

Session 03 • Adam and the Garden

Al-A'raf 7:19–22

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7:19

وَيَا آدَمُ اسْكُنْ أَنْتَ وَزَوْجُكَ الْجَنَّةَ فَكُلَا مِنْ حَيْثُ شِئْتُمَا وَلَا تَقْرَبَا هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةَ فَتَكُونَا مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

And "O Adam, dwell, you and your wife, in Paradise and eat from wherever you will but do not approach this tree, lest you be among the wrongdoers."

7:20

فَوَسْوَسَ لَهُمَا الشَّيْطَانُ لِيُبْدِيَ لَهُمَا مَا وُورِيَ عَنْهُمَا مِنْ سَوْءَاتِهِمَا وَقَالَ مَا نَهَاكُمَا رَبُّكُمَا عَنْ هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةِ إِلَّا أَنْ تَكُونَا مَلَكَيْنِ أَوْ تَكُونَا مِنَ الْخَالِدِينَ

But Satan whispered to them to make apparent to them that which was concealed from them of their private parts. He said, "Your Lord did not forbid you this tree except that you become angels or become of the immortal."

7:21

وَقَاسَمَهُمَا إِنِّي لَكُمَا لَمِنَ النَّاصِحِينَ

And he swore [by Allah] to them, "Indeed, I am to you from among the sincere advisors."

7:22

فَدَلَّهُمَا بِغُرُورٍ فَلَمَّا ذَاقَا الشَّجَرَةَ بَدَتْ لَهُمَا سَوْءَاتُهُمَا وَطَفَقَا يَخْصَفَانِ عَلَيْهِمَا مِنْ وُرْقِ الْجَنَّةِ وَنَادَاهُمَا رَبُّهُمَا أَلَمْ أَنْهَكُمَا عَنْ تِلْكَ الشَّجَرَةِ وَأَقُلْ لَكُمَا إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ لَكُمَا عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ

So he made them fall, through deception. And when they tasted of the tree, their private parts became apparent to them, and they began to fasten together over themselves from the leaves of Paradise. And their Lord called to them, "Did I not forbid you from that tree and tell you that Satan is to you a clear enemy?"

Al-A'raf 7:23–25

7:23

قَالَا رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنْفُسَنَا وَإِنْ لَمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

They said, "Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers."

7:24

قَالَ أَهْبِطُوا بَعْضُكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ مُسْتَقَرٌّ وَمَتَاعٌ إِلَىٰ حِينٍ

[Allah] said, "Descend, being to one another enemies. And for you on the earth is a place of settlement and enjoyment for a time."

7:25

قَالَ فِيهَا تَحْيَوْنَ وَفِيهَا تَمُوتُونَ وَمِنْهَا تُخْرَجُونَ

He said, "Therein you will live, and therein you will die, and from it you will be brought forth."

Three questions

You may pass or use a general example; sharing something personal is optional.

Q1

Iblis never says the tree is good. He tells them why Allah really forbade it, and the reason he invents is flattering. What benefit does he promise, and what makes his claim persuasive?

Then: think of a responsibility you already know is yours. When you have talked yourself out of one, was it the duty you argued with, or the reason behind it?

Q2

They do not explain themselves. They do not blame the one who deceived them. Instead: Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves. What do Adam and his wife acknowledge, and what do they ask for?

Then: what might taking responsibility sound like in an ordinary disagreement? Owning our actions does not require denying deception or harm done to us.

Q3

The word Iblis uses for himself in ayah 21 is *nāṣiḥīn* — the word behind Indonesian *nasihat*. He claims to be giving advice, and swears by Allah as he says it. Leaving this passage aside for a moment: in ordinary life, how do you tell advice that is for you from advice that is for the person giving it?

Four words

فَوَسْوَسَ *fawaswasa* he whispered (7:20) · النَّاصِحِينَ *an-nāṣiḥīn* the sincere advisers (7:21) · سَوَّاهُمَا *saw'ātihimā / saw'ātuhumā* what shames them (7:20 / 7:22) · فَدَلَّلَهُمَا *fadallāhumā* he brought them down (7:22)

One thing to carry

One thing I have been explaining away is One plain sentence I will say about it to Allah this week is

Room to write, during the session or after it.



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