



IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL

LESSONS TO BE LEARNT FROM THR STORY OF ADAM (AS) IN SURAH TAHA

115. And indeed We made a covenant with Adam before, but he forgot, and We found on his part no firm will-power.
116. And (remember) when We said to the angels: "Prostrate yourselves to Adam." They prostrated (all) except *Iblis* (Satan), who refused.
117. Then We said: "O Adam! Verily, this is an enemy to you and to your wife. So let him not get you both out of Paradise, so that you be distressed in misery.
118. Verily, you have (a promise from Us) that you will never be hungry therein nor naked.
119. And you (will) suffer not from thirst therein nor from the sun's heat.
120. Then *Shaitan* (Satan) whispered to him, saying : "O Adam! Shall I lead you to the Tree of Eternity and to a kingdom that will never waste away?"
121. Then they both ate of the tree, and so their private parts appeared to them, and they began to stick on themselves the leaves from Paradise for their covering. Thus did Adam disobey his Lord, so he went astray.
122. Then his Lord chose him, and turned to him with forgiveness, and gave him guidance.
123. (Allah) said:"Get you down (from the Paradise to the earth), both of you, together, some of you are an enemy to some others. Then if there comes to you guidance from Me, then whoever follows My Guidance shall neither go astray, nor fall into distress and misery.
124. "But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither believes in this Qur'an nor acts on its orders, etc.) verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection."

TEN IMPORTANT LESSONS TO PONDER

1. Allah Made a covenant with Adam (AS)
 2. Arrogance of iblis - shaytan
 3. Mankind are created forgetful
 4. Allah Blessings to Adam (AS)
 5. Allah Warned Adam (and us) of shaytan
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 9. Allah's Promise of Guidance
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1. Allah Made a covenant with Adam (AS)

What covenant?

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 *Zalimun* (wrong-doers)." (2: 35)

Therefore, Adam's covenant with Allah is to REFRAIN HIMSELF FROM COMING NEAR THE TREE - BECAUSE IF HE COMES NEAR THE TREE - HE WOULD EAT THE FRUITS OF THE TREE.

Obedience to Allah MUST be absolute. No means no. We must NOT disobey at all costs, nor should we come up with excuses.

That is why ISLAM MEANS COMPLETE SUBMISSION. If we compromise and disobey, then UNLESS we repent sincerely to Allah - we will earn His Wrath and we deserve His Punishments

Our covenant with Allah?

And (remember) when your Lord brought forth from the Children of Adam, from their loins, their seed (or from Adam's loin his offspring) and made them testify as to themselves (saying): "Am I not your Lord?" They said: "Yes! We testify," lest you should say on the Day of Resurrection: "Verily, we have been unaware of this." 7: 172

This is Tawheed. The opposite of Tawheed is shirk . The punishment of shirk is very severe:

Verily! Allah forgives not (the sin of) setting up partners in worship with Him, but He forgives whom he pleases sins other than that, and whoever sets up partners in worship with Allah, has indeed strayed far away. (4:116)

Other commands of Allah are ALL in the Qur'an – no alcohol (2:219, 4: 43, 5: 90-91), eat halal food (5: 3) , do NOT come near zina (17: 32).

No compromise in Islam, and we must absolutely obey them.

If disobey without repentance – punishment of Allah may come in this world, in the barzakh, and if still NOT purified yet – in hellfire.

2. Arrogance of Iblis and his disobedience

29. "So, when I have fashioned him completely and breathed into him (Adam) the soul which I created for him, then fall (you) down prostrating yourselves unto him."

30. So, the angels prostrated themselves, all of them together.

31. Except *Iblis* (Satan), - he refused to be among the prostrators.

32. (Allah) said: "O *Iblis* (Satan)! What is your reason for not being among the prostrators?"

33. [*Iblis* (Satan)] said: "I am not the one to prostrate myself to a human being, whom You created from sounding clay of altered black smooth mud."

(15: 29-33)

Iblis disobeyed Allah and NOT only that, he did not repent and gave excuses to justify his disobedience. Are we in the same boat?

It was narrated from 'Abd-Allaah ibn Mas'ood that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "No one who has an atom's-weight of arrogance in his heart will enter Paradise." A man said, "O Messenger of Allaah, what if a man likes his clothes and his shoes to look good?" He said, "Allaah is Beautiful and loves beauty. Arrogance means rejecting the truth and looking down on people."

Narrated by Muslim, 91.

It was narrated that Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri and Abu Hurayrah said: The Messenger of Allaah (S) said: "Might is His garment and pride is His cloak; whoever seeks to compete with Me concerning them, I will punish him."

Narrated by Muslim, 2620.

