

# Understanding Shaitaan

*His name is Iblees but everyone knows him as Shaitaan.*

*Allaah Taala has called him "Ar-Rajeem" "The rejected one"*

*He was once a companion of Malaika (angels) but his final abode would be in Jahannam.*

*Do you know how this happened?*

*It all started with **PRIDE** ...*

*Allaah Taala created Adam (as) the first man from clay. HE then ordered all the angels and jinns to prostrate before Sayedna Adam (as) as a gesture of respect. Everyone prostrated except Iblees.....*

(Allâh) said: "What prevented you (O Iblîs) that you did not prostrate yourself, when I commanded you?" Iblîs said: "I am better than him (Adam), You created me from fire, and him You created from clay." (12) (Allâh) said: "(O Iblîs) get down from this (Paradise), it is not for you to be arrogant here. Get out, for you are of those humiliated and disgraced." (13) (Iblîs) said: "Allow me respite till the Day they are raised up (i.e. the Day of Resurrection)." (14) (Allâh) said: "You are of those respited." (15) (Iblîs) said: "Because You have sent me astray, surely I will sit in wait against them (human beings) on Your Straight Path (16) Then I will come to them from before them and behind them, from their right and from their left, and You will not find most of them as thankful ones (i.e. they will not be dutiful to You)." (17) (Allâh) said (to Iblîs) "Get out from this (Paradise) disgraced and expelled. Whoever of them (mankind) will follow you, then surely I will fill Hell

with you all."

(Al Araf)

(Allâh) said: "O Iblîs (Satan)! What is your reason for not being among the prostrators?" (32) [Iblîs (Satan)] said: "I am not the one to prostrate myself to a human being, whom You created from dried (sounding) clay of altered mud." (33) (Allâh) said: "Then, get out from here, for verily, you are Rajîm (an outcast or a cursed one)." (34) "And verily, the curse shall be upon you till the Day of Recompense (i.e. the Day of Resurrection)." (35) [Iblîs (Satan)] said: "O my Lord! Give me then respite till the Day they (the dead) will be resurrected." (36) Allâh said: "Then, verily, you are of those reprieved, (37) "Till the Day of the time appointed." (38) [Iblîs (Satan)] said: "O my Lord! Because you misled me, I shall indeed adorn the path of error for them (mankind) on the earth, and I shall mislead them all. (39) "Except Your chosen, (guided) slaves among them." (40) (Allâh) said: "This is the Way which will lead straight to Me." (41) "Certainly, you shall have no authority over My slaves, except those who follow you of the Ghâwun (Mushrikûn and those who go astray, criminals, polytheists, and evil-doers) (42) "And surely, Hell is the promised place for them all. (43)

(Al Hijr)

And (remember) when We said to the angels: "Prostrate yourselves unto Adam." They prostrated except Iblîs (Satan). He said: "Shall I prostrate to one whom You created from clay?" (61) [Iblîs (Satan)] said: "See this one whom You have honoured above me, if You give me respite (keep me alive) to the Day of Resurrection, I will surely seize and mislead his offspring (by sending them astray) all but a few!" (62) (Allâh) said: "Go, and whosoever of them follows you, surely! Hell will be the recompense of you (all) - an ample recompense. (63) "And befool them gradually those whom you can among them with your voice (i.e. songs, music, and any other call for Allâh's disobedience), make assaults on them with your cavalry and your infantry, share with them wealth and children (by tempting them to earn money by illegal ways - usury or by committing illegal sexual intercourse), and make promises to them." But Satan promises them nothing but

deceit (64) "Verily! My slaves (i.e the true believers of Islâmic Monotheism), - you have no authority over them. And All-Sufficient is your Lord as a Guardian."

(Al Israa)

*So Iblees was rejected, expelled from Jannah with Allaah's anger upon him. Allaah Taala is so compassionate that even though Iblees had earned His anger, still when he asked for respite and life till Qiyamah, Allaah Taala granted him his duaa. It was very bad of Iblees to ask for something like that and not for forgiveness.*

*And then Iblees vowed to mislead the humans and Jinns so everyone may end up in Jahannam with him.*

What does this tell you about Iblees? Is he a friend or foe?

