

Verse Fater: 6

﴿إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لِرَبِّهِ لَآئِمٌ ۖ يُضِلُّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَيُرِيدُ بِكُمُ الْفِتْنَةَ ۗ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ كَانَ لِلْإِنسَانِ عَدُوًّا مُّبِينًا﴾

﴿إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لِرَبِّهِ لَآئِمٌ ۖ﴾

6. Verily Satan is an enemy to you: so treat Him As an enemy. He only invites His adherents, that They may become companions of the Blazing Fire.

Accordingly B&S, the devil is our main enemy in this life, and in order to defeat our enemy, we should learn his tricks because he has nothing but to try to deceive us with his misleading words, and by no means, he does not have the power to enforce you to behave falsely and disobey Allah, except if you accept it yourself. As Allah says:

Verse Al-7ejr: 42

﴿لَا أُقْبِلُ مِنْكُمْ شَيْئًا ۖ لَئِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُوا أَمْرَهُ ۖ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا سُلُوكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُبْغِضُ الْكَافِرِينَ﴾

42. "For over My servants no authority shall you have, except those who put themselves In the wrong and follow you."

Ibnul Kaiim “Ra7emahu Allahu”, one of the greatest Islamic Scholars, mentioned in his magnificent book titled “مدارج السالكين” “roads for the seekers” 7 obstacles or doors the devil tries to break through so as to deviate us from the way of Allah. For those 7 obstacles, the devil starts with the highest priority obstacle and does not move to the next except if he fails in the current one. We will try to have some insights on these doors ISA.

1-Disbelieve in Allah “الكفر بالله”

This is the ultimate goal for the devil, whether starting by it or by lower priority goals, he seeks to eventually make you renounce Allah or his true religion or any thing that gets you out of Islam, just to stay immortal with him in the hellfire, as Allah said about those unbelievers:

Verse Ala7zab: 63,64

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ لَعَنَ الْكَافِرِينَ ۖ وَآمَدَ لَهُمْ سُلُوكَ الْآسْفَارِ ۖ لَا يَخْرُجُونَ مِنْهَا ۚ إِنَّ سُلُوكَ السُّبُلِ كَانَ لِلَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنَ الْكُفَرِ ۚ إِنَّ الْكُفْرَ كَبِيرٌ﴾

64. Verily Allah has cursed the unbelievers and prepared for them a Blazing Fire,-

So, if the devil could initially achieve this goal, this will be the best for him. Otherwise if you kept yourself firm on Islam, he will move to the next obstacle and will try to eventually get you up to the top level of the stack and then out of it.

So B&S, we should all know that the devil will not give up until he achieves this goal, to make you disbelieve Allah or his religion even if he started from the very low level he will try and try to pass form one barrier to the next to reach this final point.

2-Innovation in Islam “البدعة”

Albed3a means “as said by Ibnul Kaiim” to believe in things different from the truth that was sent by Allah AWG through his Messenger (PBUH) or revealed in his Holy

فَأَعْوِزْهُمْ بِالْحَطَبِ فَجَعَلَ هَذَا يَجِيءُ

عَلَى الْعَبْدِ وَهُوَ يَسْتَهِينُ بِشَأْنِهَا حَتَّى تَهْلِكَ

135. And those who, having done something to be ashamed of, or wronged their own souls, earnestly bring Allah to mind, and ask for forgiveness for their sins,- and who can forgive sins except Allah.- **and are never obstinate In persisting knowingly In (the wrong) They have done.**

And the 7adeeth

إياكم ومحقرات الذنوب ثم ضرب لذلك مثلا بقوم نزلوا بفلاة من الأرض فأعوزهم الحطب فجعل هذا يجيء بعود وهذا بعود حتى جمعوا حطبا كثيرا فأوقدوا نارا وأنضجوا خبزتهم فكذلك فإن محقرات الذنوب تجتمع على العبد وهو يستهين بشأنها حتى تهلكه

“I warn you from disregarding sins, then he (prophet Mohammad PBUH) gave an analogy for a people who were in a desert and they needed to get some firewood, so every one went and came back with a small rod till they got a lot of firewood, and they cooked their food. Such alike, those excuses that disregard sins, they gather together on one of you and he does not care about them till eventually they ruin him”

So B&S, insisting on doing small things is considered a big sin, and even worse than the sin itself. And eventually a man who does a big sin with fear and regret after it is even better that who does the smalls and does not care about them.

So B&S, pay extreme attention to this barrier the devil tries to penetrate, because it may lead to destruction, just remember the possible bad consequences and ask Allah refuge from the devil.

Second Kutba

5-The free deeds “المباحات”

So B&S, if you survived obstacle of small sins, you may find another tricky one, which is the free deeds. We mean by Free deeds are those deeds which if you did you will get more rewarded but if you left, you will not be guilty.

