



Concerning the Dajjaal

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(The brother begins with the Khutbatul-Haajah and then continues):

“Indeed O brothers, Allaah (tabaaraka wa ta’alaa), as we have mentioned time and time again, has mentioned that indeed He tests His servants from amongst the servants of Allaah (subhaana wa ta’alaa).

And the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) would seek refuge in his salawaat from the fitan of the ‘al-mahyaa’ (afflictions of life) and the fitan of ‘al-mamaat’ (afflictions of death).

And concerning those afflictions, we know that the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) likewise would say:

‘We seek refuge from the fitan – that which is apparent from that and that which is hidden.’

So concerning these fitan o brothers, we know that it is from the Sunnah of Allaah (subhaana wa ta’alaa), that He is going to test His servant with those fitan. But indeed o brothers, that which should be ‘thaabit’ in the minds of every single Muslim – is that there is one fitnah, that the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam), in his time, warned the sahaba concerning and mentioned that:

‘There was not a Messenger from the Messengers of Allaah (subhaanahu wa ta’alaa), except that he warned his people concerning this fitnah.’

And it is that fitnah that the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) likewise would seek refuge in Allaah (subhaana wa ta’alaa) from in his salawaat – the fitnah of ad-Dajjaal!

The fitnah of ad-Dajjaal. The Dajjaal O brothers, as we know from those Riwayaat as-Saheehah (authentic narrations and ahadeeth) – is without doubt from the greatest of fitan that any Messenger warned his people from. And the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) informed us that:

‘I have been given from his description that which no other Messenger was given.’

That the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) had concerning the descriptions of ad-Dajjal – that which no other Messenger was given.

And the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) likewise mentioned and informed us that:

‘The Dajjal would not appear until the people stop mentioning him.’

And that he would not appear until the people who make the khutba stop mentioning him upon the mimbar. At that time we know there will be the appearance of ad-Dajjal (the false messiah).

Then Allaah (subhaana wa ta’alaa) will allow him to come out to begin his reign of fitnah and to begin with his mischief of making – the like of which the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) has informed us concerning.

There was a hadeeth of brothers, that was authentic upon the authority of Faatimah bint Qais in Saheeh Muslim, wherein she mentioned a story that took place in regards to one of the Sahaba – a Sahabi known as Tameem ibn ad-Daaree.

Tameem ibn ad-Daaree was an individual who was an-Nasaari – he was from the Nasaarah – Nasraani. He was an individual who was a sailor. And he mentioned to the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) a story, that had taken place with him, that was so great, that the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) gathered the people for Salaat in Jamaa’ah – after saying:

‘Indeed Tameem ibn ad-Daaree has just informed me concerning something that I had previously informed you of.’

So then the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) went on to inform concerning the story of Tameem ibn ad-Daaree:

He mentioned that when he was a Christian they were upon a boat that they were sailing and the waves and the current took the boat and they were on the waves – being shaken by the waves – and being taken off course for a period of 40 days. That they were taken off their course for a period of 40 days. Thereon after they became ship-wrecked upon an Island – an Island they were unaware of.

When they came off, to the shore, they had seen a sight that amazed them. They saw an individual who they referred to as a ‘Daabah’ (resembling to a beast). The front of him was not distinguished from his back, because of the manner in which he was covered in hair. He was covered in hair to the extent that one could not distinguish the front of him from his back.

So we said: ‘Woe is you – what are you?’ So he said: ‘I am al-Jassassa’. So they said; ‘And what is al-Jassassa?’

He turned to them and said: 'There is a man (and he pointed towards a monastery), this man indeed is eager to hear from you.'

So they went to the monastery and entered and when they entered they found a man, severely bound by chains, bound to the extent that his legs from his knees to his ankles was bound in metal – and likewise his hands were bound to his neck. And he was tied up in this manner.

So they entered and said; 'Woe to you, what are you?'

So he went on to mention that; 'Indeed I am excited to hear your news. Who are you?'

So he said; 'Indeed we are a people from amongst the Arabs.'

And he went on to mention the story of how they became ship-wrecked. So they asked again and they mentioned again concerning the Jassassa that they saw, up until the stage that they had entered upon him.

So they said: 'Who are you?'

So he went on to question them and he asked them concerning the date-palms of Baysaan, he said:

'What is their condition, do they still bear fruit?'

So they said; 'Yes they still bear fruit.'

So then he asked them; 'So what about the lake of at-Tabareeyah (Tiberian lake), does it still possess water?'

So they said; 'Yes, it still possesses water.'

Then he went on to mention; 'It will soon not possess water'. Just as he mentioned concerning the date-palms; 'Soon they will not possess dates.'

So then he asked about the Springs of Zughar; 'Are the people still irrigating from it?'

So they said; 'Yes'.

So then he said; 'So what about the Arab, what about the unlettered Prophet, that was sent amongst the Arab? Is he still calling?'

