِيقِيَنَّ ۝ قَالُوا سُبْحَانَكَ لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا إِلَّا مَا عَلَمْتَنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ ۝ قَالَ يََادَمُ أَنِّيْهُمْ بِاسْمَائِهِمْ فَلَمَّا أَنْبَاهُمْ بِاسْمَائِهِمْ قَالَ أَلَمْ أَقْلُ لَكُمْ إِنِّي أَعْلَمُ غَيْرَ أَلْسَمَوْتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَأَعْلَمُ مَا تُبَدُّونَ وَمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْتُمُونَ ۝

(Remember) when your Lord said to the angels, "I am going to place a successive (human) authority on earth." They asked (Allah), "Will You place in it someone who will spread corruption there and shed blood while we glorify Your praises and proclaim Your holiness?" Allah responded, "I know what you do not know." He taught Adam the names of all things, then He presented them to the angels and said, "Tell Me the names of these, if what you say is true?" They replied, "Glory be to You! We have no knowledge except what You have taught us. You are truly the All-Knowing, All-Wise." Allah said, "O Adam! Inform them of their names." Then when Adam did, Allah said, "Did I not tell you that I know the secrets of the heavens and the earth, and I know what you reveal and what you conceal?" And (remember) when We said to the angels, "Prostrate before Adam," so they all did—but not Iblis, who refused and acted arrogantly, becoming unfaithful.

- Allah told the angels to prostrate, but Iblis didn't
- Allah keeps saying "to the angels" followed by "except Shaytan"
 - Although Shaytan wasn't an angel, he was amongst the closest to Allah due to his dedication in worship
- Iblis was a scholar, عابد worshiper, عارف he knew Allah, but he wasn't a lover.
 - He rationalized too much
 - We shouldn't be skeptical constantly - that is a satanic trait
 - This was unlike the angels, who simply accepted what Allah said
- The cause of his rejection is istikbar, which comes from kibr
 - This is when someone acts arrogantly, meaning they don't have the right to be arrogant but they do

- Pride is something exclusively for Allah SWT
- Allah destroys arrogant people with something that counters the arrogance
 - Before arrogance, he was jealous

Expulsion from Jannah

- Allah says in Surah al-Araf:

قَالَ مَا مَنَعَكَ أَلَا تَسْجُدَ إِذْ أَمْرَتُكَ قَالَ أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِّنْهُ خَلَقْتَنِي مِنْ نَارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِنْ طِينٍ ١٢

Allah asked, "What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?" He replied, "I am better than he is: You created me from fire and him from clay."

- Shaytan thinks he is better, and his reasoning isn't necessarily false (that fire is better than dirt)
 - But he was wrong in being arrogant
 - It doesn't matter if the reasoning is correct
- He categorized someone through physical appearance (racism)
- Allah doesn't look at physical appearances
- Allah expels him, and he makes a request to be given life until the Day of Judgment (jinn usually die earlier than that)

Adam and Hawa

- Shaytan promised to try to dissuade us from good
 - The moment you try to do good, expect many obstacles to direct you away from good
 - Shaytan only has access to our chests, the heart is only for Allah
- The first test of Shaytan's influence on humans was Adam and Hawa's story
- Allah made everything halal except one tree

- Abundance doesn't dissuade us from haram - we just need self control
- Our nature is that we gravitate towards what we're restricted from
- They are told not to come close to the tree (like how we are told not to come close to zina)
- Adam always wanted to be amongst the angels - he didn't realize that Allah made him greater than the angels (he didn't recognize his self worth)
- There is a lot of time that goes into the plan of Shaytan - it's gradual
 - He is not in a rush
- Don't be naive
 - We should aware of what's coming at us
- If you have the urge to do something, and you have easy access to it, it's much harder to stay away from that act
 - This applies to both sins and good deeds
- Shaytan used Adam's weakness - he wanted to be closer to Allah
 - We should know our own weaknesses and be guard them
 - We also have to learn how to NOT do things for the sake of Allah
 - Ex: you avoid becoming a leader to avoid seeking recognition