

# الحسد Envy

Envy or hasad is one of the very devilish acts in an individual's life. It has many bad impacts in our social lives. Hasad or envy can ruin someone's life. Allah SWT taught us to ask His refuge from all enviers in surah Al-Falaq. An envier's eye can damage your whole plan. There's a hadith regarding the result of envying.

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - {إِيَّاكُمْ وَالْحَسَدَ، فَإِنَّ الْحَسَدَ} "يَأْكُلُ الْحَسَنَاتِ، كَمَا تَأْكُلُ النَّارُ الْخَطَبَ { أَخْرَجَهُ أَبُو دَاوُدَ .

Abu Hurairah (RAA) narrated that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said:

"Avoid envy, for envy devours good deeds just as fire devours firewood."

(Related by Abu Dawud)

So if we have this character in our lives it'll take all of our good deeds away from us. Envying is a mental state which needs to be treated before it destroys our good deeds. And to stay protected from hasad we should always read surah Falaq and Naas after every Salah.

Feeling jealous about everything leads one to be envying someone.

There's a kind of jealousy which is allowed in Sharia, and that is called ghibtah غبطة in Arabic. Imam Al-Bukhari rahimahullah collects a hadith regarding this kind of jealousy

حَدَّثَنَا الْحُمَيْدِيُّ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا سُفْيَانُ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنِي إِسْمَاعِيلُ بْنُ أَبِي خَالِدٍ، عَلَى غَيْرِ مَا حَدَّثَنَا الزُّهْرِيُّ، قَالَ سَمِعْتُ قَيْسَ بْنَ أَبِي حَازِمٍ، قَالَ سَمِعْتُ عَبْدَ اللَّهِ بْنَ مَسْعُودٍ، قَالَ قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " لَا حَسَدَ إِلَّا فِي اثْنَتَيْنِ رَجُلٌ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ مَالًا فَسُلِّطَ عَلَى هَلَكَتِهِ فِي الْحَقِّ، وَرَجُلٌ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ الْحِكْمَةَ، فَهُوَ يَقْضِي بِهَا وَيُعَلِّمُهَا .

Abdullah bin Mas'ud radhiyallahu anhu narrated:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Do not wish to be like anyone except in two cases. (The first is) A person, whom Allah has given wealth and he spends it righteously; (the second is) the one whom Allah has given wisdom (the Holy Qur'an) and he acts according to it and teaches it to others."

(Fath-al-Bari page 177 Vol. 1)

So here wish means having the feeling of having it in your possessions or character. According to Al-Ma'ani (Arabic dictionary) this kind of feeling is

called ghibtah غبطة in Arabic. Feeling to have those characteristics without having the feeling of someone's possession or characteristics to be destroyed is allowed. Other than that, those feelings will lead someone to envy someone.