

ADMONITION FROM IBLIS

The Prophet, peace be upon him and his progeny said:

Once, when Musa b. Imran, peace be upon him, was seated, Iblis approached him, with a hooded cloak of motley colours. As he came nearer, he removed the cloak and greeted Musa. Musa said - Who are you? He said:

I am Iblis.

Musa said - May Allah not bring your abode closer (to anyone)! Why have you come? He said: I have come to greet you for the status that you have before Allah, Most High. So Musa said –

And what about this cloak? He said: With that, I hijack the hearts of the people!

Then Musa asked him - Tell me about the sin which when Adam's son commits it, you overpower him and get the better of him? He said: When he becomes conceited, and regards his good deeds as too many; and when his own sins seem small to him.

Then he told Musa: *I give you three advices:*

- Musa, never be alone with a stranger woman, or allow her to be with you in privacy, for either of you do not meet the other without me being in your company, without my other colleagues!
- And be careful when you give a covenant or pledge to Allah! (Fulfil it immediately). For whenever a man pledges a vow or a covenant with Allah, I intervene between him and its fulfillment - without my colleagues!
- And when you intend giving a charity, give it soon, for when a servant of Allah intends giving alms, I alone, without my colleagues, sit in between his intention and the charity, preventing it!

Then Iblis turned away saying: *O, what a shame, what a grief! I have taught Musa (a secret) which he will impart to the sons of Adam!*