

Al-A'raf (The Heights) [7:27]

يَدْبِنِي عَادَمَ لَا يَفْتِنَنَّكُمْ الشَّيْطَانُ كَمَا أَخْرَجَ أَبَوَيْكُمْ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ يَنْزِعُ
عَنْهُمَا لِبَاسَهُمَا لِيُرِيَهُمَا سَوْءَٰتِهِمَا إِنَّهُ يَرِنَكُمْ هُوَ وَقَبِيلُهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا
تَرَوْنَهُمْ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا الشَّيَاطِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

O Children of Adam! Let not Satan seduce you, in the same manner as He got your parents out of the Garden, stripping them of their raiment, to expose their shame: for he and his tribe watch you from a position where ye cannot see them: We made the evil ones friends (only) to those without faith.

MUHAMMAD HUSAIN TABA TABAI (AR)

O Children of Adam! Let not Satan deceive you as he got your parents (Adam and Eve) out of Paradise, stripping them of their raiment, to show them their private parts. Verily, he and (his foot soldiers from the jinn or his tribe) see you from where you cannot see them. Verily we made devils helpers of those who do not believe.

The words that have been used to describe that which took place for prostration needs to be reflected deeply upon, especially those in the Makkan Surah TaHa and the Medinian Surah Baqarah, both tell us that the words “O Children of Adam” means that the verses speak to us. especially those addressed to Adam and Even in Paradise.

These verses are about eating, drinking and dress, and are for all to note. In Surah Ta Ha verse 119 the book says, “And we said, “O Adam Verily this is an enemy to you and to your wife. So let him not get you both out of Paradise, so that you be distressed in misery. Verily you have (promise from Us) that you shall never be hungry therein or naked. And you will suffer not from the thirst therein nor from the sun’s heat.” Then in the fourth address there again is that commonality, “Then if there comes to you guidance from Me then whoever follows My guidance shall never go astray.”

In the verse the address is for the progeny of Adam but relates to him too and so the “private parts” are mentioned a second time which will now mean, “O people! Your private parts cannot be protected excepting through piety and we have made it a part of your nature as a dress. Beware of Satan misleading you and removing your garb of piety like he deceived your parents (Adam and Eve) and made them shed their heavenly dress to expose their genitals. We have declared Satans the friends of those who follow them and do not believe our verses.

The shedding of the garb of piety is the way Satan made Adam and Eve divest their dress. Till such time a person faces tribulations he exists in a belief that he is safe, but once he sins God expels him from His mercy and heaven.

He, Satan and his progeny observe you in a way you do not observe them.

This verse is negative in nature and explains the method of Satan who remains unseen and mankind cannot see him. Because, he sees none but himself until he feels that there is some one behind him and who gives the suggestion of mischief and sins, making him accept what is unjust.

God says, *We made the Satans helpers for those who do not believe.*

This again is a verse on “Nahi”. Adherence to Satans is nothing but adherence to mischief, pride and sins. Once they entice the people the way they want to, they make them obey. God speaks to Satan, in Surah Isra verse 64 and 65, “And befool whomsoever with your voice and bring against them your cavalry, infantry and partake with them in riches and children and make promises to them”. But Satan promises only deception. 65 Verily! As for My slaves, you have no authority over them. All sufficient is your Lord as Guardian.” Or the book says in Surah Nahl verse 99, “Verily! He has no power over those who believe and put their trust only in their Lord.” Or As in Surah Hijr verse 42, “Certainly you shall have no authority over My slaves except those who deviate and follow you.”

When we join these verses with others we understand that Satan has no power over the true believers though he may sometimes hurt them. He has no power over those that rely on their Lord. These are the people whom God has termed as His slaves and here he says “My slaves”. Satan has no power but on those who disbelieve.

Disbelieving the words of God means belying them and this is attached to disbelief.

God says, in Surah Baqarah 39 “Those who disbelieve and falsify the signs shall be the fellows of fire; they shall abide therein forever.”

In Surah Baqarah verse 39 God says, “But those who disbelieve and belie our signs are the dwellers of fire and they shall abide therein forever.”

MIR AHMED ALI (AR)

These verses are a warning to mankind that Shaytan along with his associates and their followers involves them into conflict and discord. This, because he and his confederates, through power, influence and riches, make fair-seeming to them the progress in the field of material gains, having no trace of godliness, and obtained by total rejection of Allah's commands pertaining to the lawful and the unlawful. It is a disguise, therefore, man does not see Shaytan's plan of action. His activities engender willingness to carry out his mischief only in those people who possess the in-built complex of his characteristics. The irrationality of the devils prompts the disbelievers to put forward the lame excuse (for their rejection of true faith) that they are following age-old customs and theories.

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The previous verse referred to raiment as a divine bounty. Here, the Qur'an warns us to be aware that Satan does not take away this raiment and bounty from us.

Satan seduces the believing people either, and causes them to deviate from the straight path. But he has not a full mastership and domination over them, because a believing person can be saved by means of repentance and taking refuge with Allah. Thus, his domination is over the disbelievers.

" O' children of Adam ! Let not Satan seduce you as he expelled your parents from the Garden, stripping them both of their clothings that he might expose unto them their shameful parts. Surely he sees you, he and his Tribe, from where you do not see them. We have made the Satans the friends of those who do not believe."

Explanations

1. Any kind of propaganda and preach, which ends to nakedness, is Satanic.
2. Exposing the private parts is a preparation for the lack of belief and domination of Satan.
3. Nakedness is a factor of banishment from the rank of nearness to Allah.
4. Adam (a.s.) , who was prostrated unto by the angels, was seduced by Satan, therefore, you should be more careful.
5. Satan is not alone, He has some groups of assistances, too. They watch you in all moments.