

# Protection From the Tricks of the Shaitan

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The role of the shaitan is in the deviations of the people. It depends on you whether you are opening the door for shaitan or closing it in his face. The shaitan gets power with the sins of people. One door through which the shaitan can enter is through إرادة الدنيا, seeking worldly benefits through dunya. The shaitan makes the dunya more tempting and attractive to you. The more you indulge in shirk, the wider you open the door for the whispers of the shaitan.

The ones who are sincere slaves of Allah, they will have no shirk in their hearts, neither major nor minor. They are pure, doing everything for Allah. The shaitan will have no power over them. The slip into shirk clears the way to shaitan. But Allah so Most Forgiving; He deals with us with forbearance, giving you chances upon chances.

## كيد الشيطان على علماء الحديث

The plot of the shaitan for the scholars of hadith

The scholars of hadith will travel far and wide to find and authenticate a hadith, spending their whole lives learning ahadeeth, memorizing the chains of narration. But the trick of the shaitan is that they don't apply what they learn. If you focus only on memorizing and reciting the chain of narration, this can lead to wanting worldly renown. They may want their chain to be accepted, so they may try to prove another scholar as a liar. The intention can waiver to dunya.

## كيد الشيطان على علماء الفقه

The plot of the shaitan for the scholars of jurisprudence

Too much focus on fiqh can harden the heart. The scholar should not dig too deeply on small matters, spending his time thinking of this. The shaitan will make them make their concern the details of fiqh, not combining it with knowledge which will soften the heart. This is the same as learning Arabic and grammar. Don't underestimate the fiqh, but it must be taught with heart softeners, such as reciting the Qura'an, seerah of the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, etc. The heart will not be softened by repeating the kinds of impurity, the ways of purification, etc. You need admonishments and remembrance of the akhirah.

In fiqh, you will find different opinions and this can be a distraction, leading to deviations and competitions. Use fiqh, Arabic, grammar and tajweed to understand. The goal must be to soften the heart. One salaf said that one hadith which softens my heart is better than a big case of fiqh. We need fiqh, but there is no need to go into the minute details. The scholars of fiqh in the earlier times were people of Qura'an and Sunnah, not only fiqh.

## وعظ وقصد

Admonitions and warnings

Some of the daees focus on giving talks which make people cry. This can lead to riya'. Someone who is good in public speaking will be recruited to give speeches which are tear jerkers, in which they will go into unnecessary details of death, scorpions and snakes in graves, etc.

This attracts attention of the audience, specially women, who are emotional, and like to cry. These gatherings are only about emotions. Any knowledge must be backed by قال الله وقال الرسول. This person will be misguided by the shaitan into thinking that he is affecting the people by making them cry. So he will focus more on his style of delivery, talking and crying himself to show his piety. It will be like an art form. He may talk about forsaking the dunya, while he is far from it himself, although he will make his appearance austere.

## اللغة والأدب

### Language and stories

Deen is a full package, and cannot be focused on one aspect. When the focus is on stories and the Arabic language, then the deen becomes like entertainment, story telling, watching a movie. The stories of the Qura'an are to show you how to change. The people who deliver the deen is targeted by the shaitan, he will make them distracted by the grammar, the sarf and nahu. The grammar of the Qura'an must be used to understand it. Move forward with application.

The ikhlas is very important; if you are sincere, everything will fall into place.