

# Lesson-19: Protection from the Traps of Shaitan

## Lesson Outcomes

- Three attributes of Allah mentioned in Surah An-Naas.
- Three main features of Surah An-Naas.
- Tricks and traps of Shaitan to misguide us.
- Friends and associates of Shaitan.

## Recitation and Explanation

Recite with Tajweed and feelings, the way the Prophet ﷺ used to recite:

1 النَّاسِ (of) Mankind,	رَبِّ in the Lord	أَعُوذُ I seek refuge	قُلْ Say,
Say, I seek refuge in the Lord of Mankind,			
3 إِلَهِ النَّاسِ the God of Mankind,	2 مَلِكِ النَّاسِ the King of Mankind,		
the King of Mankind, the God of Mankind			
4 الْخَنَّاسِ the one who withdraws after whispering	الْوَسْوَاسِ (of) the whisperer	مِنْ شَرِّ from (the) evil	
From (the) evil (of) the whisperer, the one who withdraws after whispering.			

- Surah An-Naas is one of the two Surahs (مُعَوِّذَتَيْنِ) that gives us Allah's protection from all evils.
- النَّاسِ means Mankind. Surah An-Naas is the last Surah of the Qur'an. This Surah teaches us the way to get protection from the evil tricks of Shaitan and his friends.
- Three important attributes of Allah are mentioned in this Surah:
  1. رَبِّ: Rabb, (Lord, Creator, Cherisher, Sustainer). Allah is the Lord of all. He takes care of the needs of all His creations, whether they are human being, Jinns, animals or any other creature.
  2. مَلِكِ: The King. Allah is the King of all whether men accept Him or not. The one who created everything is naturally the King of everyone.
  3. إِلَهٍ: God. Allah is the real God of all. The one who created and rules over everything is the one who deserves to be worshipped.

The above three qualities remind us that only Allah has the complete power to protect us.

In the last lesson we have learned about the things from which we should seek Allah's protection. In this Surah, we are instructed to seek protection from the most important evil, i.e., the evil of Shaitan and his friends.

- This Surah tells us how Shaitan can misguide the mankind by whispering (speaking quietly) into our hearts and encouraging us to do evil and bad things.

## Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel

- It is very easy for Allah to protect all those who live in His Universe. Everything (living or non-living) follows His orders.
- We cannot see Shaitan. He attacks us with bad thoughts.
- Shaitan tries his best to make us like him, through directly whispering us or instructing other people to teach us evil thoughts.
- Alhamdulillah! Allah blessed us with “two security guards” or “two safety formulae” (مُعَوِّذَتَيْنِ). If we recite them frequently, we will be safe from Shaitan and his associates.
- Seek protection the moment we get evil thoughts. Keep repeating the ‘formulae’ until the evil thoughts go away.

## Tadhakkur – Du’aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- Du’aa: O Allah! It is difficult for me to save myself from the attacks and whispers of Shaitan. Please protect me from these attacks.
- How does Shaitan attack us? For example, he suggests and encourages us not to offer Salah, obey parent, get knowledge, or do any good deed.
- Feel confident that as soon as you recite مُعَوِّذَتَيْنِ, you will be protected.
- We use umbrella to get protection from rain. We wear warm clothes to protect ourselves from cold weather. Likewise, we must draw a plan to get protection from Shaitan and his friends.

الَّذِي يُوسَّسُ فِي صُدُورِ النَّاسِ

(of) mankind	into the chests	whispers	the one who
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the one who whispers into the chests of Mankind

وَالنَّاسِ مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ

and mankind.	from among Jinn
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From among Jinn and Mankind.

- وَسْوَسَةٌ: Whisper. It means to put something bad secretly into the heart.
- Sometimes we act in a bad manner, like hiding the book of a friend, troubling someone, or teasing a brother or a sister. This is the sign that Shaitan has whispered into our heart and suggested us to commit these bad things.
- We don’t see Shaitan when he whispers into our heart. We realize it only after we feel the urge to do a bad thing.
- Shaitan is always ready to misguide us. When we forget Allah, Shaitan starts to attack us by whispering bad or useless thoughts into our hearts.
- This whisperer may not necessarily be an invisible devil or a bad Jinn. It can also be a Human. It can be anyone who follows Shaitan and his instructions. He or she tells us to do evil and leave the good. For example, one of your friends stops you from going for Salah by saying, “Let us watch TV now, we can offer Salah later.”
- This Surah shows us the way to get protection from all devils whether it is a bad Jinn or a bad person.

## Tadabbur – Study, Imagine, and Feel:

- Sometime the evil things seem beautiful and attractive, such as listening to songs, telling lie, and cheating others. Associates of Shaitan will encourage you to act upon these sins.

## Tadhakkur – Du’aa, Evaluate, and Plan

- Ask sincerely for Allah’s protection. O Allah! We are very weak. It is very difficult for us to get away from the whispers and traps of Shaitan. Only you can protect us. Please take us under your protection.
- Usually, we forget Allah on two occasions, when we are very happy or when we are very sad. During these times, Shaitan gets a chance to misguide us. He will make us forget Shukr and Sabr (Thanking Allah and to be patient). So, we must be very alert during these occasions and seek Allah’s protection.
- We can’t physically fight with Shaitan and defeat him. But we can beat him by reciting Surahs taught to us by Allah. Plan to regularly recite these Surahs to defeat Shaitan.

**Habit:** Insha’Allah, I will read Surah Al-Ikhlaas, Surah Al-Falaq, and Surah An-Naas, three times daily, after Fajr and Maghrib Salah and before going to sleep. This is the Sunnah (practice) of our beloved Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم.

## Practice Questions

1. What is the meaning of An-Naas?
2. List three attributes of Allah mentioned in this Surah.
3. Write any three tricks and traps of Shaitan to misguide us.
4. Give example of friends and associates of Shaitan.