So, now the devil has become desperate of pushing you to commit sins. So he will now try to deduct your good points instead of increasing your bas points, and this is also beneficial for him. So, for example, he may urge you to leave the Sunnas after the prayers (the optional prayers) or Sadaka (giving charity), etc..

Once you left those deeds that gives you more additional rewards, you became much vulnerable to leave to obligatory deeds like the prayer itself or the zakat, etc.. and even if you kept your obligatory deeds, the least he will let you miss the additional rewards.

So please be careful from that door B&S, and always keep some sort of guard area for your self.

Allah AWG says

Verse Allsraa: 53

عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْأَقْسَرِ وَأَجْزَلِ أَلَا تَرَوْنَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَفْضَلُ مَا يَشَاءُ لِيُخْذَلَ الْإِنسَانَ كَثِيرًا مَّا كَانُوا فِي شَكٍّ مِّنْهُ لَئِن لَّمْ يَفْضَلْ لَهُمْ سَبْعِينَ مِائَةً أَوْ جَمِيعًا ذَرُّوا رَبَّهُمْ فَمَنْ يَضِلُّ فَلْيَضِلَّ وَمَنْ يَهْتَدِ فَلْيُهْتَدِ وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُتَوَلَّيْنَ

﴿أَلَا تَرَوْنَ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَفْضَلُ مَا يَشَاءُ لِيُخْذَلَ الْإِنسَانَ كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُ لَئِن لَّمْ يَفْضَلْ لَهُمْ سَبْعِينَ مِائَةً أَوْ جَمِيعًا ذَرُّوا رَبَّهُمْ فَمَنْ يَضِلُّ فَلْيَضِلَّ وَمَنْ يَهْتَدِ فَلْيُهْتَدِ وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُتَوَلَّيْنَ﴾

53. Say to My servants that They should (only) say those things that are best: for Satan does sow dissensions among them: for Satan is to man an avowed enemy.

6-Preferring the less preferred deeds for the most preferred deeds “ الانشغال بالمفضول عن الفضل ”

B&S, if you survived this obstacles, you are now facing a more trickier one, you may notice that the deeper we go inside the stack the more trickier obstacles we face, and of course this is natural, because even in human perception when you get defeated in a battle you will prepare better and more effective weapons to defeat your enemy in the next battle.

Now, what is meant by preferring the less preferred deeds for the most preferred deeds? As we have just seen the devil now is trying to lessen your reward, so for example if you are gonna now choose between two alternatives both are good, but there is one of them is better than the other (meaning will give you more reward form Allah AWG), he will try to let you do the less rewarding one.

For instance, one may prefer to continue doing his work (Note: perfecting your working is a kind of worshipping Allah) to attend the payer with the group (if he can) (assuming that you will pray in time but lately).

Another example, you may prefer to recite a soura of Quran in your home than to attend the prayer early in masjid and catch a place in the first row or catch the first Takbeera (which both have a high reward from Allah).

So B&S, the more level of faith you reach the more the obstacles become trickier. And for this particular obstacle, Feqh is very important to choose the best choice. If you want to survive this obstacle you should learn your religion carefully.

Verse Fater:28

ٱللَّهُمَّ اِنِّى اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْغَمِّ وَالْهَمِّ وَالْحَزَنِ وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْكِبَرِ وَالْعَجْزِ وَالْجَبْنِ وَالْجَبْنِ وَالْجَبْنِ

Allah, among His servants, who have knowledge: for Allah is Exalted In Might, Oft-Forgiving.

7-The seventh and last obstacle B&S, The devil tries break though is an obstacle that no messenger or prophet could escape it, but they were patients and firm in front of it.

Here, the devil lost all his ways, and has no means but to push others to push you away from the right way, and of course we mean humans. He will delegate his soldiers to harm you in many ways; by tongue, by hands, or even by their hurts.

So, whenever you do more good deeds and practice Dawaa correctly, the more difficulties and problems you may find in your way such like people who try to undermine your efforts and urge others not to listen to you and even attack your efforts.

So my dear B&S, if you reached this level of work and you are certain of what you are doing, just remember what happened with your prophet PBUH in his way to deliver to us this crystal pure Shriaa that will ISA lead us to Allah's satisfaction and to the Janna. And remember what Allah said to his prophet PBUH in the holy Quran:

Verse Al-An3am : 10

كَمْ اَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رُسُلٍ فَاتَّخَذُوهُمْ سَخِرُوا مِنْهُمْ لَعَلَّ كُنْتُمْ تُعْرَفُونَ

10. Mocked were (many) prophets before you; but their scoffers were hemmed in by the thing that They mocked.

So, if you would like to take his way, you will have to bear it and just be sure that Allah will NEVER leave you alone, and that it is just a small life we live in this world and then we go to our God Allah AWG and get his eternal rewards ISA.

B&S, always remember that you are stronger than the devil, and that he is very weak as Allah says

Verse Al-Nesaa 76

