

MODULE 3

Class title: Devil (part 16 of Salah series)

Aim of lesson: To understand the reality of mankind's worst enemy

Category: Worship

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(Greeting to students) *Assalam alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh*

(*Ta'awwudh*) *Aoodhubillahi min AsShaytanir Rajeem*

(*Tasmiyah*) *Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem*

(*Du'a*) *Rabbish rahli sadri wa yassirli amri wahlul uqdatum millisani yafqahu qawli* (Surah Ta-Ha 20: Verse 25-28)

Slide: 1-2

Teacher: we are going to discuss and try to find out about *shaitan* today. Who is *shaitan*? Who is our biggest enemy? Why is he our enemy? What have we done? That we don't know.

Have you done anything against *shaitan*? What have you done?

Student: Obey Allah (swt)

Teacher: Obey Allah (swt); but we didn't go out personally and do anything to *shaitan* right?. Nevertheless, he's out there to get us. Why? How do we recognize him? How does he attack us? How do you defend yourself and why should you defend yourself?

We are going to go through all these subjects in this class and in the next class. In the next class, *inshAllah* we are going to wrap up our *salah* series.

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Let's all begin by reading the *taooz*:

audh'u billahi minash shaitan nir rajim.

Can anybody tell me the meaning? I'm sure you know the meaning.

Ok, what does *bismillah hir rahman nir rahim* mean?

Student: in the name of Allah (swt) the most merciful.

Teacher: in the name of Allah (swt) the most merciful, the most benevolent.

Student: seek refuge in Allah (swt).

Teacher: "*auzu*" means, I seek refuge in Allah (swt) from *shaitan*, the cursed.

"*Arrajim*" means, that Allah (swt) has said that he is not going to get anything good.

Slide 4:

Why would you want to know someone?

Maybe someone new joins your class; you go and talk to that person. Not everybody but one particular person. Some of you would definitely go and try to talk; sometimes you're just inquisitive, you want to know about the person. Sometimes you just go there to make the other person feel comfortable, right? So you do want to know about people.

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Why must we know about *shaitan*? Why?

Student: so we can know how to defend ourselves.

Teacher: so that we know how to defend ourselves.

Student: so that we can protect ourselves.

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Teacher: Ok, alright. Because he is out there to get you and to get me. He's seriously just waiting for a chance to get you and me. That is why we have to know him.

Slide 7-8:

Allah (swt) says in the Qur'an in Surah Fatir, verse number six:

إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ فَاتَّخِذُوهُ عَدُوًّا إِنَّمَا يَدْعُو حِزْبَهُ لِيَكُونُوا مِنْ أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ

“Surely *shaitan* (Satan) is an enemy to you, so treat him as an enemy. He only invites his *hizb* (followers) that they may become the dwellers of the blazing fire.” (Surah Fatir 35: verse 6)

In Surah Az-Zukhruf, verse number 62, Allah (swt) says:

وَلَا يَصُدُّكُمْ الشَّيْطَانُ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ

“And let not *shaitan* hinder you from the right religion (Islamic monotheism), that is worship of one Allah; verily he (satan) to you is a plain enemy.” (Surah Az Zukhruf 43: verse 62)

Allah (swt) has clearly said this; nobody can say that they were unaware. It is almost written in black and white; Allah (swt) has said that *shaitan* is your enemy.

Is somebody going to walk in and say 'Hello, hi I'm *shaitan*.' Is that going to happen? No, that is not going to happen. Right? *Shaitan* is very smart. He is not going to come and show his identity card and say I'm *shaitan*. It doesn't happen that way.

Slide 9:

We have to know one thing; we have to remember that this *shaitan* is not an enemy of Allah (swt); he's Allah's (swt) creation. Whose enemy is he?

Students: ours.

Teacher: yours and mine. He's our enemy. He's Allah's (swt) creation. He can't do anything to Allah (swt) so how can he be His enemy. He is your enemy, he is my enemy. Since he's our enemy we have to know him. We have to understand him. Right?

Slide 10-13:

Teacher: Generally if you meet somebody, you ask their name, which class she is in, which school she is from; general, basic questions like that. Usually we do ask the name, right?

Now *shaitan's* personal name is...

