

## **As-Saffat (The Rangers) [37:7]**

وَحِفْظًا مِّنْ كُلِّ شَيْطَانٍ مَّارِدٍ

(For beauty) and for guard against all obstinate rebellious evil spirits.

### **MUHAMMAD HUSAIN TABA TABAI (AR)**

*And to guard against every rebellious devil.*

It means that we have to save ourselves from the evil temptations and mischief of Satan, who is one from the Jinns. "Marid" is that mischief which has no chance of anything good.

### **MIR AHMED ALI (AR)**

Verse 6

Sama-ad dunya means the lowest heaven, nearest to the earth. It is said to be the seat of the exalted assembly of angels, as pointed out in verse 8. The beauty of the starry heaven is proverbial. Their marvellous beauty, their coherent grouping and harmonious working manifest the unity, control and wisdom of the one true creator.

The perfect, harmonious, undisturbed and continuous existence of creation in the heavens, under the precise laws made by Allah, cannot be disturbed or upset by any rebellious evil, so it is cast away on every side, repulsed, under a perpetual penalty, by a flaming fire.

Goodness is always protected by the all good against evil.

The men of God, mentioned in the commentary of verses 1 to 3 of this surah, are goodness personified or the true reflection or manifestation of the absolute goodness of the Lord, therefore every type of evil has been kept off from them. They have been thoroughly purified as per verse 33 of Ahzab. Also refer to Hijr: 40 and 42 and Bani Israil: 65 to know that Shaytan has no authority over the men of God mentioned above. Goodness is real and eternal. Evil is the consequence of the rebellious urge of the devil. It shall die its own death when the devil, along with his followers, goes to hell. So far as it lives in this world it cannot rise to the higher region of goodness, even if it tries to have a glimpse of the world of total righteousness. Its area of operation is the abyss.

No evil spirit can ever penetrate even the lowest heaven. Refer to the commentary of Hijr: 16 to 18.

After the advent of the Holy Prophet the doors of even the lowest regions were closed to the devils and evil spirits.

Prior to the advent of the Holy Prophet, the jinn and devils had access to the outskirts of heaven, and by assiduous eavesdropping secured some of the secrets of the upper world, which they communicated to soothsayers upon the earth. After the advent of the Holy Prophet they were driven from the heavens, and whenever they dared to approach, flaming bolts were hurled at them, appearing to mankind like falling stars.

Aqa Mahdi Puya says:

Those who are immersed in the worldly pleasures are unable to have any communion with the exalted beings of the higher sphere, even if they try to steal a glimpse of that which is there.