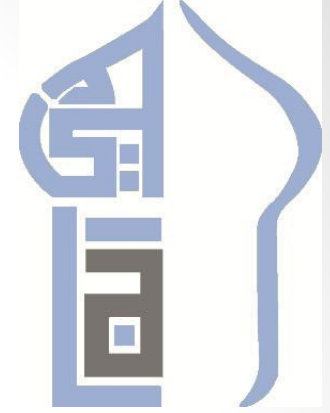


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ALI 217: Du'ās Nos. 17 & 22 from
Sahifa Sajjadiyyah

SESSION 1:

وَكَانَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ إِذَا ذُكِرَ الشَّيْطَانُ فَاِسْتَعَاذَ مِنْهُ وَمِنْ عَخَاوِئِهِ
وَكَيِّدِهِ

His supplication when Satan was mentioned so he sought refuge from him and from his enmity and trickery

Intro to *Sahifa Sajjadiyyah*

Please read the following articles during the course. You will find them interesting & highly beneficial; they talk about the circumstances that led to the compilation of the work.

1. A H Sheriff, “Saheefa Al-Kamilah: The Perfect Epistle” from *The Light* magazine, available on our site

www.academyofislam.com/courses/ali201/intro-sheriff.pdf

2. “Introduction by the martyred Imam Ayatullah Sayyid Muahmmad Baqir Al-Sadr, available on our site at:

www.academyofislam.com/courses/ali201/intro-BaqirSadr.pdf

3. Seyyid Saeed Akhatar Rizvi, “The Illustrious Imamat-period of Imam Zaynal ‘Abidin,” found online at:

www.al-islam.org/al-serat/Illustrious.htm

‘Shaytān’ in the Holy Qur’an

- From the verb شَطَّ *shatta* – to treat with injustice, to go beyond due bounds; or from verb شَطَّنَ *shatana* – to get far from truth, and from the mercy of God.
- It also refers to long cord/string Arabs used to draw water from deep wells
- Shaytān – is every insolent or rebellious one from among the Jinn, human or beasts. Plural شَيَاطِينٌ - *Shayātīn*
- The word ‘shaytān ’ & its plural appear 88 times in HQ,
- Taaghoot (طَاغُوت) is also used for devilish & satanic beings
- Hadith: He mislead people from near & far, so named *Shaytān*.
- Shaytān is a manifest enemy Q35:6, 36:50, etc.
- Shaytān can be amongst human beings: Q2:14, 114:5

Passages 1 & 2:

1) O Allah! we seek refuge in You from the instigations of the accursed Satan, his trickery, and his traps, from trust in his false hopes, his promises, his delusions, and his snares

2) and lest he should make himself crave to lead us away from Your obedience and to degrade us through our disobeying You, and lest what he beautifies for us seem good for us and what he abhors for us weighs down upon us.

Notes on passages 1 & 2

- The word **اللَّهُمَّ** *allahumma* (O Allah) appears 5 x in the HQ (3:26, 5:114, etc) as well as in many Du‘ās. Al-Sajjad uses it 14 times in this Du‘a, to emphasize that Allah alone is the best solution to our problems; He should be focus of ours at all times.
- Use of plural tense (*we seek*), for Satan misleads one and all as he is enemy of humanity (Q2:168, etc.)
- Taking refuge in Allah’s protection is way to remain safe from the mischief of Shaytān.
- My teacher on why we remember Allah, even in washrooms.
- Satan instigates, tricks & traps the believers; each of this is harmful for us
- How does he mislead? Thru: false hopes, wrong promises, deception & snares
- Imam is praying against all minor or major means employed by the devil.

Notes on Passage 2

Satan thrives on our weakness; so if we're resolute he will withdraw

Satan wishes that we stay away from Allah's obedience (إِضْلَالِنَا عَنْ طَاعَتِكَ)- one reason why we pray at least 10 times in al-Fatiha: *not the path of those who have gone astray*

Disobeying Allah degrades us but it pleases Satan.

The devil is directly opposed to all Godly actions & achieving Divine pleasure

Do not judge on the face value what seems beautiful or detesting to you. In most cases this is a satanic trap. Use God-given intelligence to judge & decide course of action to follow. So think before you speak or act.

Passages 3 & 4

3) O Allah, drive him away from us through Your worship, throw him down through our perseverance in Your love, and place between him and us a covering that he cannot tear away and a solid barrier that he cannot cut through!

4) O Allah! bless Muhammad and his Household, distract Satan from us with some of Your enemies, preserve us from him through Your good guarding, spare us his treachery, turn his back toward us, and cut off from us his trace!

Notes on passage 3

- Again Imam uses plural form- ‘drive him away from us.’ His presence amongst us is dangerous and a liability to all; satan is ‘cancerous’ being
- Now Imam provides us specific ways to drive away Satan: Divine worship, perseverance in Divine love, and building strong veil & solid barrier
- Divine worship & devotion (*‘ibadah*) is a wide concept: specific prayers, supplications, *dhikr*, and doing all things that pleases Allah.
- It is important that we learn to develop Divine love. HQ uses numerous times that Allah loves certain things and does not love some practices.
- One way of erecting a veil is thru reciting the Qur’an. Ref 17:45

Notes on passage 4

- Invoking blessing on Muhammad & family is an assurance to supplication being accepted according to a Hadith.
- The Imam invokes *salawat* numerous times in the *Sahifa* (e.g. 20 x in Du‘ā 20) to, perhaps, let the enemy know that your efforts of annihilating the Prophet’s progeny (in Karbala) was futile & temporary.
- Let you enemy (not your friend) deal with Satan. Who got rid of Saddam?
- Divine guarding & protection is always good, trust worthy & enduring
- ‘And preserve/defend/protect us’ (وَاعْصِمْنَا). Each of us have an inherent potential to stay away from evil & satanic insunations. Imam Ali says in Du‘ā Kumayl (اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي الذُّنُوبَ الَّتِي تَهْتِكُ الْعِصَمَ) – *O Allah, forgive my those sins that tear off my protective veil*). So Ma‘sumīn are those who have safeguarded their *‘ismah*.
- Again the Imam prays against satan’s treachery, ability to face us and even his traces and effects – refering to his agents and lasting effects of his actions.
- Satan is your enemy, so take him as your enemy (Q 35:6)