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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: May Allaah reward you. The questioner says: Is it legislated to curse Satan or to seek refuge from him?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: Seeking refuge from him, yes this is desired.

وَأِمَّا يَنْزَغَنَّكَ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ نَزْعٌ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ

[If a suggestion from Satan assails you, seek refuge with Allaah]²

فَإِذَا قَرَأْتَ الْقُرْآنَ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

[When you read the Qur'aan, seek Allaah's protection from Satan the rejected one.]³

Therefore seeking refuge with Allaah from Satan is desired. As for cursing, cursing Satan, this is a foregone conclusion. Satan is cursed; you are not going to add anything to that. And if you disobey Allaah do not blame Satan, blame yourself my brother. Repent to Allaah and blame yourself. Satan is a test; but you should blame yourself. Repent to Allaah and seek forgiveness from your Lord the Mighty and Majestic. Satan did not force you to do this, you have a choice; he did not force you. You obeyed him without being forced to do so.

وَمَا كَانَ لِي عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ سُلْطَانٍ إِلَّا أَنْ دَعَوْتُكُمْ فَاسْتَجَبْتُمْ لِي فَلَا تَلُمُونِي وَلُومُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ

[I had no authority over you except to call you, and you listened to me: then do not blame me, but blame your own souls.]⁴

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

² سورة الأعراف – Soorah al-A'raaf [7:200]

³ سورة النحل – Soorah an-Nahl [16:98]

⁴ سورة إبراهيم – Soorah Ibraaheem [14:22]