*Color in the word from each box which you think describe Iblees*

ENEMY

FRIEND

PROUD

HUMBLE

SINCERE  
INSINCERE

HONEST  
DISHONEST

GRATEFUL  
UNTHANKFUL

Can you find a few words from the above story in the word search below?

*ADAM, SHAITAN, ALLAHAH, JANNAH, HELL,  
PROSTRATE, HAWWA, PROUD*

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## Shaitaan's Revenge

*So what happened next? Iblees was rejected by Allaah and in his arrogance he didn't understand the true reason for the rejection (which was his disobedience) instead he started hating Adam (as) and his wife Hawwa (as) Iblees wanted them to join him in Hell (Jahannam) forever.*

*Allaah Taala loved Adam (as) and his wife Hawwa (as) and let them live in Jannah (heaven) which is the most beautiful place that you can ever imagine. They were allowed to eat anything that they wish in Jannah except the fruit from one tree. They both lived in Jannah for a long time, until one day something bad happened. One day as they were walking in their beautiful gardens in Jannah, Iblees tricked them into eating the fruit from the forbidden tree.*

*Iblees after having lied to them ran away happily. Allaah Taala was very angry with Adam (as) and Hawwa (as). But they were ashamed for this mistake and asked His forgiveness. Allaah Taala forgave them both. Iblees was very angry.*

*Allaah Taala sent down Adam (as) and his wife Hawwa (as) to earth where they had to live till death could take them back to Allaah Taala. Iblees was also sent down with them and he still is busy trying to trick children of Adam (as) into disobeying Allaah Taala.*

And We said: "O Adam! Dwell you and your wife in the Paradise and eat both of you freely with pleasure and delight, of things therein as wherever you will, but come not near this tree or you both will be of the Zâlimûn (wrong-doers)." (35) Then the Shaitân (Satan) made them slip there from (the Paradise), and got them out from that in which they were. We said: "Get you down, all, with enmity between yourselves. On earth will be a dwelling place for you and an enjoyment for a time." (36) Then Adam received from his Lord Words []. And his Lord pardoned him (accepted his repentance). Verily, He is the One Who forgives (accepts repentance), the Most Merciful (37) We said: "Get down all of you from this place (the Paradise), then whenever there comes to you Guidance from Me, and whoever follows My Guidance, there shall be no fear on them, nor shall they grieve (38)

(Al Baqara)

"And O Adam! Dwell you and your wife in Paradise, and eat thereof as you both wish, but approach not this tree otherwise you both will be of the Zâlimûn (unjust and wrong-doers)." (19) Then Shaitân (Satan) whispered suggestions to them both in order to uncover that which was hidden from them of their private parts (before); he said: "Your Lord did not forbid you this tree save that you should become angels or become of the immortals." (20) And he [Shaitân (Satan)] swore by Allâh to them both (saying): "Verily, I am one of the sincere well-wishers for you both." (21) So he misled them with deception. Then when they tasted of the tree, that which was hidden from them of their shame (private parts) became manifest to them and they began to cover themselves with the leaves of Paradise (in order to cover their shame). And their Lord called out to them (saying): "Did I not forbid you that tree and tell you: Verily, Shaitân (Satan) is an open enemy unto you?" (22) They said: "Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves. If You forgive us not, and bestow not upon us Your Mercy, we shall certainly be of the losers." (23) (Allâh) said: "Get down, one of you is an enemy to the other [i.e. Adam, Hawwa (Eve), and Shaitân (Satan),]. On earth will be a dwelling-place for you and an enjoyment, - for a time." (24) He said: "Therein you shall live, and therein you shall die, and from it you shall be brought out (i.e. resurrected)."