Student: *Iblees*

Teacher: *Iblees*. Right. It comes from the word '*ablasa*' which means he despaired or gave up on the mercy of Allah (swt). He gave up hope. This was not his name before he actually disobeyed Allah (swt). Before that his name was *Azazil*.

He became *iblees* because of what he did and we all know what he did. We'll just go through it right now. After that Allah (swt) said he is the cursed.

Have you heard of the word '*mayus*' in Urdu? What does it mean? It means being disheartened; to give up. This *Iblees* or *ablassa* comes from the word '*mayus*', which means, to give up, to be disheartened because one knows that nothing can change. One knows his final place.

What happened in Surah Al-A'raf, verse number 12? When Allah (swt) commanded all of His angels to bow down before Adam (as) *Iblees* refused to obey Allah (swt)'s command. We all know this.

قَالَ مَا مَنَّكَ إِلَّا تَسْجُدَ إِذْ أَمَرْتُكَ قَالَ أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِّنْهُ خَلَقْتَنِي مِن نَّارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِن طِينٍ

“He (Iblis) said: I'm better than him (Adam), You created me from fire, and him You created from clay.” (Surah Al-A'raf 7: verse 12)

What is *Iblees* or *shaitan*? What is he? A *jinn*. He's not an angel; we know that. He was never an angel, he was a *jinn* but he did so much *ibadat* of Allah (swt) that he was moving around with the angels before all this happened.

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Then in verse number 13 of Surah Al-A'raf, Allah (swt) said :

قَالَ فَاهْبِطْ مِنْهَا فَمَا يَكُونُ لَكَ أَنْ تَتَكَبَّرَ فِيهَا فَاخْرُجْ إِنَّكَ مِنَ الصَّاغِرِينَ

“(O' *Iblees*) get down from this (paradise); it is not for you to be arrogant here; get out, for you are of those humiliated and disgraced.” (Surah Al A'raf 7: verse 13)

Allah (swt) said you are humiliated and disgraced. That's the end of the story; if Allah (swt) says something like this about somebody, nothing is left.

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Then in verse 14 of the same surah, *Iblees* said:

قَالَ فَأَنْظِرْنِي إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ

“Allow me respite till the day they are raised up.” (Surah Al A'raf 7: verse 14)

That is the day of judgment. He said give me time, I don't want to be alone in hell, I want company. He wants you and me there. He doesn't want to get bored.

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In verse 15 Allah (swt) said:

قَالَ إِنَّكَ مِنَ الْمُنظَرِينَ

“You are of those respited.” (Surah Al A'raf 7: verse 15)

Allah (swt) gave him time and so he declared war.

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In verse number 16 of Surah Al- A'raf , *Iblees* said:

قَالَ فَبِمَا أَغْوَيْتَنِي لَأَقْعُدَنَّ لَهُمْ صِرَاطَكَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

“Because you have sent me astray...”

(Surah Al A'raf : verse 16)

Look at his audacity. He had the audacity to say to Allah (swt) that you have sent me astray. Look at his arrogance. Who is he saying this to? Allah (swt). He is saying that you are the one who sent me astray, I didn't do anything wrong.

“Because you have sent me astray, surely I will sit in wait ...” (Surah Al-A'raf 7: verse 16)

When you hear this: “I will sit and wait”. You feel as if a predator is in hiding, just waiting to pounce on you.

“ ...I will sit and wait against them on Your straight path.” (Surah Al- A'raf 7: verse16)

Who is them? You and me; human beings on the straight path. The ones who are already doing wrong, he has won that battle. He is not going to waste time over there.

Slide 17:

Shaitan has done his course on Time management. He doesn't waste time. He's sitting on the straight path because these are the people he wants to target. He's out there just waiting to pounce on you. For you or me to get off the right path; he's just waiting there.

Slide 18:

Then in Surah Al- A'raf, in verse number 17, he said:

لَا تَتَّبِعُهُم مِّن بَيْن أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ وَعَنْ أَيْمَانِهِمْ وَعَنْ شَمَائِلِهِمْ وَلَا تَجِدُ أَكْثَرَهُمْ شَاكِرِينَ

“ Then I will come to them from before them and behind them; from their right and from their left...” (Surah Al- A'raf 7: verse 17)

Can you imagine you're surrounded, front, back, right, left!

