



[First] seek refuge with Allah from Satan

First Sermon

All praise is due to Allah, the Powerful, the Exalted in Might. Indeed, from Allah nothing is hidden and He is over all things Guardian. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is the Servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure blessed family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

As to what follows,

I urge you and myself, **O Servants of Allah**, to be aware that you are asked to obey Him the Almighty in line with His orders: **“indeed, those who fear Allah - when an impulse touches them from Satan, they remember [Him] and at once they have insight.”** (Al-Aaraf: ٢٠١).

O Worshipers,

Allah the Almighty is the ever-guardian over all His Creation. Thus, a believer should always seek refuge with Him from any and all kinds of harm, especially the wicked whispers of Satan. The Most Exalted says, **“and if an evil suggestion comes to you from Satan, then seek refuge in Allah. Indeed, He is Hearing and Knowing.”** (Al-Aaraf: ٢٠٠). In this noble Aya, Allah the Almighty enjoins upon us to pursue refuge with Him from the evil of Satan. So, what does seeking refuge with Allah from the devil mean? It means to resort to Allah the Almighty alone, seeking His protection from the whispers of the devil that are aimed at causing one harm in their religion or stopping them from fulfilling a right for Allah on them.

Thus, by seeking refuge in Allah the Most High, we turn to Him, the One Who is competent to ward off the whispers of Satan, the disobedient and mischievous.

This brings us to another question as to why one should seek refuge with Allah from Satan. The answer to this question is that we pursue Allah’s protection from Satan because he is expelled from the mercy of Allah and is an enemy to humans as accentuated by Allah the



Almighty, for He says, “**indeed, Satan is an enemy to you; so take him as an enemy.**” (Fatir: ٦). This means that Satan only aspires to avert you away from the straight path of your Lord, so treat him as an enemy and protect yourselves from him by obeying Allah the Almighty and seeking refuge with Him.

Indeed, Satan is the cause of all adversities and the source of every Fitna (temptation to evil deeds). How not and he was the one who incited our Father Adam to disobey his Lord and caused him to be expelled from Paradise. Allah, the Most Exalted, has illustrated this in His holy Book for He says, “**O children of Adam, let not Satan tempt you as he removed your parents from Paradise.**” (Al-Aaraf: ٢٧).

In fact, Satan has committed himself to enticing man and leading them astray. In the holy Quran Allah the Almighty describes him threatening Adam and his offspring, saying “**I will surely sit in wait for them on Your straight path. Then I will come to them from before them and from behind them and on their right and on their left, and You will not find most of them grateful [to You].**” (Al-Aaraf: ١٦-١٧).

For this reason, Allah the Almighty has commanded us to avoid following in footsteps of the Satan and be aware of his oblique ways. The Most Exalted says, “**O you who have believed, do not follow the footsteps of Satan. And whoever follows the footsteps of Satan - indeed, he enjoins immorality and wrongdoing.**” (An-Noor: ٢١).

O Servants of Allah,

Knowing this, let us advise each other on how a Muslim can seek refuge with Allah from the evil of Satan. Turning to Allah, the Most Merciful, and asking for His protection against the Satan, the expelled [from the mercy of Allah], can be done in many forms, the greatest of which is to have a sincere faith. This is because the believer whose heart is full of faith will, definitely, be under the protection of the Most Merciful and, thus, fortified against the vices of Satan. An illustration of this can be found in the following statement for Allah the Almighty: “**and Iblees had already**



confirmed through them his assumption, so they followed him, except for a party of believers.” (Sabaa: ٢٠).

Furthermore, maintaining the acts of worship regularly and perfecting them is also a means of keeping the believer in Allah’s refuge from Satan and his ill-plotted whispers. Allah, the Most Exalted, has emphasised this fact to Iblees, saying, **“indeed, over My [believing] servants there is for you no authority. And sufficient is your Lord as Disposer of affairs.”** (Al-Israa: ٦٥).

Another way to avoid falling victim of the temptations of Satan is by keeping away from all that may cause grief and fill the heart with gloom. Allah the Almighty says, **“private conversation is only from Satan that he may grieve those who have believed, but he will not harm them at all except by permission of Allah. And upon Allah let the believers rely.”** (Al-Mujadila: ١٠). In addition to that, spending for charity and acts of kindness often is another means of seeking the refuge of Allah the Most Beneficent, for He says, **“Satan threatens you with poverty and orders you to immorality,”** (i.e. promises you that you will become poor if you spend for Allah’s sake and pay Zakat, and urge you to disobey your Lord, **“while Allah promises you forgiveness from Him and bounty. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing.”** (Al-Baqara: ٢٦٨). That is say: Allah the Almighty rewards you for what you pay as Zakat and endows His favours upon you and increases you in provision.

