

## Class 14

## ‘Faith - 7 Destructive Sins’

## The Seven Destructive Sins

The Prophet ﷺ explained the seven sins that doom a person to Hell in a saheeh hadeeth that was narrated by the two Shaykhs, al-Bukhaari and Muslim, in *as-Saheehayn*, in which it was narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said: *“Avoid the seven sins that doom a person to Hell.”* We said: What are they, O Messenger of Allah? He said: *“Associating others with Allah (shirk); witchcraft; killing a soul whom Allah has forbidden us to kill; consuming orphans’ wealth; consuming riba; fleeing from the battlefield; and slandering chaste, innocent women.”*

## Shirk

‘Shirk’ is the absolute single biggest sin in Islam, which Allah has Himself promised in the Quran never to forgive! This sin is so heinous and so monstrous, that Allah has promised to forgive any of the sins of man, except this one sin!

Allah says in the Quran Chapter 5 Surah Maidah verse 72: *“Whoever commits ‘shirk’ (invoking anything with Allah), Allah shall forbid for him Paradise, and Hell shall be his abode. And for such wrong doers there will be no one to help”.*

All the Prophets of Allah who were ever sent warned the believers to beware of this heinous sin of ‘shirk’, which renders all the deeds of man worthless in the sight of Allah. Allah says *“And indeed it has been revealed to you (O Muhammad ﷺ), as it was to those (Allah’s Messengers) before you: “If you join others in worship with Allah, (then) surely (all) your deeds will be in vain, and you will certainly be among the losers” [az-Zumar 39:65].*

Thus it becomes our duty to recognize and be aware of ‘shirk’ and all the manifestations of this horrendous and grave sin. Allow me to just give you examples of what constitutes ‘shirk’:

1. To worship anybody with Allah.
2. To invoke (ask dua) anybody with Allah.
3. Prostrating (Sajdah) down to anybody or anything other than Allah.

4. Bowing down to the Syedna.
5. Bowing down to the graves of his ancestors.
6. Bowing down to the graves of even the Prophet (saws), Hadrat Ali (saws), Hadrat Fatema (saws), etc.
7. Believing that the dead people in their graves can answer our duas.
8. Believing that anybody other than Allah can do us any harm (without Allah's will).
9. Believing that anybody other than Allah can bring us some good (without Allah's will) is shirk.
10. Believing that anybody other than Allah knows everything.
11. Believing that anybody other than Allah sees everything.
12. Believing that anybody other than Allah listens to our prayers.
13. Believing that anybody other than Allah can help us (without Allah's will).
14. Believing that anybody other than Allah can guide us (without Allah's will).
15. Believing that anybody can influence Allah to give us health.
16. Believing that anybody can influence Allah to give us wealth.
17. Believing that anybody can influence Allah to give us children.
18. Believing that anybody can influence Allah to help us.
19. Believing that anybody has any power with Allah.
20. Believing that anybody has any power with Allah to take us out of the fire of Hell.
21. Believing that anybody has any power with Allah on the Day of Judgement.
22. Believing that anybody has any power to change the decision of Allah.
23. To raise anybody to the rank of Allah (like Christians did to Isa A.S. and now a days some Muslims do with Prophet ﷺ).
24. To give any of Allah's attributes to anybody else.
25. To believe that anybody has the power to bring about any miracles on his own.

26. To believe someone knows the unseen.

May Allah keep us all safe from the great sin, guide us all to the straight path and by His Mercy make us all inhabitants of Jannah.

## Magic

This is a Major sin, and hence we shouldn't even watch it on TV or in cartoons or any shows, whatever is a Major sin which takes us away from Paradise and closer to Hell fire we should hate.

## Slandering

Although the Hadeeth points at Slandering Chaste women, but Slandering in general is a Major Sin. Many children fall into this trap of Shaitaan by slandering and making fun of other children who they think are weak. We will list below some ahadeeth pointing at the seriousness of Slandering.

Ahmad (19277) and Abu Dawood (4880) narrated that Abu Barzah al-Aslami said: "The Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said: *'O you who have spoken the words of faith but faith has not truly entered your hearts! Do not backbite about the Muslims, and do not seek out their faults. For whoever seeks out their faults, Allaah will seek out his faults, and if Allaah seeks out a person's faults He will expose him even in his own house.'*" Classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in *Saheeh Abi Dawood*, 4083.

It was narrated that Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: *"Whoever has wronged his brother with regard to his honour or anything else, let him seek his forgiveness today, before there will be no dinar and no dirham, and if he has any good deeds to his credit they will be taken from him in a manner commensurate with the wrong he did, and if he has no good deeds, then some of his counterpart's bad deeds will be taken and added to his burden."* [al-Bukhaari].

The Prophet ﷺ said, *"Do not express malicious joy towards your brother's misfortune, for Allaah may have mercy on him and you may be stricken by the thing you made fun of."* (al-Tirmidhi).

The Prophet ﷺ warned against mocking people and hurting their feelings, because that is the path that leads to hatred and grudges. He ﷺ said: *"The Muslim is the brother of another Muslim, he does not wrong him, let him down or look down upon him. Taqwa (piety, awareness and fear of Allaah) is here" – and he pointed to his chest three times – "It is sufficient evil for a man to look down upon his*



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*Muslim brother. Every Muslim is sacred to another Muslim, his blood, his property and his honour."*

(Narrated by Muslim)

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: *"When I was taken up into the heavens (the M'iraj), I passed by some people who had nails of copper with which they were scratching their faces and chests. I said, 'Who are these people, O Jibreel?' He said, 'These are the ones who used to eat the flesh of the people and slander their honour.'"* [ al-Bukhaari, Abu Dawood].

No believer would read these great ahaadeeth and then spy on his fellow-Muslims, or seek out their faults, or spread malicious gossip among them. Note that the scholars have listed spreading Malicious Gossip or Slandering a Muslim amongst Major Sins.

Everyone who does any kind of backbiting, slander or malicious gossip has to repent and pray for forgiveness, and that is between him and Allaah. If he knows that any of his words reached the person about whom he was speaking, then he should go to him and ask him to forgive him. But if he does not know, then he should not tell him; rather he should pray for forgiveness for him and make du'a (supplication) for him, and speak well of him in his absence just as he spoke against him. Similarly, if he knows that telling him will provoke more enmity, then it is sufficient to make du'a for him, speak well of him and pray for forgiveness for him.

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## Tips for Test

- Remember the 7 destructive Sins
- Remember atleast 10 ways how a person can fall into Shirk
- Remember what the Prophet said about Slandering (doesn't have to remember it word for word but the message should be understood)



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