(al Araf)



Some easy questions

*Who was Adam?*

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*Who is Shaitaan?*

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*What did Shaitaan wanted to do after he was rejected?*

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Some a bit difficult ones

*Why do you think Shaitaan tricked Adam (as) into sin?*

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*Why was Shaitaan jealous of Adam (as)?*

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## Lets learn some more about Shaitaan from Ahaadeeth

1. Shaitaan likes to eat with his left hand.
2. Shaitaan comes to our houses all the time but if we say Bismillah before entering our house and make salaams upon entering, Shaitaan runs away from our house.
3. When we say Bismillah before eating our food Shaitaan cannot eat from it.
4. If we forget to say Allaah's name before beginning our meal Shaitaan eats with us, but if we remember it later and say Bismillahi awwalahu wa aakhirahu, Shaitaan vomits all the food.
5. Shaitaan runs away from a home where Sura Al Baqara is recited.
6. Shaitaan runs away when we make zikru-Allaah.
7. Shaitaan is very scared of Mauzatain.
8. When we take our clothes off Shaitaan makes fun of our nudity. So we should say Bismillah before taking our clothes off (before changing, bathing etc) in this way Shaitaan would not be able to see us (naked)

## Some du'as to protect us from Shaitaan and his army

اللهم انى اعوذبك من ابليس و جنوده

O Allaah! I ask you for protection from Iblees and his army.

اعوذ بالله من الشيطان الرجيم

I seek refuge with Allaah from Shaitaan the rejected one

*Now try writing the du'as and memorizing them*

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People can be divided into two groups: **Friends of Allaah** and **Friends of Shaitaan**. Read the stories and decide which way is the way of Shaitaan and his friends.

1. Zaid's mother baked some yummy chocolate chip cookies. He ate two cookies and wanted a third one. His mother told him not to eat any more cookies until after dinner. While his mother was performing salaah, the cookies were just sitting there waiting for Zaid to eat! If Zaid eats a cookie Mum would never know! Zaid couldn't resist! He ate a cookie.

*Is it the way of Rahman or Shaitaan?*

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2. Ibrahim went with his father to a shop. He was a poor boy and very hungry at that time. While his father was busy buying things, Ibrahim wandered off to the other side of the store. There he saw a big bar of chocolate lying on the floor, fallen from the shelves above. No one was there to look and Ibrahim was hungry. He could eat it without paying for it and no one would know. He picked the chocolate... And kept it back on the shelf before turning and going back to his father.

*Is it the way of Rahman or Shaitaan?*

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3. Aamina was tired. She had played all day long. She rode bike, swimed with his brother and had a jolly good time. But now at night she was bone tired. And still the evening salaah (Al Ishaah) was left. She felt like going to the bed and sleep. She could just lie down on bed and if her mum asked her about salaah she could always say she had read it already. She lied down on the bed and felt the warmth and softness of the bed. But something kept nagging at her. She finally got up made wudhu and started her salaah. After her salaah she straight hopped in bed and slept peacefully.

*Is it the way of Rahman or Shaitaan?*

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4. Umar loved computer. He liked making all sorts of things on computer and typed all his work on computer. But right now he was playing a veryyyyyy interesting game. It was Saturday and every Saturday he was allowed to play games for one hour on computer. His game was in the most exciting stage when his happened to see the clock. Crap! His time was already up! But he couldn't leave the game now, not now! And anyway mum was busy talking to her sister on phone. She wouldn't notice if he played for a few more minutes. He simply had to finish this round, man he had never reached this far before! He played on.....

*Is it the way of Rahman or Shaitaan?*

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5. Fatimah finished typing. Her project on volcanoes was finished at last. Now if she could only find a nice picture to go with it. She searched on internet for a picture. After a few minutes she found one that was just perfect. It had all the features illustrated and labeled and if she would have taken a picture herself of a volcano she would have took one just like it. Before copying the picture she looked for the copyright policy and was very disappointed. It was an all-rights-reserved picture. That means it was on the internet only to see not to copy and use. She started looking for more pictures but none was as good as this one. She kept going back to it and every time the temptation to use it was growing stronger. Well she wasn't selling it, was she? And nothing would hurt the owner if he never knows she has copied it. This is how it is on internet, people can't know if someone steals their work. And she had to win the prize for the project. She knew she will win if she had this picture shining on the front of her folder. She copied the picture and saved it on her system before pasting it on her project...

*Is it the way of Rahman or Shaitaan?*

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