“... and you will not find most of them as thankful ones.” (Surah Al A'raf 7:verse 17)

That is, they will not be dutiful to you. Before we were born he told Allah (swt) that most of us will not be obedient. Was he right? We all agree with it also, and yet we don't do anything about it. Or maybe we do.

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The goal of *shaitan* is to convince people to follow him. Because he knows where he's going to end up, and he wants company. He doesn't want to be alone over there. He wants you and me to end up in the same place. *Shaitan* has that mentality; he knows that he's going to be there and he wants all of us to join him.

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Now, the question is that how does he manage to convince the whole of the population all alone? There are so many people. How do you think he manages it?

Student: he has followers.

Teacher: he has followers. Like who?

Student: among the *jinn* and the men, he whispers to make people go wrong.

Student: Ok, Alhamdulillah. She's saying that he's got followers from the *jinn* and the human beings; he whispers to someone and that person whispers it to the next, just like that game Chinese whispers.

Student: each of us is assigned one *jinn*.

Teacher: yes, each of us has been assigned a *jinn*.

Student: that *jinn* attacks our desires to get his point.

Teacher: the *jinn* attacks our desires which are our weakest point. Anybody else?

How does he attack you? What appearance does he come in? What does he look like when he comes to you? Yes?

Student: things that we are not supposed to do

Teacher: things that you are not supposed to do.

Student: temptations.

Teacher: temptations.

Student: desires.

Teacher: desires.

Student: sleep.

Teacher: sleep? Sleep; if its *fajr* time then sleep is a form of *shaitan*; good enough. What else? You think he can come in your best friend's shape? Can he look like your mother?

Student: yes, that is if he wants to change.

Teacher: you think your mother can tell you anything wrong? Yes, of course. Your mother can tell you something wrong. Of course, Sana you can say the same thing. Like I said, *shaitan* is very smart; he is not going to come with a name tag saying, I'm *shaitan*; who's going to listen to him then, we are not stupid. Everybody is going to beat him up and send him away. What happens is, he comes to you and you are talking to your best friend.

Teacher: Who do you mostly back-bite with?

Student: best friends.

Teacher: friends, right. You justify it by saying things like I'm trying to lighten my heart or I'm not backbiting; we mean to give name tags. So a lot of sins are committed with people who are close to you, maybe your family; your parents, siblings, friends etc. So *shaitan* is basically doing getting his work done through your favourite people so please remember that.

Slide 21:

كَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَا لِكُلِّ نَبِيٍّ عَدُوًّا شَيَاطِينَ الْإِنْسِ وَالْجِنِّ يُوحِي بَعْضُهُمْ إِلَى بَعْضٍ زُخْرَفَ الْقَوْلِ
عُرُورًا وَأَلُو شَاءَ رَبُّكَ مَا فَعَلُوهُ قَدْ زُهِمُمْ وَمَا يُقْتَرُونَ

"And so we have appointed for every prophet enemies- *Shayateen* among mankind and jinn, Inspiring one another with adorned speech, as a delusion (or by way of deception)."

(Surah Al-An'am 6: verse 112)

Basically he has a whole team.

Slide 22:

Then Allah(swt) says in Surah An-Nisa', verse number 76:

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ الطَّاغُوتِ فَقَاتِلُوا أَوْلِيَاءَ
الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّ كَيْدَ الشَّيْطَانِ كَانَ ضَعِيفًا

“Those who believe, fight in the cause of Allah (swt), and those who disbelieve, fight in the cause of *taghut*.”(taghut is satan) (Surah An-Nisa 4: verse 76)

Remember once you die or I die, where are the two places we can go to? Where are you going to end up?

Student: heaven or hell.

Teacher: heaven or hell, right? There's no limbo, there's no transit.

There is a transit period while the accounts are being settled; final destinations are just two. Either here or there. Similarly, in this world we just have two armies. Either it's the army of Allah (swt) which is *hizbullah*, followers of Allah (swt) or the army of *shaitan*, that is *hizb Ashaytan*. You and I decide which army we want to join. Which army do you want to join? Either you're here or you're there. You can't be in one army and be trying to belong to the other. Eventually you become a member of one army and the choice is yours.