In like manner, seeking lawful means to earn one’s living is another way of protecting oneself from the enticements of Satan for Allah the Almighty says, **“O mankind, eat from whatever is on earth [that is] lawful and good and do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy.”** (Al-Baqara: ١٦٨).

O Believers,

Please know that spreading love amongst people and promoting peace within communities are amongst the means that are conducive to guard us against the evil plots of Satan. Allah, the Most Exalted and Sublime says, **“O you who have believed, enter into peace completely [and perfectly] and do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy.”** (Al-Baqara: ٢٠٨).



Thus, you are all urged to hold fast to the principles of tolerance and peace in adherence to the commandments of Allah and to get rid of enmity and hatred. The Most Exalted says, “**Satan only wants to cause between you animosity and hatred.**” (Al-Maida: ٩١).

More to the point, another form of seeking refuge with Allah from Satan is to avoid family conflicts and problems. This is because Iblees (Satan) sends his companions to families in order to place discord in the hearts of husband and wife. This was accentuated by the Messenger of Allah pbuh as he said, “Then one amongst them (the Jinn) comes and says, ‘I did not spare so and so until I sowed the seed of discord between him and his wife.’ The Satan goes near him and says, ‘You have done well’.”

Furthermore, overlooking the flaws of one’s brother or sister is also conducive to ward off the ill whispers of the Satan. Truly, Yusuf (Joseph) pbuh has set an example on this when he pardoned the bad action that his brothers did to him, saying, “**no blame will there be upon you today. Allah will forgive you; and He is the most merciful of the merciful.**” (Joseph: ٩٢). And he attributed the evil deeds that his brothers have done to him to Satan, so he said to them, “**...after Satan had induced [estrangement] between me and my brothers. Indeed, my Lord is Subtle in what He wills. Indeed, it is He who is the Knowing, the Wise.**” (Yusuf: ١٠٠).

More to this, getting protected from all such evil temptations of Satan can be achieved by being attentive to his luring plots and by rebelling the bad deeds by means of kind ones in all our daily life affairs. This is in line with Allah’s orders: “**repel, by [means of] what is best, [their] evil. We are most knowing of what they describe. And say, ‘My Lord, I seek refuge in You from the incitements of the devils, and I seek refuge in You, my Lord, lest they be present with me.’**” (Al-Muminoon: ٩٦-٩٨).

Protection from the enticements of the devil can be similarly achieved by choosing the best words of mouth and the sweetest of expressions when dealing with others. On this account, Allah the Most Exalted says, “**and tell My servants to say that which is best.**



Indeed, Satan induces [dissension] among them. Indeed Satan is ever, to mankind, a clear enemy.” (Al-Israa: ٥٣).

Bearing this in mind, let us seek Allah’s favour to protect us from the whispers of the devil and guard us against its evil plotting.

May Allah guide us all to obey Him and obey His Messenger Muhammad pbuh and obey those He have commanded us to obey in line with His orders: **“O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.”** (An-Nisaa: ٥٩).

May Allah direct us all to the blessings of the Glorious Quran and the Sunna of His Messenger pbuh.

I say this and ask Allah for forgiveness for me and you, so invoke Him for forgiveness, for He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Second Sermon

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. I praise You, my Lord, as befitting to Your Sublime Countenance and Supreme Status. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Master Muhammad, his pure family, companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

I urge you, **O Servants of Allah**, and myself to be aware that you are asked to obey Him, the Most High and Exalted.

O Worshipers,

Allah the Almighty has enjoined upon us to seek refuge with Him from Satan, for the Most Exalted says, **“say, ‘I seek refuge in the Lord of daybreak.’”** (Al-Falaq: ١). The Exalted in Might also says, **“say, ‘I seek refuge in the Lord of mankind.’”** (An-Nas: ١). In this sense, seeking protection of Allah the Almighty can done in several contexts. One such occasion is upon reciting the holy Quran, for Allah the Most High says, **“so when you recite the Quran, [first] seek refuge in Allah from Satan, the expelled [from His mercy].”** (An-Nahl: ٩٨).