So they answered by saying; 'He is still calling and people are entering his religion.'

So he said; 'It is better indeed that the people, they follow him. As for myself, then I am ad-Dajjaal. Allaah (subhaana wa ta'aalaa) is soon to give permission to me to enter out to the people...'

And then he went on to mention concerning his leaving and His giving permission to enter out.

So concerning ad-Dajjal – we know that the Messenger (sallallahu alaihi wassallam) has informed us of his presence and of his existence and of the fact that he will come and create fitnah –and he will be from the greatest of the fitan that mankind has ever seen.

Concerning him the Messenger (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) has informed us, that:

- i) When he comes out, he will appear in a place between Syria and Iraaq. And initially he will claim to be a prophet – calling to his prophethood. Then he will go on to claim to be Allaah!
- ii) He will have with him from fitnah a fire and he will have with him a paradise. The Messenger (sallallahu alaihi wassallam) informed us that his paradise in actuality will be the fire. And his fire will in actuality be the paradise. And he will command individuals to enter into his paradise and when they enter they will find that it is the fire. And he will command people to enter into the fire, and those who enter from amongst the mu'mineen will find that it is paradise.
- iii) The Messenger (sallallahu alaihi wassallam) informed us, that he is one-eyed. That one eye having skin over it, and mentioning that one eye will resemble a crushed grape.
- iv) And that he will have written upon his forehead 'kaafir' – that will be read by every single believer – even if a person was unable to read.
- v) The Messenger (sallallahu alaihi wassallam) also mentioned that likewise from his fitnah is that he will take a man and he will say to him:
'If I were to kill you and bring you back to life, will you believe that I am your Lord?'
And he will take that man and kill him and bring him back to life, and that man will say:
'Now I am more aware and more certain that you are ad-Dajjal that the Messenger (sallallahu alaihi wassallam) informed us concerning.'

But in one of the varying narrations, o brothers, in one of the varying narrations of the same hadeeth – just to highlight his fitnah – it will mention that he will cut that man in half. And in some narrations it mentions that he will cut him into small pieces and he will walk between him. Then he will bring him back to life and that man will say that statement.

And in some narrations it mentions – like the narration of Abu Umaamah – it mentions that he will cut him in half and into pieces and then he will turn to the people

and say: 'Look how I have cut my servant into pieces! And then watch when I bring him back to life, he will still claim that he has a Lord other than me!'

And then he will bring him back to life and that mu'min will say: 'Now I am certain that you are ad-Dajjal that the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) has informed us concerning.'

Fitnah! Fitnah o brothers, for those who look! Fitnah! So much so that the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) mentioned that:

'If Dajjal appears then go nowhere near him because indeed he has with him from doubts – that which people believe in him...'

That the believer will leave out, believing him to be ad-Dajjal and then when he approaches him and sees that which he has from fitnah, people will end up believing in him, from amongst the believers. And we seek refuge in Allaah from that.

- vi. The Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) likewise informed us that al-Medinah, during his time, will shake three times. And that during that shaking all of the Munafiqoon that were present in there will leave – men and women – and will follow ad-Dajjal.
- vii. The Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) likewise informed us that the Dajjal, o brothers, will be followed by the Yahud (Jews) - he will be followed by the Yahud. And he will have an army that will follow him, from the Yahud of Asfahaan.

Fitnah o brothers, fitnah! So much so that the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) said that:

'When he comes then the one who is tested with his fire, he should recite the first ten verses of Surah al-Kahf... therefore be firm.'

And all praise is due to Allaah the Lord of the Aalamin."

(The brother praises Allaah and sends peace and blessings upon His Messenger – sallallaahu alaihi wassallam – and then continues):

"Indeed o brothers, the fitnah of the Dajjal is without doubt from the greatest of fitan. And every single mu'min needs to acquaint himself with the 'sifaat' (attributes) of Dajjal. That one may be aware of him.

- viii. Likewise from his characteristics is that the Prophet (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) informed us that he (the Dajjal) will be plentiful in hair. He will have a lot of hair.
- ix. And likewise that which occurs in the story of Tameem ibn Daaree, is that he was of great structure, he was large.

- x. When he is followed o brothers, he will enter a person's village, a village from amongst the Bedouins and they will disbelieve in him. And upon disbelieving in him all of their livestock will die. Then he will enter another village, of people who believe in him and upon believing in him the skies will rain for them. Vegetation will come forth for them. Their cattle in the evening will come back fat and their hips will be large. And their udders will be filled with milk. Fitnah.
- xi. Likewise from his fitnah is that the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) informed us that he, the Dajjal, will have with him from the fitnah's of the dunyaa, that, which will lead the people to follow him.

Imagine the fitnah o brothers! This individual claiming to be Allaah, this individual claiming to be Allaah bringing people back to life!