Slide 23:

Shaitan; the word *shaitan* comes from Arabic. In English we call it devil. In Hebrew Satan is *hedu*, meaning an evil spirit. It comes from the *sheen* (the Arabic letter for sh), *tua* (the Arabic letter for t), *noon* (the Arabic letter for n); *sha*, *tua*, *na* which means he was or became distant from the truth and the mercy of Allah (swt). From the truth and the mercy of Allah (swt) he became distant. He could not see the truth or he did not want to see the truth actually.

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Teacher: Yes. Plural of *shaitan* is *shayateen*. Where are the *shayateen*? Like we got it from Ramsha, are the disbelieving *jinn* actually those disbelieving human beings who are active in corruption and fighting against Islam? This doesn't mean that Muslims cannot be in this category. Because I'm a Muslim and that my Imaan says I cannot be fighting Islam? No. We are Muslims Alhamdulillah, but unfortunately we do fight, because we do not follow.

Remember you all heard who *shaitan* was; did he pray to Allah(swt)? You remember? He used to do lots of *i'badah*, that is why he was upgraded to be with the angels. But what happened? He did not obey Allah (swt).

If you and I are saying our prayers and doing all the *faraidh* (obligations) Alhamdulillah, it is extremely important we do that. However at the same time we have to obey Allah(swt)'s other commandments also. It is a complete package; if we are picking and choosing then we are also doing what *shaitan* did.

Jinn and human beings are the two people who have the right to choose. Animals don't choose. Plants and trees obey Allah (swt); they don't choose. You, me and the *jinn* are the ones who have the choice whether we want to obey Allah (swt) or not. The disbelieving *jinn*, and the disbelieving human beings form *hizb-u-shaitan*, and they are called *shayateen*.

Slide 25-31:

He does not have an ID card; he's not going to walk in saying my name is *shaitan* and I live here. It's not like that. Why doesn't he have an identity card? What is the importance of an ID card?

Student: it is for identification.

Teacher: it is identification because you are one individual, and that card represents who you are. *Shaitan* does not have an identity because he is not one particular entity; anybody who calls you towards a sin is *shaitan*. So he cannot have one ID card because he does not have one personality. He can come in the garb of your friend; that doesn't mean that he lives within your friend, it simply means that he is **using** your friend. Let's say your friend is telling you to go someplace without informing your mother, or she incites you to watch something telling you that no one will find out; that's your best friend.

Maybe your mother says that you look like nice without *hijab*; she says don't cover your head it doesn't look good. What is this? This is definitely *shaitan* coming through your close family right?

This can be done through sweet talk as well. Do you think *shaitan* is going to look like this? Where do you think this image come from? Have you ever seen this image? Where have you seen it?

Student: cartoons

Teacher: cartoons, comics. We have made a joke out of this. Is *shaitan* is a fool that he's going to come and declare that he is here; you know it doesn't happen that way. Unfortunately, at least for myself since I was a kid, this is the image that I had of *shaitan*; two horns on the head and a big trident in his hand. Ridiculous! We made a cartoon, a comic thing out of it. It's not funny. He's not foolish, he's very smart; he's never going to walk in like that so that you all recognize him, otherwise the war will end before it even begins.

Slide 32-35:

Do you think he can look something like this? Something pretty, beautiful, innocent?

Student: no.

Teacher: no?

Student: yes.

Teacher: somebody said no.

Student: I said no.

Teacher: you don't think so? If anything is pretty, is it nice?

Student: God's creation is beautiful.

All Allah's creation is beautiful. Agreed. But then why were Cinderella's step sisters ugly?

Student: because they were mean. Personality always shows on your face.

Teacher: You mean the appearance and the features change? She's saying that if you have a mean personality, it is reflected on your face. Yes it does, but it's not like your features become distorted. You might be frowning all the time, or you might be snapping at people, but your personality...

Student: it's actually been implanted in our minds that whatever is evil is always...

Teacher: yes. It has been implanted in us that whatever is ugly is evil. Whatever is beautiful is pure. Cinderella, because she had a good personality, couldn't have looked ugly. It is hard for us to accept but this is not true. What if you are making an animated movie and the step sisters look like Cinderella? The movie is going to not run, because we are just not used to it. It's a mental block. We are used to beautiful faces as pure and pretty and something ugly has to be evil. It cannot be good, this has to be *shaytan*. Why? Did you make your own face? No. Did you make your own eyes, hair or anything? We aren't capable of even this much.

