

Week 1-Our Enemies

Who Are Our Enemies?

- *Evil Motives*

1. Shaytan
2. Bad temptations
3. Lowly desires
4. Excessive love of this Dunya
5. Inclinations
6. Love of Pleasure and Fear of Pain

- *Bad Temptations*

- Anger
- Greed
- Jealousy
- Copying
- Ego
- Power-Hungry

Creations that have free will

- Things that don't have free will: the galaxy, the sun, the moon, the ocean, etc.
- Jinns must follow the *Laws of Nature* if they take on the shape of a human or animal.
- Humans and Jinn have free will.

Good Jinn: Muslims

Bad Jinn: Shayateen → Shaytan (Other names of his include Iblis, Satan, or Lucifer) is the chief of the bad Jinn.

Shaytan makes us do evil things by inspiring evil thoughts/feelings in our hearts.

Ex: Time of discussing \$ distribution= Click on **Greed**

Ex: Who is better= Click on **Ego**.

- No one can avoid temptations. But we control whether or not we choose to let the temptations grow; the only way to fight temptation is by not doing it.

Ex: Shaytan started the temptation of jealousy in Khabir. Khabir let his jealousy of Habir grow.

Evil Motives <----- Person -----> **Good Motives**

- If you continue thinking about the temptation(s), it will get to the point where you cannot resist it/them. Say, "Aouthoubihlahiminashaytanirajeem" three times in your heart and stop thinking about it.

Shaytan stimulates temptation but we stop them.

Lower Desires

- Lust--> Attraction to opposite boy/girl
- Gluttony----> you eat the food because you want it (excessive eating), not because you need it

Inclinations

- You like something but it's haraam/wrong. It's up to you on whether or not to follow through with it.

Ex: The teacher doesn't punish their favorite student as much as they would punish the other students.

Excessive Love of this World

- Makes you do something wrong

Ex: You want to get a mansion instead of a nice, normal house to the point where you start forgetting about Allah and hurting others.

- You love someone more than you love Allah

Ex: Having a lot of money and using the money to have fun instead of praying.

Love of Pleasure, Hate of Pain

- When you fast, or stop eating and drinking, during the month of Ramadan it's painful.
 - Waking up early in the morning to pray Fajr? Painful.
- Too much hate for pain: Not praying Fajr in the morning and sleeping in.

Good Motivations

- Makes you want to do good things.
1. Love of Allah
 2. Love of Jannah
 3. Fear of Jahannam
- Motivates you to make some sacrifice of pleasure in this life in order to have pleasure in the afterlife

Concluding Note

Freedom of Choice comes from choosing between the good motives and the bad motives. You can tell based on the Scales Of Justice. If the Good Motives are heavier (there's more good on the right side of the scale) then you go to Jannah with your Book of Deeds in your right hand. The people who have just about the same amount of good and bad will stand on the mountain of Araf (between Jannah and Jahannam) until the end of the Day of Judgement.