- x. From his fitnah likewise is that he will say to a man; 'If I brought your mother and your father back to life would you believe in me?' So he will say 'Yes.' And then the Dajjal will have two Shaytaan from the Shayateen who will come in the form of that person's mother and father. And they will say; 'O little son follow him for indeed he is your Lord!' – fitnah wallah! Fitnah o brothers, that we seek refuge from.
- xi. The Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) informed us that before the Dajjal's coming there will be three years of famine. The first year the crops, Allaah (subhaana wa ta'aalaa) will let the earth stop one third of it's crops. The second year two thirds of its crops and two thirds of the rain from the sky. And the third year all of the rain of the sky and all of the vegetation of the earth. There will be fitnah!

And during that time, o brothers, when he comes, the believers will gather themselves. And upon gathering themselves as an army – Allaah (subhaana wa ta'aalaa) will raise from amongst them al-Mahdi. The Mahdi, that man who the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) informed us, his name will be as the name of the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) – Muhammad ibn Abdullah.

Who will be from the lineage of the Messenger. And who will, as the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) informed us, have a wide forehead. And will have a prominent nose. And who will lead the muslims and will bring justice to the earth.

During their gathering, o brothers, to fight Dajjal and those who are with him, the mu'minoon - the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) mentioned – will gather and they will fight against the Romans. An army from amongst them will gather and fight against them, a severe fighting, so much so that both parties will die – all of them! A fighting that will be so severe that even if birds were fly over that place, those birds will drop dead – because of the severity of that fighting.

Then the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) informed us that they will gather together for the performance of Salat ul-Fajr and after the calling of the Adhaan for

Salat ul-Fajr – they will go before the calling of the Iqaamah – and Isaa ibn Maryam will descend.

And upon his descent o brothers, the Messenger informed us that:

'He will descend between two angels.'

Holding on to the wings of two angels. That he will have reddish hair. Hair that will appear to be wet – although it is not wet. In some narrations it mentions that he will have:

'...beads of perspiration upon his forehead.'

And he will have his head lowered. And then when he descends he will raise his head – and those beads of perspiration will fall as though they were pearls. Then the Mahdi and those who recognise him will say, he will gesture to him to lead the Salaat.

And the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) informed us that Isaa ibn Maryam – Jesus the son of Mary – will put his hand between his shoulders and push the Mahdi forward and say:

'Indeed this is a position that Allaah has given to you.'

And as it occurs in some narrations:

'Indeed the Iqaamah has been called for you.'

Then he will lead the Salat, after the performance of the Salat, Isaa ibn Maryam will turn around and he will say:

'Open the door.'

And upon opening the door, outside of the door will be ad-Dajjal. And there will be with him 70,000 Jews. All having with them green shawls and all holding and brandishing decorated swords. And the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) informed us that:

'Isaa ibn Maryam will have with him a smell, that if the kuffar they smell it, they will die.'

Then when the door is opened and the army of ad-Dajjal is present, the fighting between the army of Isaa ibn Maryam and the ad-Dajjal will take place. And Isaa ibn Maryam will race and chase the ad-Dajjal. And when he sees him and confronts him, the Messenger (sallallaahu alaihi wassallam) informed us that:

'He will melt...'

Similar to the melting of salt in water – he will literally melt when he sees Isaa ibn Maryam and he will continue to run from Isaa ibn Maryam. Then Isaa ibn Maryam will kill him – Allaah (subhaana wa ta’alaa) will kill him at the hands of Isaa ibn Maryam (alaihi salaatu wassallam).

Fitnah o brothers! Fitnah that we seek refuge from, we seek refuge from the likes of that fitnah. And we seek refuge likewise o brothers, from the likes of the fitnah of the Dajaajilah!

Those Dajaajilah o brothers, that are resembling the ad-Dajjal. Liars o brothers! Present and are amongst this ummah. Present amongst mankind. Calling o brothers, to deception and falsehood, similar to the calling of the Dajjal.

Yes we fight against those Dajaajilah – the same way that the army of the Messiah Isaa Ibn Maryam will fight against the Dajjal. Fight against those Dajaajilah!

And just as Shaykh Ibn Uthaimen (rahimahullah) mentioned in a fatwa that he has, that: ‘The characteristics of the Dajjal are present amongst individuals other than the ad-Dajjal.’

And that is the case and for that reason o brothers we find that the Ulema of Ahlus-Sunnah, referring to individuals from amongst this ummah, from Ahlul Bid’ati wad-Dalaalah, the people of ‘Inhirafaat’ and ‘Khuza’balaat’ as Dajjals from the Dajaajilah.

Yes, we seek refuge from them! And we fight against them! Just the same way as we seek refuge from the Dajjal and we fight if we are present amongst those who believe at that time, against his army! Yes. And we seek refuge from their fitnah, just the same way as we seek refuge from the Dajjal.”

(The brother supplicates to Allaah and praises Allaah and sends peace and blessings upon His Messenger – sallallaahu alaihi wassallam).