We apply make-up and do whatever we can do, but that still doesn't change the natural beauty that is there. You can't change it. Whether it's there or not there, it's Allah (swt)'s will. We are programmed like since childhood; beautiful is pure, ugly is sinful. Right?

Slide 36:

The good people are always wearing white and to give them an angelic, pure look; and of course long white beards. They will always be good. But horrifying looking, ugly creatures with strange features are like the devil.

This has to be taken out of our minds. It won't be easy. But you must understand that these thoughts have been implanted in our minds. Do you think any *shaytan* can be playing a role here? See anything wrong or right here?

Student: the girl is praying without *hijab*?

Teacher: the girl is praying without *hijab*. Yes? Right here?

Student: a woman is leading.

Teacher: the woman is leading a mixed *jamat* (congregation). A woman can lead the prayer, but only women can be part of the congregation. Also the leader stands in the *saff* (row) with the other women. But she is standing in front and she is leading a mixed *jamat*.

Student: girl is wearing shorts!

Teacher: yes, the girls are not even covered.

Teacher: yes. Polygamy is allowed in Islam; when Allah (swt) has said that, who are you and me to question it?

Student: what's polygamy?

Teacher: what's polygamy?

Student: it's having one or more wives.

Teacher: more than one marriage. Allah (swt) has allowed men to have four wives. You and I cannot do anything about it. It's not for you and me to decide whether its right or wrong. We have other things to do. Let's take care of them. You and I cannot wear a scarf and think that we are pure and point a finger at something and say, this is *hizb-u-shaitan*. You are going against the commandment of Allah (swt); even if you are covered and wearing white that doesn't mean anything.

What is happening here? *Hamd* (poetry that praises Allah swt) or *na'at* (poetry in praise of the Prophet (pbuh) , whatever you are singing, using musical instruments is not allowed. It can't be right, but we do it in the name of Islam. *shaitan* is smart; you have to give him credit.

Slide 37-39:

He is a multi-faceted personality; he keeps changing his personality. That is why I said that we cannot put a tag on him and say this is *shaitan*. He can come in different forms, and he can come in disguise. What is this?

Student: sheep dog or...

Teacher: sheep? Hah! It's a dog. Look at this; you have to give him credit. It's a good disguise; for a split second you might not recognize him. Of course after that you can tell, but it's a good disguise right? He just mingles around with us and you don't even realize he's there. If there was anyone looking like the devil you would recognize him, but no he's not going to appear like that.

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What is this?

Teacher: Some innocent looking animal? Look at this. So you see, you don't know what is behind anything.

Slide 41:

This is a *hadith* in Sahih Muslim on the authority of Ibn-e-Masud. Rasul Allah (pbuh) said:

"There is not anyone of you except that he has been assigned his companion from among the jinn, and his companion from among the angels." The companion asked: "Even you, O' Messenger of Allah (swt)?"

He replied, "Even me, except that Allah (swt) has helped me against him so that I am unharmed. Or so that he has accepted Islam and so he orders me to do nothing but good."

[Sahih Muslim]

Basically, Rasul Allah's (pbuh) *shaitan jinn* also became a Muslim.

We have an angelic *jinn* and we have a devilish *jinn*. What is that *jinn* doing? He's just whispering; he keeps pacifying us when we do wrong saying, it's ok if you do that, it doesn't matter.

Say you are sitting alone; you have told your mother that you have to study. She goes to sleep and you are surfing on the internet; I don't need to tell you what you can and cannot do over there. *shaitan* is going to come and whisper that she's sleeping, she won't know so you can do whatever you want. Has that thought ever come to you?

You don't have to tell me. Yes or no. It's a very natural thing; he's there and he's a very hard working person.

Now if a thought comes to you and you just say no, thinking you're going to be punished for it, that's great! You may get a bad thought because *shaitan* is there to lead you astray; if you just snub it, nip it in the bud, nothing is going to happen, inshAllah. If you don't let it take root then Alhamdulillah, nothing is going to happen. If you start walking on that path then you are playing in his hands.

