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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*” (شیطان) and 18 times mentioned in the plural form “*shayaateen*” (شیاطین).

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 *Ihyaa'* ‘*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’ān:

“[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 *sallAllaahu ‘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’ān:  
**“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 اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَأَيَّا كُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ  
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ  
فَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**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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