Al-Nawawi said: This is how it is narrated in all texts. The pronoun in the words 'His garment' and 'His cloak' refers to Allaah, and there is something omitted; what

is meant is 'Allaah says, 'whoever seeks to compete with Me concerning them, I will punish him'.

What is meant by 'seeks to compete with Me' is seeking to acquire that characteristic in the sense of sharing in it.

This is a stern warning against arrogance which clearly demonstrates that it is haraam.

Sharh Muslim, 16/173.

Everyone who tries to be arrogant and put himself above others, Allaah will bring him down among the lowest of the low, and will humiliate him, because he is going against reality, so Allaah will punish him by thwarting his aims; the punishment is to fit the crime.

The one who is arrogant towards the people will be trampled beneath the feet of the people on the Day of Resurrection, as a punishment for his arrogance.

It was narrated from 'Amr ibn Shu'ayb via his father and grandfather that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: "On the Day of Resurrection, the arrogant will be gathered like ants in the form of men. Humiliation will overwhelm them from all sides. They will be driven to a prison in Hell called Bawlas, with the hottest fire rising over them, and they will be given to drink of the juice of the inhabitants of Hell, which is teenat al-khabaal."

Narrated by al-Tirmidhi, 2492; classed as hasan by al-Albaani in *Saheeh al-Tirmidhi*, 2025.

3. Mankind are Created forgetful

We are Created as ones who are forgetful and ones who are imperfect in terms of obedience to Allah.

Many reasons why we forget

- our evil nafs (12:53)
- love of the dunya
- culture
- companions
- of course, whisperings from shaytan
- we always think death is far away
- bad examples from parents/family/home environment
- but most important - Allah's Guidance

The sahaba complained to prophet Muhammad (sallAllahu 'alayhi wa salam) that when they were with him they would always remember the hereafter but when they were back with the families they forget...

4. Allah's Blessings to Adam (AS)

- Allah Created Adam's companion – his wife
- will never be hungry therein nor naked.
- And you (will) suffer not from thirst therein nor from the sun's heat.

What Blessings do Allah Give us?

We can never count!

And if you would count the graces of Allah, never could you be able to count them. Truly! Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. (16: 18)

And He gave you of all that you asked for, and if you count the Blessings of Allah, never will you be able to count them. Verily! Man is indeed an extreme wrong-doer, - a disbeliever (an extreme ingrate, denies Allah's Blessings by disbelief, and by worshipping others besides Allah, and by disobeying Allah and His Prophet Muhammad ﷺ). (14:34)

Most important Blessings:

Islam

, "Today I have perfected your religion for you, completed My blessing upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion." (Soorat Al-Maa'idah, 5:3)

Time still exist for us to repent

The Qur'an as Guidance

The Best Messenger to show us the way

5. Allah's Warning to Adam (AS) about shaytan as an enemy

Allah warned Adam(AS) NOT to let shaytan make them be expelled from paradise.

Shaytan will never be happy as long as we are obedient to Allah. Shaytan will mislead all of us except those whom Allah Guides.

39. [Iblis (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.

40. "Except Your chosen, (guided) slaves among them."

41. (Allah) said: "This is the Way which will lead straight to Me."

42. "Certainly, you shall have no authority over My slaves, except those who follow you of the *Ghawin* (*Mushrikun* and those who go astray, criminals, polytheists, and evil-doers, etc.).

43. "And surely, Hell is the promised place for them all.

(15: 39-43)

16. (*Iblis*) said: "Because You have sent me astray, surely I will sit in wait against them (human beings) on Your Straight Path.

17. 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)."

(7: 16-17)

O Children of Adam! Let not *Shaitan* (Satan) deceive you, as he got your parents [Adam and Hawwa (Eve)] out of Paradise, stripping them of their raiments, to show them their private parts. Verily, he and *Qabiluhu* (his soldiers from the jinns or his tribe) see you from where you cannot see them. Verily, We made the *Shayatin* (devils) *Auliya'* (protectors and helpers) for those who believe not. 17: 27

O you who believe! Enter perfectly in Islam (by obeying all the rules and regulations of the Islamic religion) and follow not the footsteps of *Shaitan* (Satan). Verily! He is to you a plain enemy. (2: 208)

6. Traps of shaytan/iblees

Adam (AS) was tricked by shaytan's whispers, which is very commonly happening to all of us.

7 traps of shaytan

1. shirk
2. innovations
3. major sins
4. minor sins
5. not to do sunnah deeds
6. prioritising the deeds
7. things that are allowed

Shaitan (Satan) threatens you with poverty and orders you to commit *Fahsha* (evil deeds, illegal sexual intercourse, sins etc.); whereas Allah promises you Forgiveness from Himself and Bounty, and Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower. 2: 268

7. What happened when Adam (AS) followed shaytan's whisperings and disobeyed Allah

- private parts appeared to them, and
- they began to stick on themselves the leaves from Paradise for their covering. Thus did Adam disobey his Lord, so he went astray.
- They were also removed from Paradise

Allah Removed His Blessings when Adam (AS) disobeyed Allah.