So if a bad thought comes to your mind and you snub it, nothing goes against you. But if you start working according to it you can go astray. Like in *salah*, we discussed that if any thoughts come to you, you say no to yourself and bring your concentration back to your prayers. But if you keep thinking about who you have to call and what you will say to her and what her reply will be, then you're walking in his hands. Ok.

This is again a *hadith* in Sahih Muslim:

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"Iblees has his throne in the sea. And he sends out his dispatchments to aggravate people; the greatest of them before him, is the one who has caused the most *fitna*."

[Sahih Muslim]

Do you know what *fitna* is? *Fitna* is some sort of fight or some sort of conflict. One of his workers comes and tells him:

"I did not leave my victim until I brought about the separation between him and his wife. *Iblees* draws him near and says to him, "Yes, you are the best."

Why do you think a fight between a husband and a wife gets the most points for a worker, from *shaytan*? Why do you think the relationship between husband and wife, or your parents is so important?

Student: it disturbs the whole family.

Student: it disturbs the mind so that you leave the good things that come.

Teacher: ok. It disturbs the mind and you leave the good things and you start getting into something bad. Yes.

Student: breaks something sacred.

Teacher: breaks something sacred. *Nikah*, the marriage, is something sacred.

Student: it might lead to divorce and Allah (swt) hates divorce

Teacher: it might lead to divorce; divorce is something *halal*, but extremely disliked.
Anybody else? Ok if your parents have a good relationship, how does it help you? Anybody?

Student: gives lots of positive energy.

Teacher: positive energy.

Student: stable family.

Teacher: stability, stable family.

Student: support from both the parents.

Teacher: support from both of them.

Student: happiness.

Teacher: happiness, Alhamdulillah. This is the basic family structure. This relationship is so crucial, that it keeps the whole setup in its place. That is why *shaitan* attacks it so that the whole family unit crumbles. That is why when his agents come back saying that we made them fight, *shaitan* gives him two thumbs up; he knows that this is going to lead to a lot of other problems.

Slide 43:

Shaitan's flag is in the market place. This is something that we need to go out for; just a dinner, ice-cream, with friends, for entertainment, yes? But we should try to minimize this. Window shopping is a concept which only comes with friends; you go window shopping with your parents and you end up buying something eating something, because you know their wallet is there. With parents one usually goes shopping and ends up having dinner, ice cream, whatever. This is Alhamdulillah good family time, nothing wrong with it, but you see window shopping should be minimized as *shaitan* is a part of this. It's not liked by Islam to spend time for no reason; you're just wasting time.

Slide 44-47:

Secondly, where ever there is marketing, not just in the malls, *shaytan* is there. Have you seen the billboards nowadays? Do I need to say anything about them. Disgusting is the right word, just horrendous. You don't know where to look. Obviously you can't sit like this (with your eyes closed), obviously you can't do that but you really don't know what to do.

There's just no limit to it. Poor drivers, I don't know how they drive with all these women dressed up and wearing so little; it's difficult to concentrate.

All these shop, billboards and of course there is marketing on the internet also. I'm sure you all come across it; you are sitting peacefully, checking your email, and some silly, dirty

picture just pops right up. Did you ask for it? No, it just pops up. So you've been taken in by *shaitan* again; like I said, you have to give him credit. You're actually doing something else but he is attacking. He's busy.

When watching TV, people say that they're doing nothing much; they aren't even aware of what they are watching, just flipping channels. Have you met people like that? Some people go to sleep with the TV on. If you ask them what program is coming they don't know because they are not actually following it. Is it like background music? Sometimes you might be looking for a particular program and you don't know the channel so you flip back and forth. But what happens in that case is that you may come across something which you shouldn't be watching and then *shaitan* gets the chance to tell you that it doesn't matter if you saw it for a second. You tell yourself that I'm not going to watch the whole thing, I'm just checking what's on; it happens and that is why there is a problem with this habit. You must realize that eventually you start slipping. That is why Allah (swt) has said stay away from these things. Stay away. Away doesn't mean that you can watch a BIT. Alright.

His voice is very attractive just like all these instruments. We think that anything in the name of fun can be *halal* because we are just doing it for fun. You make a crank call, just for fun; you make fun of somebody just to have a good laugh. Anything in the name of fun cannot be *halal*.

Slide 48-51:

Do you remember this? Have you seen this? It is Snow white's apple. Why do you think Snow White took this apple?

