

## **PROTECTION AGAINST THE EVILS OF SATANS AND JINNS**

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Abu Saeed Al Khudri رضي الله عنه said, 'The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم used to always seek protection with Allah against the evils, harm and bad eyes of the Jinns and human beings until Sura Al Falaq and Sura An Nas were revealed. Upon the revelation of these Surahs, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم made it his daily practice to recite these two Surahs for protection against the evils from men and jinn. (Tirmidhi, Nasai, Ibn Maja).

The great benefits of the above two Surahs along with Surah Ikhlas, have also been mentioned in many traditions. In a tradition recorded by Imam Tirmidhi, it is narrated from Ma'aaz bin Abdullah bin Khabeeb from his father Abdullah bin Khabeeb, who said, 'We got out once on a rainy/stormy night and it was very dark which made us feel uneasy. We then looked for the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم so that he may lead us in Salah. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم came out and said to me, 'Did you pray?' and I didn't say anything. Then he said, 'Say', but I did not say anything. Then he said, 'Say', but I did not say anything. Then he said, 'Say', but again I did not say anything. Then he said, 'Say'. So I said, 'What should I say?' He said, 'Say, Qul Huwallaahu Ahad (Surah Ikhlaas) and Al Mu'awadhatain (Surah Al Falaq and Surah An Nas) when you pass the evening and when you pass the morning three times. These will protect you from everything'. (Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood)

While explaining the above tradition, the scholars have stated that the recitation of the above Surahs, especially Surah Al Falaq and Surah An Nas, brings about protection to its reciter from every evil/harm. These protect one from calamities, sicknesses, evils from envious people, bad eyes (Bad Nazar), witchcraft, and evils/harms from Satan and jinns. It is for this reason, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم used to recite these Surahs regularly for protection. About this, Aisha رضي الله عنها narrates that, 'Before sleeping, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم would recite the last three Surahs (Surah Al Ikhlaas, Al Falaq and An Nas) and then would blow into his hands and wipe the hands all over his body'. (Bukhaari). Every Muslim is encouraged to do the same so that he/she would gain protection from the Satans and jinns. Aisha رضي الله عنها also related that, 'Whenever Allah's apostle became sick, he would recite Surah Al Falaq and Surah An Nas and then blow his breath over his body, When he became seriously ill, I used to recite (these two surahs) and rub his hands over his body hoping for its blessings. (Bukhaari).

In other traditions, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم is reported to have said, 'Certainly, the best thing through which one can seek Allaah's protection with, is Al Mu'awadhatain. (Surah Al Falaq and Surah An Nas) (Nasaa'i).

Another Surah which is recited for protection against the evils of Satans and jinns, is that of Surah Al Baqarah. Regarding this, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, 'Do not make your houses like graves, for the Satans run away from a house in which Surah Al Baqarah is recited'. (Muslim)

In another tradition, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, 'Recite Surah Al Baqarah, for its recitation brings barakah (blessings); its neglect brings regret and misfortune, and the people of witchcraft/black magic cannot overpower it'. (Tafseer Al Qurtubi from the narration of Sahih Muslim).

Abdullah bin Masood رضي الله عنه is also reported to have said, 'There is no house in which Sura Al Baqarah is recited except that Satan runs from that house'. (Darimi). Sahl bin Saad رضي الله عنه narrates that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, 'For everything there is a peak (the highest level), and the peak of the Quran is Surah Al Baqarah. Whoever recites it in his house at night, then Satan/evil jinns will not enter his house for three nights, and whoever recites it during the day, then Satan/evil jinns will not enter his house for three days'. (Ibn Hibban, Tabrani).

