

Ya-Sin (Ya-Sin) [36:60]

﴿ أَلَمْ أَعْهَدْ إِلَيْكُمْ يَا بَنِي آدَمَ أَنْ لَا تَعْبُدُوا الشَّيْطَانَ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ

مُبِينٌ ﴿٦٠﴾

Did I not enjoin on you, O ye Children of Adam, that you should not worship Satan; for that he was to you an enemy avowed?

MUHAMMAD HUSAIN TABA TABAI (AR)

Did I not ordain for you O children of Adam that you should not worship Satan? Verily he is a plain enemy to you.

The word “Ahad” here means ordains and “Ibadat” here means worshipping Satan or obeying him. It is through this obedience that he instills temptations in the human heart and urges them towards evil. It is incorrect to worship any one but God. It is also said that worshipping Satan means worshipping man made idols, icons and entities and this is attributed to Satan because he is the plain enemy of mankind and misleads them.

Mankind is described here as criminal because Satan is the open enemy for having refused to prostrate before Adam and was expelled for this. He first enticed Hazrat Adam and now lurks around mankind. God says in verse 62 of Surah Isra, Satan said, “See? This one of whom you have honored above me, if you give me respite (keep me alive) to the Day of resurrection, I will surely seize and mislead his offspring all but a few!”

The covenant God has taken with mankind is because he has sent them apostles to help them ward off Satan and to warn them about him. In verse 27 of Surah A’raf it says, “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.” And in Verse 62 of Surah Zukhruf it is said, “Let not Satan hinder you (from the right religion). Verily he is to you a plain enemy.” It is also said that God has taken a covenant from mankind in the unseen world before their birth.

I have explained this when I explained the “Ayah Zar”. It is covenant that mankind has to fulfill in this world.

MIR AHMED ALI (AR)

(no commentary available for this verse)