

## Ḥadīth Thirteen

# The devils are merciless; they even possess children

And if an evil suggestion comes to you from the devil, then seek refuge in Allāh. Indeed, He is Hearing and Knowing. Indeed, those who fear Allāh – when an impulse touches them from the devil, they remember [Him] and at once they have insight (7:200-201).

وَأَمَّا يَنْزِعَنَّكَ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ نَزْعٌ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٠٠﴾  
إِنَّ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا إِذَا مَسَّهُمْ طَائِفٌ مِّنَ الشَّيْطَانِ تَذَكَّرُوا فَإِذَا هُمْ مُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٢٠١﴾

A woman brought a child boy with her to the Messenger of Allāh who had been inflicted with insanity. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: Get out, O enemy of Allāh. The child recovered, and she gifted the Prophet (ﷺ).

Recorded in Aḥmad; Ṣaḥīḥ.

عَنْ يَعْلىَ بْنِ مُرَّةَ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنَّهُ أَتَتْهُ امْرَأَةٌ  
بِابْنٍ لَهَا فَدَأَّصَابَهُ لَمَمٌ فَقَالَ لَهُ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ  
اخْرُجْ عَدُوَّ اللَّهِ أَنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ قَالَ فَبَرَأَ فَأَهْدَتْ لَهُ كَبَشَيْنِ  
وَشَيْئًا مِّنَ الْأَفِطِ وَبَسْمَنٍ فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَا  
يَعْلى حُدِّ الْأَفِطَ وَالسَّمْنَ وَحُدِّ أَحَدَ الْكَبَشَيْنِ وَرُدِّ عَلَيْهَا  
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### Points of benefit:

1. The child would cry continuously from evening to morning; hardly ate or drank anything. All because of the possession by a devil.
2. Devils are merciless and even possess young children.
3. Devils may—of their own will and choice—possess a human. Sihr or evil eye is not necessary for jinn-possession.
4. Devils may leave simply through duā; which makes them fear Allāh and His punishment or even witness the Angels of Wrath.
5. Devils may leave when commanded to leave; as their only known experience with other devils is that of a master and slave. They also possess low intellect and a poor thought process. So if a particular devil is scared and perceives it as an actual command from a master-like-character of a person, it may obey him and leave due to those reasons. For them it can be as simple process of thought as: a master category creation -who is higher in rank than myself-commanding me to leave from this creation, so I must obey him as I am within the slave category who must obey a master.
6. Devils may leave simply out of fear of a noble person, due to the angels that surround and accompany him, or simply due to the sheer fear Allāh places in the devil's soul.

7. A Rāqī who tries to cure people a single time, or on a part time or full-time basis, may take a payment for it as a contract or a gift.