

SUMMER IMMERSION DEFEATING SHAYTAN



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Defense Against Shaytan

- Ayat al-Kursi is the most effective
 - It establishes belief in Allah, which is what is needed in combating Shaytan
 - It is in Surah Baqarah and comes after the story of Ibrahim (AS) asking Allah to show him resurrection, after which the importance of charity comes, then Ayatul Kursi
 - After Ayatul Kursi, there is admonishment of bad spending (including interest) and then neutral spending (loans)
 - The concluding verses of Surah Baqara relate to Ayatul Kursi
- Surah Falaq
 - فَلَقْ means the break of dawn
 - Evil eye, jealousy, and magic are all dark things
 - So the break of dawn represents optimism and a fresh start
 - Allah makes the darkness of the sky go away, so Allah can make the darkness someone is dealing with go away
 - غَسْقَ means to cover
 - A meaning of it is when darkness becomes even darker (the darkest hour of the night)
 - نَفَاثَاتٍ are those who tie knots, which is magic

- Jealousy is the cause of magic, so we seek refuge from it
 - We seek refuge in being a victim of jealousy and also a jealous person
 - Jealousy affects the one who is jealous more
 - Jealousy usually takes place among peers
- Ma sha Allah should be said sincerely
- A person who has jealousy in their heart will not have accepted duas
- Surah Nas
 - While Surah Falaq is for external protection, Surah Nas is for internal protection
 - Surah Falaq and Nas are duas, Surah Ikhlas is affirmation
 - خناس is a name of Shaytan which means “the one who retreats”
 - Shaytan attacks you, but when you mention the name of Allah, he retreats - he can't stand Allah's dhikr
- When you leave dhikr, Shaytan stings you and whispers in your heart
 - Dhikr has to be done with a presence of mind - not passively
 - Dhikr is talking to your heart - you're reminding yourself
- Stay in the state of wudu
 - It's like a shield
- Don't show off your blessings