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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ ﴿١﴾ مَلِكِ النَّاسِ ﴿٢﴾ إِلَهِ النَّاسِ ﴿٣﴾  
مِنْ شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَنَّاسِ ﴿٤﴾ الَّذِي يُوَسْوِسُ فِي صُدُورِ  
النَّاسِ ﴿٥﴾ مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ ﴿٦﴾.  
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
لَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ إِلَّا وَقَدْ وُكِّلَ بِهِ قَرِينُهُ مِنَ الشَّيَاطِينِ.

## MAN'S BIGGEST ENEMY: THE SATAN

Dear brothers and sisters, in several Qur'an verses and *ahādīth*, the *shayṭān* appears as a symbol of evil. In the Qur'an, those who waste are described as the brothers of the *shayṭān*. The *shayṭān* has a negative influence on man. During the *ḥajj*, the stoning of the *shayṭān* in a sense represents fighting against him. Dear believers, no *mu'min* is safe from the possible harm that may befall him at the hands of the *shayṭān*. According to a *ḥadīth* narrated by Ibn 'Abbās, the Prophet ﷺ said the following: **"There is none of you except that a companion of the *shayṭān* is assigned to him."**<sup>1</sup> Dear Muslims, the *shayṭān* tries to prevent the *mu'minūn* from performing their worship with all kinds of tricks. For example, during the *ṣalāt* he does promptings like "think of this, think of that". Another trick of the *shayṭān* is that he presents *ḥarām* things to us as attractive. Let's use our minds and watch out for this. Dear Muslims, we can only escape the influence of *shayṭān* if we return to our *īmān* and *irfān*. And this salvation is only possible with the help of our Creator. So let us seek refuge in Allah from the evil of the *shayṭān* and from the evil of our *nafs*. For this, let us read *sūra* Al-Nās frequently.

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<sup>1</sup> Aḥmad ibn Ḥanbal, Al-Musnad, I, 257.