

Ḥadīth Twenty One

Expression of tawhīd by default make the shayāṭīn powerless

And we have become certain that we will never cause failure to Allah upon earth, nor can we escape Him by flight (72:12).

وَأَنَّا ظَنَنَّا أَن لَّن نُّعْجِزَ اللَّهَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَن نُّعْجِزَهُ هَرَبًا ﴿١٢﴾

Abū-Malīḥ reported on the authority of a man: I was riding on a mount behind the prophet (ﷺ). It stumbled. Thereupon I said: May the devil perish! He said: Do not say that! For when you say that, he will increase in size so much so that he will be like a house, saying: By my power. But say: With the name of Allāh; for when you say that, he will shrink so much so that he will be like a fly.

عَنْ أَبِي الْمَلِيحِ عَنْ رَجُلٍ قَالَ كُنْتُ رَدِيفَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَعَثَرْتُ دَابَّتُهُ فَقُلْتُ تَعَسَ الشَّيْطَانُ فَقَالَ لَا تَقُلْ تَعَسَ الشَّيْطَانُ فَإِنَّكَ إِذَا قُلْتَ ذَلِكَ تَعَاطَمَ حَتَّى يَكُونَ مِثْلَ الْبَيْتِ وَيَقُولَ بِقُوَّتِي وَلَكِنْ قُلْ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّكَ إِذَا قُلْتَ ذَلِكَ تَصَاعَرَ حَتَّى يَكُونَ مِثْلَ الذُّبَابِ

Recorded in Abū Dāwūd & Aḥmad; Ṣaḥīḥ.

Points of benefit:

1. The shayāṭīn exaggerate their power.
2. When everything is attributed to Allāh the shayāṭīn become powerless.
3. The power of ṭawḥīd and the Names & Attributes of Allāh are beyond our imagination.
4. A single Name or Attribute, or a single Dhikr, or a single Duā suffices to render the shayāṭīn totally weak and powerless. What then if it were repeated!?
5. Repetition of the Names or Attributes of Allāh, or authentic dhikr, or duā can kill the shayāṭīn.