Abdullah bin Masood رضي الله عنه also said, 'Whoever recites ten verses from Surah Al Baqarah in the night then Satan/evil jinns will not be able to enter the house on that night. The ten verses are:- the first four verses of Surah Al Baqarah, the Ayatul Kursi and two verses after it, and the last three verses of Surah Al Baqarah'. (Darimi)

From among the powerful verses which are recited for protection against the Satans and evil jinns is that of the Ayatul Kursi. From its benefits is that when a person recites it when he goes to bed, then Allah deutes an angel who protects him and no Satan/evil jinn can approach him until the morning' (Sahih Al Bukhaari). It is narrated that when Abdur Rahman bin Awf رضي الله عنه (the companion of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم) entered his house, he would recite the Ayatul Kursi in the four corners of the house. It was as though he wanted the Ayatul Kursi to be a guard at the four corners of his house'. (Tafseer Al Qurtubi)

The Prophet ﷺ is reported to have said, 'Whoever comes to his place of residence or a place where he stays temporarily, he should recite the dua:-

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ.

'A'oudhu bi kalimaatillaahi min Sharri Maa Khalaq'

'I seek refuge with all the words of Allah, from the evils/harms of all that He has created'.

By reciting this, he will not be harmed by any jinn or Satan or any other thing'. (Muslim, Tirmidhi)

Evil Jinns and Satans reside in dirty places like toilets and other similar areas and they frequent these places. In order to protect oneself from these jinns, the Prophet ﷺ has instructed the believers to recite the dua for entering the toilet. Regarding this, he is reported to have said, 'Certainly, these dirty /filthy places are the homes for the Satans and evil jinns, so when one of you goes to the toilet to ease himself, then recite;

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْخُبْثِ وَالْخَبَائِثِ

(Allaahumma Innii A'oudhu bika minal Khubuthi Wal Khabaa'ith)

'O Allaah! I seek refuge in you from evil male jinns and the evil female jinns'.

The Prophet ﷺ said, 'By reciting this, it becomes a barrier for the person and the Satan/jinns will not be able to see the uncovered parts of the body of the person'. (Tirmidhi, Nasa'i)

Evil jinns and Satan are keen to look at the private parts of the male and female and then seek pleasure from these. In order to protect oneself from the mischief of these evils, at the time one is undressing himself/herself, the Prophet ﷺ said : 'The barrier between the eyes of the jinns and the private parts of the children of Adam is that the believer should recite when he undresses himself (takes off his clothing),

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ

(Bimillaahil ladhi laa ilaaha illaa huwa)

(In the name of Allah, there is no god but He) (Ibn As Sunni-Amal Al Yawm wal lail)

The Prophet ﷺ also said that when a man goes to have relations with his wife, he should recite,

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُمَّ جَنِّبْنَا الشَّيْطَانَ وَجَنِّبِ الشَّيْطَانَ مَا رَزَقْتَنَا

'Bismillaahi Allaahumma Jannibnash Shaitaan wa Jannibish Shaitaan Maa Razaqtana

'In the name of Allah. O Allaah! Protect us from Satan and prevent Satan from that which you give us'.

The Prophet ﷺ said that whoever recites this dua and Allah blesses him with a child from that union with his wife, Satan will have no effect or influence on the child'. (Bukhaari, Muslim)

From among the Quranic verses which can be recited as a protection against the evils of Satans and jinns are the last two verses of Surah Al Baqarah. These are verses 285 and 286 and are very powerful against the Satans and jinns. These should be recited during the night. Regarding this, Numan bin Basheer رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said, 'Allah inscribed a book two thousand years before He created the heavens and the earth, from which the last two verses of Surah Al Baqarah were revealed. If they are recited for three nights, no Satan/evil jinn will remain in the house. (Tirmidhi)

To protect oneself against the evils of Satans and jinns, one can also recite the following dua:-

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّةِ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْطَانٍ وَهَامَّةٍ وَمِنْ كُلِّ عَيْنٍ لَامَّةٍ

'A'oudhu bi Kalimaatillaahi At-Taammati min Kulli Shaitaanin wa haammah wa min kulli 'ainin laammah'

'I seek refuge in the perfect words of Allah, from every Satan and every poisonous reptile, and every evil eye'.

The Prophet ﷺ used to recite the above dua to protect his grandsons Hassan and Husain رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا. (Tirmidhi, Abu Dawood)