

THE SNARES OF SATAN

WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

We read in the Holy Quraan:-

“(Allah said): ‘lead to destruction those whom you can among them, with your (seductive) voice; make assaults on them with your cavalry and your infantry; mutually share with them wealth and children; and make promises to them.’ but Satan promises them nothing but deceit.”

Satan has numerous snares to entice us.

Allah (S.W.T.) has placed the ‘seductive voice’ in the foreground as it has the power to make the bad appear good.

Take a glimpse into the world of advertisements and notice how a multitude of humans are being hypnotised.

Observe the huge billboards as you drive along the road --half - naked woman lying on an advertised motor car!

You must have heard the seductive voice of Riba (usury), educating you on how to multiply your money, i.e., without telling you that this is done at the expense of the poor and the needy.

Then there is the incitement of violence and crime because of poverty. Hence the line, ‘make assaults on them with your cavalry and your infantry’.

Refer: Sura al-Baqara (ch. 2): verse 268:-

“Satan threatens you with poverty and bids you to conduct unseemly. Allah promises you His forgiveness and bounties. And Allah cares for all and He knows all things.”

The evil one discourages you to aid the helpless, the poor, the needy, the widows and the oppressed -- telling you that it would impoverish you.

This selfish attitude has the ingredients to develop a huge disparity of class distinction. Hence an important section of society is deprived of their right to become useful contributors in the growth and development of a nation.

What does this lead to?

People become desperate and disillusioned with life and then turn to crime and violence to meet their needs.

The tragedy is that this life-style turns them into materialistic monsters.

Remember, if the wealthy do not spend freely on good and noble causes, a country would suffer economically and its people would decline morally.

In life we also see how wealthy and powerful nations attack poor and weak nations with weapons of violence, forcing them to submit to their unjust political systems and their wicked life - style.

We know how the **I. M. F.** Funds the poor and weak countries and then keeps them in economic bondage through the evil practice of Riba (usury). Moreover, these countries are even told how to spend the loaned money --- for obvious reasons!

Now we come to the phrase, 'mutually share with them wealth and children'.

This refers to ill-gotten gains by way of wrong business practice and ill-gotten children through zina (adultery and fornication.)

Are these alluring methods of indulgence in passions not dangled before our eyes?

Finally, the expression, 'and make promises to them' speaks of the false promises which are subtly infused in our minds.

These may refer to the manner in which people of influence are enticed by offering to make them leaders if only they cease to support the cause of truth and justice.

There are many other ways in which the tongue of deceit makes its promises, but Allah (S.W.T.) concludes the verse by stating that these are but false promises!

As humans, we are amenable to the enticements of Satan so long as our faith does not attain its full stature.