Student: because it looked really yummy.

Teacher: it looked really yummy. It looked good. Delicious.

Student: tempting.

Teacher: tempting. It looked attractive. Do you think she would have taken it if it looked like this? No. So you think that *shaitan* is so dumb that he's going to present the wrong things in an ugly shape? Not at all, he's going to give it to you beautifully wrapped and very attractive. That's why Snow White fell into that trap. Otherwise if it looks ugly, no one will fall for it. So please remember this image; *shaitan* is not going to come to you with an ugly appearance; he's too smart for that.

Slide 52-53:

So the question is, can we defend ourselves? Or will we be destroyed, because these are the only two options. Can we defend or will we be destroyed? That is up to us. *Iblees* attempts to corrupt humans through temptation and false suggestions.

Slide 54:

Iblees said to Allah(swt) that I will surely mislead them all. This is in Surah Sad, verse number 82:

“By Your might, then I will surely mislead them all,”

(Surah Sad 38: verse 82)

Slide 55:

His characteristics are: pride, arrogance, snobbery, rebellion, envy, disobedience and so on. We should be checking ourselves in case we have any of these habits; we could be falling into *shaitan*'s trap. Disobedience whether it's concerning your parents or just breaking any rules, is wrong. Disobedience for the sake of disobeying is a problem, again in the name of fun. Like you see people around us, who do not follow the traffic signals; and the same people end up praising western countries because they follow rules. Why they don't follow regulations here, is something I can't understand. When you don't care is when you disobey.

Sometimes young boys are seen breaking the rules just for fun. Or you break school rules just for fun. That's a problem. What are you doing? You are basically encouraging yourself to disobey; this is going to lead you to *shaitan*.

Slide 56- 57:

Although Allah(swt) granted *Iblees*'s request, He also warns *shaitan* that he would have no authority over His sincere *a'bd*; *a'bd* means devoted servants. In Surah Al-Isra', verse number 65 Allah (swt) says:

“Verily my slaves, that is the true believers of Islamic monotheism, you have no authority over them.” (Surah Al -Isra' 17 : verse 65)

Allah (swt) has said that the people who will obey Him, *shaitan* will have no effect on them.

shaitan pretends to be your best friend and advisor. He whispers words to you, he makes you believe that everything in this world is *halal* and tells that you should not hold back. This theory that you only live once, is ridiculous. This is against the Islamic ideology. You don't live once. Not at all. If you only live once, you would go all out. But you do not live once. This is just a very limited time period; we are not going to do everything for fun here because we are waiting for our reward in the hereafter, *inshAllah*.

He whispers to your friends in the hope that the words will come to you as well. He tries to persuade you to do everything that is unlawful. That is why, it is so crucial, so important to have good company. I'm sure you must have heard this from your parents, especially mothers. Even the prophets prayed for good company. Who are you and me? If they couldn't be without good company, how can we survive without good company? If you don't have good company then what happens?

Everybody is going to the movies, everybody is listening to music, everybody is going out, so you think it's ok to do the same. If everybody around you is doing something good, you won't feel out of place. It is very important to have the right friends because you are going to rise with the same people in the Hereafter. So decide who you want to be with over there also.

Slide 58-60:

Remember red riding hood? The wolf was talking to her so sweetly right? When he was dressed up like grandmother, he didn't directly pounce on her; sweet talk brought her closer to him and then he pounced. Observe that he was disguise because if he dressed to look like *shaitan* then she wouldn't have gone near him. So that is the whole point here; he is not going

to be dressed up in black and white because he is out there to get you. Remember that he's playing cat and mouse with us.

Slide 61-63:

It's a constant battle. Not Tom and Jerry; something is constantly going on. This is reality, the cat and mouse situation; *shaitan* does not waste time anytime. Even when you are born, some people say that the child cries because he comes and pinches; the child is helpless at that time. then too he attacks. He does not waste any time. What are we doing? Are we making the most of the time that we have? *shaitan* is for sure, in fact he is working overtime. We have to decide what we are doing.

(Du'a for end of a gathering) *Subhana Rabbika Rabbul Izzati 'amma yasifun wa salamun 'alal mursaleen, walhamdulillahi Rabbil 'alameen*

(Parting salutation to students) *Assalam alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh*