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# Ta'awwuz

Before starting Qur'an we should recite **أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ**. So we will learn its translation (meanings) first.

الرَّجِيمِ	مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ	بِاللَّهِ	أَعُوذُ
the outcast.	from Shaitaan	in Allah	I seek refuge

- **أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ** is called **تعوذ (TA'AW-WUZ meaning seeking refuge)**.
- **أَعُوذُ**: We use warm clothes in winters and use umbrella in the rain for our protection.
- **بِاللَّهِ**: We cannot see ALLAH but He sees us, hears us and loves us the most. He wants to ensure our safety. As such He has shown us the way to protect ourselves from Shaitaan.
- **أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ** : Whenever we say **أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ** it is unbearable for Shaitaan and he becomes upset as he does not want us to take refuge in ALLAH. But it makes ALLAH happy and He provides us shelter against Shaitaan.
- **الشَّيْطَانِ**: Shaitaan is created from fire. We cannot see him but he sees us. There is a Shaitaan with each one of us, but don't worry or be afraid of him! Because there are angels with us too who protect us by ALLAH's command. And most important of all, ALLAH is with us who is almighty, all powerful.
- Shaitaan does not want us to do good and noble deeds, so he tries to stop us from doing them. He whispers and puts doubts in our hearts for us to displease ALLAH and wants us to be like him.

**Three meanings of the Arabic word are given here,  
Mark the correct meaning**

أَعُوذُ	(i) I seek refuge	ii) All Praises	(iii) He seeks refuge
الرَّجِيمِ	(i) who is rejected	(ii) who is disobedient	(iii) who is foolish
مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ	(i) from Shaitaan	(ii) on Shaitaan	(iii) of Shaitaan