Why Do We Always Talk About Love?

Why do we place so much emphasis on love? Because satan wages his greatest struggle against love. Wherever there is lovelessness, satan is there. Satan is engaged in a struggle and opposition against every beauty God has created. For that reason, he seeks to eradicate love, the thing that pleases God most, from the face of the earth. He knows that love makes people positive. He also knows that it makes it easier for them to comprehend and love God and that it is a shield against the evils on earth. It is for this reason that satan has principally declared war on love.

The Way Satan Exerts His Influence

Satan is actually a form of intelligence. He enters people's minds, directs them toward all manner of abnormalities, changes their paths and drives them into sorrow. For that reason, in the verse in which God introduces satan, He particularly describes the way he approaches people from every direction:

> *"He (God) said, “Go! And as for any who follow you, your repayment is Hell, repayment in full! Stir up any of them you can with your voice and rally against them your cavalry and your infantry and share with them in their children and their wealth and make them promises! The promise of Satan is nothing but delusion.” (Surat al-Isra’, 63-64)*

Whom Does Satan Target?

Satan does not approach people who do not know love and who have exhausted their pleasures. Since these people have lost love, they have also lost their entire existence, and are therefore not attractive targets for satan. A person who does not know love either lives as if dead or has completely surrendered to satan.

Satan principally targets those who truly know love and are aware of the beauty of experiencing love. For a person whose soul is inclined toward love, who recognizes love and takes pleasure in it, satan will always be a test.

The clearest examples of this are the prophets. Throughout the history of mankind, satan has always waged a very comprehensive struggle against the prophets. He also waged an intense struggle against our Prophet (saas). The verse draws attention to how they clustered around him so densely that they almost formed a felted mass:

> *“When the slave of God stands calling on Him, they almost swarm all over him.” (Surat al-Jinn, 19)*

The sole reason satan targeted our Prophet (saas) is that he was the person who experienced love most intensely. Intense love, clarity of conscience and all the moral virtues that accompany them are the exact opposite of everything that constitutes satan. For that reason, satan seeks to eliminate them.

Satan's Tactics and Their Consequences

Satan seeks to make the person he attacks emotional, resentful, touchy and angry. He knows that if he succeeds, that person will draw closer to his own loveless state of mind, become depressed and thus draw even closer to him. The more a person falls into satan's trap and moves away from love, the more prone he becomes to anger, hatred, depression and unhappiness. As this state of mind grows stronger, it becomes easier over time for that person to become one of satan's supporters.

The most important reason for the spread of hatred, wars, massacres, anger, ruthlessness, cruelty, self-interest and selfishness in the world is that satan increases the number of his supporters by this method. As people forget love, follow satan and move away from love, the environments satan most desires come into being, and people adapt to those environments. That is why it becomes easier with every passing day for unhappiness and lovelessness to prevail.

The Superiority of Believers

People who know and experience the love of God possess a superiority: They immediately recognize these tactics of satan and immediately take action. God reveals in the verse that believers immediately reflect and remember God in the face of satan's tactics, and thus escape this trap:

> *“As for those who have fear of God, when they are bothered by visitors from satan, they remember and immediately see clearly.” (Surat al-A`raf, 201)*

This game satan devises against love is one against which believers must always be on their guard. For that reason, they seek and find ways to increase love and completely prevent this trap from reaching them. Love is the greatest weapon against satan.

Love Is the Prerequisite for Everything

Where there is love, no living space remains for satan. Love is the sole prerequisite for living amid beauty in this world and deserving Paradise, the place where love is manifested most in the Hereafter. Love is also the sole condition for the world to return to normal, for people to live in comfort and not suffer famine, hardship or unease.

God created the entire universe for love. Butterflies, birds, mountains, trees, seas, all lovable animals and all blessings were created for love. For that reason, God bestows comfort where there is love. It is precisely for this reason that lovelessness must never be permitted. This is exactly what our struggle is about.

Since love is the only secret that eliminates satan's power and influence, we will continue to explain love. Because God loves to love and to be loved, and He created the entire universe for love.

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