Other occasions include when entering the mosque or when feeling angry. This was emphasised in the following story when Messenger of Allah pbuh saw a man who was so furious with anger that his face became red. The Prophet pbuh said, “I know a word (sentence) the saying of which will cause him to relax if this man says it. Only if he said, ‘I seek refuge with Allah from Satan, the outcast’.” Likewise, if one sees a bad dream while sleeping, then they should seek refuge with Allah the Most Merciful from Satan, outcast, upon waking up. More to this, the benefits of seeking refuge in Allah the Almighty is not only limited to the seeker, but they also encompass one’s family as well. An illustration of this can be seen in the story of the wife of Imran when she fortified her daughter, Sayida Mariam (Mary), the mother of Isa (Jesus), upon giving birth to her. Allah the Almighty describes her saying, “**and I have named her Mary, and I seek refuge for her in You and [for] her descendants from Satan, the expelled [from the mercy of Allah].**” (Al Imran: ٣٦).

In like manner, the Messenger of Allah pbuh used to seek refuge with Allah for Al-Hasan and Al-Hussain (his sons) and say, “O Allah! I seek Refuge with Your Perfect Words from every devil and from poisonous pests and from every evil, harmful, envious eye.”

You are urged, therefore, to recite this supplication often and teach it to your sons and daughters. O Allah, we seek refuge with You from Satan, the expelled (from Your mercy); from his evil whispers (Hamz), from his puffing up (Nafkh), and from his spitting (Nafth).

That is said, please bear in mind that you are instructed to invoke peace and blessings on the Prophet pbuh. Allah, the Most Sublime, says, “**indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.**” (Al-Ahzab: ٥٦).

On the same matter, the Prophet pbuh said, “For everyone who invokes a blessing on me will receive ten blessings from Allah.”



O Allah, please confer Your blessings and grant peace upon our Prophet Muhammad pbuh, his family and all of the companions.

May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali, and all of the noble Companions.

O Lord, please make us amongst those who are rightful to their parents and kind to their kith and kin.

May Allah grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan and guide him to all that is good. O Allah, we also seek Your favour to grant him continued health and care. May Allah also ensure success to his Vice-President, trustworthy Crown Prince and his brothers, Their Highnesses the Rulers of the Emirates.

O Allah, please forgive all of the Muslims, men and women, living and dead. We pray to Allah to show mercy on late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the late UAE Sheikhs. O Lord, grant them abundant mercy and bless them with Your kindness and satisfaction.

O Lord, forgive and show mercy on our parents, relatives and whoever has done a favour to us.

O Allah, may we ask You to guide us to all that may help us attain Your mercy and forgiveness and grant us rewards for our good deeds.

O Allah, we implore to You to protect us from every major sin and grant us the reward of every good deed. O Allah, we seek Your grace to make us amongst those who will win Your Paradise and save us from the Hellfire.

O Allah, we implore You at this instance not to let a sin un-forgiven, a distress unrelieved, a debt unpaid, an illness unhealed, a dead without mercy or a need unsatisfied, for You are the Most Generous and over all things Competent. Indeed, You are to prayers ever responding.

We pray to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, to continue blessing the UAE with stability and welfare and increase it in bounties, knowledge, civilisation, happiness, beauty and tolerance. O Allah, please continue blessing it with happiness and security.



May Allah have mercy on the honourable martyrs of our nation and gather them with the ones upon whom Allah has bestowed favour of the prophets. May Allah make the dwelling of the martyrs, their families, parents and relatives with the righteous. Indeed, You answer to the supplications.

O Allah, please grant the best reward for the families of the martyrs and offer them patience and solace. May Allah grant victory to the soldiers of the Arab Coalition who gathered to restore the rights to their owners. O Lord, please be by their side and guide the Yemeni people to everything that is good. O Allah, make them rally for the word of truth and legitimacy, and bless them with welfare and stability, O the Most Generous.

O Lord, we beseech You to bless all of the Muslim countries and the whole world with stability and peace.

Our Lord, give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire.

Remember Allah and He will remember you. Be grateful of His benevolence and He will increase His blessings to you.

Please stand up for prayer.

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Dear Muslims,

The Abu Dhabi Police has launched a drug awareness campaign under the motto “My life is priceless”. The campaign aims to raise the community’s awareness about the dangers and damage caused by drugs. Thus, you are all urged to cooperate with the Abu Dhabi



Police by interacting with the campaign and contributing to promoting the public awareness about the dangers of drugs.

Indeed, this campaign is important because of the devastating effects of drugs on the community, which is why it is prohibited by Islam. Narcotics are extremely harmful to the health of body and brain, in addition to its negative financial impacts. They cause physical and psychological illnesses as well as troubles for family and the society too.

That is said, we beseech Allah to confer His blessings and grant peace upon our Prophet Muhammad pbuh, his family and all of the companions.