

Hadīth Nine

The jinn can flow through the physical body

Then I will come to them from before them and from behind them and on their right and on their left, and You will not find most of them grateful (7:17).

ثُمَّ لَا يَنبَغُهُمْ مِّنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ وَعَنْ أَيْمَانِهِمْ وَعَنْ شَمَائِلِهِمْ وَلَا تَجِدُ أَكْثَرَهُمْ شَاكِرِينَ ﴿١٧﴾

Ṣafīyyah said: I came to visit the Prophet (ﷺ) while he was in the state of i'tikāf (seclusion in the mosque during the last ten days of Ramaḍān). After having talked to him, I got up to return. The Prophet (ﷺ) also got up with me and accompanied me a part of the way. At that moment two Anṣārī men passed by. When they saw him they quickened their pace. The Prophet (ﷺ) said to them: Do not hurry. She is Ṣafīyyah, daughter of Ḥuyai. They said: Subḥān Allāh! O Messenger of Allāh! (You are far away from any suspicion). The Messenger of Allāh (ﷺ) said: The devil circulates in a person like blood (in the blood streams). I was concerned lest the devil should throw some evil thoughts in your minds.

عَنْ أُمِّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ صَفِيَّةَ بِنْتِ حُصَيْنٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا قَالَتْ كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مُعْتَكِفًا فَأَتَيْتُهُ أُزُورُهُ لَيْلًا فَحَدَّثْتُهُ ثُمَّ قُمْتُ فَأَنْقَلَبْتُ فَقَامَ مَعِيَ لِيَقْلِبَنِي فَمَرَّ رَجُلَانِ مِنَ الْأَنْصَارِ فَلَمَّا رَأَى النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَسْرَعَا فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَلَى رِسْلِكُمَا إِنَّمَا صَفِيَّةُ بِنْتُ حُصَيْنٍ قَالَا سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَجْرِي مِنَ الْإِنْسَانِ مَجْرَى الدَّمِ فَحَشِيشٌ أَنْ يَتَّقِذَفَ فِي قُلُوبِكُمَا شَرًّا أَوْ قَالَ شَيْئًا

Recorded in Al-Bukhārī & Muslim.

Points to benefit:

1. Ahlus-Sunnah took from this Agreed Upon ḥadīth that devils and jinn can flow through physical bodies and entities, and can also possess them.
2. The devil can and will spark negative feelings and thoughts in multiple hearts and minds, even in the most pure souls and minds.
3. Sincere, honest and transparent communication is key in preventing the devil from causing discord.
4. In a generation where individualism is exacerbated one ought to learn through courses (that are practical, not just theoretical) how to speak wisely with care and consideration. One also must learn through such courses how to perceive immediate dangers which may cause fitan (problems) later on, and how to extinguish them from the get go.