

## Deception الغدر

A common problem in our lives is deception. It ruins our social bonds and Islamic prospects of staying together with peace and harmony. If one of us tries to do something important in life, and the people who are with him become supportive to him, then he can do that in his life. But amongst the supporters if one of them is with a deceptive mind, he can destroy the whole plan. Deception is called الغدر (al-ghadr) in Arabi. It's a highly disliked approach to human lives. No one likes a deceiver or a cheater. Only on the battlefield, to destroy an enemy's plan, deception is allowed. Otherwise it's haram in Islam. Ghadr or deceptive mind is created from نفاق (nifaq) of heart. Nifaq means hypocrisy.

Our beloved Rasool ﷺ advised us to not choose this path of ghadr. Here's a hadith

وعن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه ، أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: "آية المنافق ثلاث: إذا حدث كذب، وإذا وعد أخلف، وإذا أؤتمن خان" ((متفق عليه)  
Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Three are the signs of a hypocrite: When he speaks, he lies; when he makes a promise, he breaks it; and when he is trusted, he betrays his trust."

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim].

From the hadith above, we understand the hypocrisy characteristics. When someone adopts all three in his

personality, he is considered as munafiq or hypocrite in Islam. But when someone adopts one of them in his personality then he's doing ghadr or deception. And the one who does ghadr, he's called غادر (ghadir) in Arabi. Whoever deceives people, he can't be calling himself a Muslim.

There's another hadith which mentions ghadr and nifaq.

وعن عبد الله بن عمرو بن العاص رضي الله عنهما، أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال: "أربع من كن فيه كان منافقا خالصاً. ومن كانت فيه خصلة منهن كانت فيه خصلة من النفاق حتى يدعها: إذا أؤتمن خان، وإذا حدث كذب، وإذا عاهد غدر، وإذا خاصم فجر" ((متفق عليه)).

Abdullah bin 'Amr bin Al-'as (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Four are the qualities which, when found in a person, make him a sheer hypocrite, and one who possesses one of them, possesses one characteristic of hypocrisy until he abandons it. These are: When he is entrusted with something, he betrays trust; when he speaks, he lies; when he promises, he acts treacherously; and when he argues, he behaves in a very imprudent, insulting manner."

[Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

Keeping ourselves with nifaq and ghadr all the time will make us be proper munafiqeen (hypocrites) in the sight of Allah SWT too. And once we're considered as hypocrites in the sight of Allah SWT, then we won't be able to go to

Jannah. Because hypocrisy in our daily lives will one day make us be hypocrites in faith. And surely there is no Jannah for hypocrites. Allah SWT says in Surah Al-Baqarah ayah number 8 and 9 “And of the people are some who say, "We believe in Allah and the Last Day," but they are not believers.

( 9 ) They [think to] deceive Allah and those who believe, but they deceive not except themselves and perceive [it] not”. (Meaning they do not realise it).

So it's clear to us now that ghadr (deception ) and nifaq are connected to each other. If someone is involved in ghadr then he will be definitely practicing the qualities of nifaq. And keeping those qualities in one's character is enough to take them to jahannam. So we must keep ourselves away from them.

Now we will learn some ways of ghadr.

- 1- Talking to people with the mentality of not going to fulfill the words later on. Such as giving them some hope and then staying away from them.
- 2- Taking some responsibilities of someone and then not trying to look after the responsibilities.
- 3- Swapping something in the absence of the owner.
- 4- Lying in general is also a ghadr. That's why lying is one of the major sins.