When we disobey Allah, Blessings of Allah will be removed from us...just like what is happening in Muslim countries

- corruptions
- shirk
- compromise Islam based on culture
- riba
- cheating
- prayers disappear

As a result many Muslim countries are in a state of chaos and disarray. Many are in poverty.

And if the people of the towns had believed and had the *Taqwa* (piety), certainly, We should have opened for them blessings from the heaven and the earth, but they belied (the Messengers). So We took them (with punishment) for what they used to earn (polytheism and crimes, etc.). (7: 96)

8. Allah Chose and Guided Adam (AS) to repent

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." (7: 23)

First condition: sincerity, that is to say that repentance should be meant for the pleasure of Allah The Almighty so that He turns to the slave with mercy and forgives him the sins he committed. It should not be intended for showing off, drawing closer to people or to protect oneself from the harm of an authority or a ruler.

Second condition: remorse for the sins he committed. The Prophet, ﷺ, said: "*Feeling regret is repentance.*" [Ahmad and Al-Haakim] [Al Albaani:Saheeh] The reason is that the feeling of remorse is evidence of one's sincere repentance.

Third condition: which is the most important condition: giving up the sin. If the sin was abandoning an obligatory act, you should quit this sin by performing the act. For example, if someone who is negligent in performing the congregational prayer wishes to repent, he should adhere to congregational prayer. If he was negligent in dutifulness to his parents, he should be dutiful to them and if he was negligent in maintaining kinship ties, he should maintain them and so on.

53. Say: "O 'Ibadi (My slaves) who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allah, verily Allah forgives all sins. Truly, He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

54. "And turn in repentance and in obedience with true Faith (Islamic Monotheism) to your Lord and submit to Him, (in Islam), before the torment comes upon you, then you will not be helped.

39: 53-54

O you who believe! Turn to Allah with sincere repentance! It may be that your Lord will remit from you your sins, and admit you into Gardens under which rivers flow (Paradise) the Day that Allah will not disgrace the Prophet (Muhammad ﷺ) and those who believe with him, their Light will run forward before them and with (their Records Books of deeds) in their right hands they will say: "Our Lord! Keep perfect our Light for us [and do not put it off till we cross over the *Sirat* (a slippery bridge over the Hell) safely] and grant us forgiveness. Verily, You are Able to do all things ." 66:8

"Indeed, there is for him (Shaitaan) no authority over those who have believed and rely upon their Lord." [Quran, 16: 99]

9. Allah's Promise of Guidance

This is the Book (the Qur'an), whereof there is no doubt, a guidance to those who are *Al-Muttaqun*. 2:2

... all those who follow My guidance will not go astray and will not be miserable. But if anyone turns away from My reminder, his life will be a dark and narrow one ... (Surah Ta Ha, 123-124)

Allah Sent us

- the Qur'an
- the Messenger

Seek Guidance through

- salah
- reading Qur;and AnD understand AND pondering/reflecting
- Do obligatory deeds
- Following the sunnah

Yes, the friends of Allah will feel no fear and will know no sorrow: Those who believe and have done their duty, there is good news for them in the life of the world and in the hereafter. There is no changing the words of Allah. That is the great victory! (Surah Yunus, 62-64)

On the authority of Abu Huraira who said: The Messenger of Allah (upon whom be Allah's blessings and peace) said: "Allah the Almighty has said, 'Whoever has mutual animosity with a friend (wali) of Mine, I declare war upon him. My servant does not draw near to Me with anything more beloved to Me than the religious duties that I have imposed upon him; and My servant continues to draw near to Me with supererogatory work such that I love him. And when I love him, I am his hearing with which he hears, his seeing with which he sees, his hand with which he strikes, and his leg with which he walks. Were he to ask of Me, I would surely give him; and were he to ask Me for refuge, I would surely grant him it.'" (Recorded in al-Bukhari)

"If Allah loves a slave, He announces to Gabriel, 'Verily Allah loves so and so, so love him.' The Gabriel loves him and he announces to the inhabitants of the heavens 'Verily Allah loves so and so, so love him' Then the inhabitants of the heavens love him. And then he is granted the acceptance of the people of the earth." (Recorded in al-Bukhari and Muslim)

10. Allah's Warning for those who turn away from His Reminder

When Allah desires to guide someone, He expands his breast to Islam. When He desires to misguide someone, He makes his breast narrow and constricted as if he were climbing up into the sky. That is how Allah defiles those who disbelieve. (Surat Al-An'am, 125)

Ibn Al-Qayim described **the consequences of disobedience.** – NEXT WEEK INSHAALLAH