

Lesson 12a

Surah Al-Falaq

After completing this lesson (a & b), you will learn **144 new words**, which occur **31,638** times in the Qur'an.



Introduction: Surah al-Falaq and Surah an-Nas, the last two Surahs teach us the excellent prayers to protect ourselves.

- It is the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ to recite the last three Surahs once after every Salah and thrice after Fajr and Maghrib.
- It has been reported by Ayesha (RA) that before sleeping, the Prophet ﷺ used to blow into his hands, recite the last three Surahs and then pass his hands over his body. [Bukhari and Muslim].

Who among us wants to get protection? Everyone! We should then make it a habit to recite these Surahs regularly. We get two benefits by doing so: (i) Get the protection, and (ii) receive the reward for following the Sunnah.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ	أَعُوذُ	بِرَبِّ	الْفَلَقِ
of the daybreak,	in (the) Lord	I seek refuge	Say:
أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ	بِ + رَبِّ	فَلَقْ : daybreak	

- We should constantly remember that we are surrounded by evil attacks day and night including those from viruses, mischief makers, and jealous people. While reciting this Surah, we should first realize that we are not safe and then beg Allah for protection.
- He is the Rabb of the daybreak. Think and study about the Sun, the source of daylight, its diameter of 1.4 million kilometers, its distance of 150 million kilometers and see how Allah rotates the earth with its circumference of 40000 kilometers around the sun to bring out the day and then realize the greatness of Allah while reciting this ayah.
- Allah brings out the day from the darkness of night. Similarly, Allah can remove from us the darkness of evil.
- The Surah starts with “Say.” We should recite this Surah as well as convey it to others with wisdom and kindness, the same way that the Prophet ﷺ did.

مِنْ	شَرِّ	مَا	خَلَقَ
from	(the) evil	(of) that which	He created,
		what; that which; not	خالِق: Creator
		مَا دِينُكَ: What is your Deen?	

- شَرِّ has two meanings: evil and suffering. Some evil things appear to be good but their end is suffering. Therefore they are also evil.
- We ask Allah's protection from the evil of what He has created, i.e., from the evil of His creations. For example, Allah created human beings to worship Him but some of them hurt others. We ask Allah to protect us from the evil of such persons.
- Likewise we ask Allah's protection from the evil of all living and non-living creatures.
- Allah is the Creator and the rest are His creations. We seek His help from the evil of His creations which include everything. However, the next three verses talk of three specific evils. One thing that is common to these three (night, magic, jealousy) is that we don't realize if these evils are working against us!

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وَمِنْ شَرِّ

it becomes intense,	when	(of) darkness	and from the evil		
وَقَبَ: it became intense إِذَا وَقَبَ: when it becomes intense	إِذَا: when إِذَا: when		شَرِّ	مِنْ	وَ
			Evil	from	and

- After every **12** hours comes the night. The time for work is over and people are relatively free. It is the time when the human mind can easily be corrupted by the devil. An empty man's brain is a devil's workshop.
- Most of the evil, indecent, and immoral acts happen at night such as bad TV programs, evil parties, evil movies, and other evils.
- It is easier for the thieves and enemies to attack at night.
- Staying awake late is also evil because it becomes difficult to get up for Fajr. It is extremely harmful to health too. You lose the excellent opportunities of morning work.

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وَمِنْ شَرِّ

in the knots,	(of) those who blow	and from (the) evil
عُقْدَةٌ، عُقْدٌ: knot + عُقْدَ	نَفَّاثٌ: the one who blows (fg) نَفَّاثٌ: +	

- Magic or sorcery is a big test from Allah. If the one who is affected by the magic doesn't have strong faith in Allah, he may start committing shirk and do unIslamic practices to find the solution.
- In some families where relations are not good, people are scared of visiting relatives. They are afraid of magic or other evils from them. This Surah is the best cure for all problems.
- Don't forget the daily blowing by the enemy who lives with us! The Prophet ﷺ said, "When any one of you sleeps, Satan ties three knots at the back of his neck. He recites this incantation at every knot: 'You have a long night, so sleep.' If he awakes and remembers Allah, one knot is loosened. If he performs Wudoo, the (second) knot is loosened; and if he performs prayer, (all) knots are loosened and he begins his morning in a happy and refreshed mood; otherwise, he gets up in bad spirits and sluggish state." [Al-Bukhari, Muslim]
- If you stay awake late, you give a big chance to Shaitaan to make you sleep and miss Fajr.

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وَمِنْ شَرِّ

he envies.	when	(of) an envier	and from the evil
حَسَدَ: he envied إِذَا حَسَدَ: when he envies		فَاعِلٍ: doer حَاسِدٍ: the one who envies	

- If you receive something good, a jealous person wishes that you lose it and he gets it. If not, at least you should lose it. He will try to destroy your reputation, work, property or hurt you.
- Pray to Allah that we are never jealous of anyone. It is like objecting to Allah's distribution! Say A'oodhubillah and pray for more for him and for yourself. You will get it too! The Prophet ﷺ said, "Beware of envy because envy consumes (destroys) the virtues just as the fire consumes the firewood," or he said "grass." [Abu Dawud]