



The Fortress

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He said:

Never would I prostrate to a human
whom You created out of clay from an altered
black mud.

مَسْنُونٍ ٣٣

We must understand this ayah well. The shaitan refused to obey the command of Allah. He decided that Aadam was not up to his standard, judging the command of Allah with his mind.

Whenever there is a command from Allah, don't be rebellious, don't make your own analysis. Iblees implied this this command is not for him, when he said انا خير منه, I am better than him. Society teaches أنا, me, in everything, there are courses and seminars dedicated to teach people to say no. The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم never said no, even for things not good; he always conveyed the negation in an indirect manner. When you receive a command of

قَالَ لَمْ أَكُنْ لِأَسْجُدَ لِبَشَرٍ خَلَقْتَهُ مِنْ صَلْصَالٍ مِّنْ حَمَإٍ
مَّسْنُونٍ
نفى
استكبر عن امر الله

Allah, don't say no I can't do it, or I won't do it; this is showing arrogance to the command of Allah. Anything that Allah commands is within our capability.

The human being is created from rotten and blackened clay, but the command to prostrate to Aadam came after Allah had fashioned this lump of clay into a perfect form, breathed the soul into this statue, and gave him the knowledge. People who are proud of their lineage should remember **إِنْ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتَقَاكُمْ** ▶ Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you (49:13). Even if you can trace your lineage back to the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم, your deeds are what matter. Iblees was a racist. Don't ostracize and judge someone just because their forefathers were criminals or evil.

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم commanded us to obey the leader even if he is a black slave, meaning he is so lowly to you, and has no qualifications of kingship. To obey someone lower than you in status or age or position is a test.

Your weakness appears when someone triggers it. Fire burns, sand cools. The origin is sand, not fire.

The fire
needs to
be

صلى الله عليه وسلم

said :
حَسْبُ أَمْرِي مِنَ الشَّرِّ أَنْ يَحْقَرَ أَخَاهُ
الْمُسْلِمُ

It is sufficient evil for a man to look
down on his Muslim brother.

سنن ابن ماجه ، كتاب #37، حديث #4353

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said :
اسمعوا وأطيعوا، وإن استعمل عليكم عبد حبشي، كأن
رأسه زبيبة

Hear and obey even if an Abyssinian slave
whose head is like a raisin is placed in authority
over you.

رواه البخاري ، رياض الصالحين ، كتاب #1، حديث #666

and fueled. Fire is a consequence, not the origin. We need clay to ignite a fire, by rubbing two stones together. The sand is beneficial, and exists without any trigger. Iblees assumed he was more privileged because he was there from before.

The enmity of the shaitan is because he thought he was better than Aadam. It started with احتقار, despising Aadam because he

thought of him as being less than the shaitan.

If you look down upon someone, it will make you proud and angry, and even if you try to hide it, it will be exposed by your tongue.

[Allah] said : Then get out of it, for indeed, you are expelled.

قَالَ فَأَخْرِجْ مِنْهَا فَإِنَّكَ رَجِيمٌ ﴿٣٤﴾

Is this a valid excuse for disobedience? No, it is not acceptable. This is why Allah exiled him straight away. The shaitan had hidden feelings of arrogance and pride in his heart for so long, but Allah knew, and Allah was patient until the shaitan expressed his feelings of superiority, then He made His judgement.

قَالَ فَأَخْرِجْ مِنْهَا فَإِنَّكَ رَجِيمٌ

من المقام العالي
رجم
الطرد
الهجران
الابعاد
بالحجارة

The shaitan was in the heavens with the angels. This behaviour was more unacceptable from him. Arrogance is not acceptable by Allah from anyone. You must be honest with yourself, don't camouflage your feelings of arrogance if you have them, try to solve them. So Iblees had to leave his elevated position, close to Allah, by his own arrogance. He is رَجِيمٌ, cast out far away, stoned, forsaken; this was stamped upon them. Imagine the intensity of his anger, it hasn't decreased since then. Adam died, but the enmity of the shaitan didn't die; he hates all the offspring of Aadam عليه السلام too. He doesn't get bored or demotivated, he keeps up his evil momentum. He will remain in this angry and vengeful state until the Day of Judgement.

We cast ourselves away by our actions. The situations show our reality. The people are a means to expose us; your sins expose you. Don't accuse anyone when you face such a situation, but look to your own self. Instead of being afraid of being exposed to the people, fear Allah more. You can't hide from Allah. The shaitan is just a flame, don't allow him to make you fight with people. The shaitan didn't repent, although he is still alive.

What was the crime of Aadam? Nothing. Allah decided this test. Everyone went down, Iblees, Aadam, Hawwa, all the offspring of Aadam. Don't work for the company of the shaitan, he can give you only fire. Remember your origin, صلبا, simple, cool. The shaitan teaches you to be evil and angry. This is the activity of the shaitan. He makes everything seem logical, to create trouble, making you remember past injustices to make you angry.

And indeed, upon you is the curse until the Day of Recompense.

وَإِنَّ عَلَيْكَ اللَّعْنَةَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ﴿٣٥﴾

There is not a bit of mercy for the shaitan. He is so miserable, and he wants us to be miserable as well. Imagine living a cursed life for eternity. The shaitan is suffering from that day in ancient history, when he disobeyed Allah, and he will continue to suffer for an eternity. There is no source of mercy for him. He is cast away, far from the mercy of Allah. The curse is defined, and will remain for millions of centuries. All the evil jinn suffer the same misery.

وَإِنَّ عَلَيْكَ اللَّعْنَةَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

البعد و الطرد من رحمة الله

The shaitan practices his evil with such determination and continuity, he is numb to it now. When an oppressor persists in his oppression, he becomes used to this behaviour, and will feel no guilt or remorse, so he won't repent. Someone who is used to mocking people will not find anything wrong with it.

The shaitan knows he will go to the hellfire, so he wants to take as many of the human beings with him as he can. We must understand the extent of his enmity and hatred. He will continue in his transgression until the Day of Judgement. He changes his tricks and methods with the time, so that they are up to date, modern and fashionable. He constantly updates his methods. He observes and studies his targets, and then attacks from the exact place where they are vulnerable. His traps are tailor-made, customized for each person.

