

## SECTION 6

### SHAYTAN 61-65

**Refuses to obey Allah**  
**Arrogant bully**  
**Threatens to deceive human beings**  
**Slaves of Allah protected from Shaytan**

### SHAYTAAN

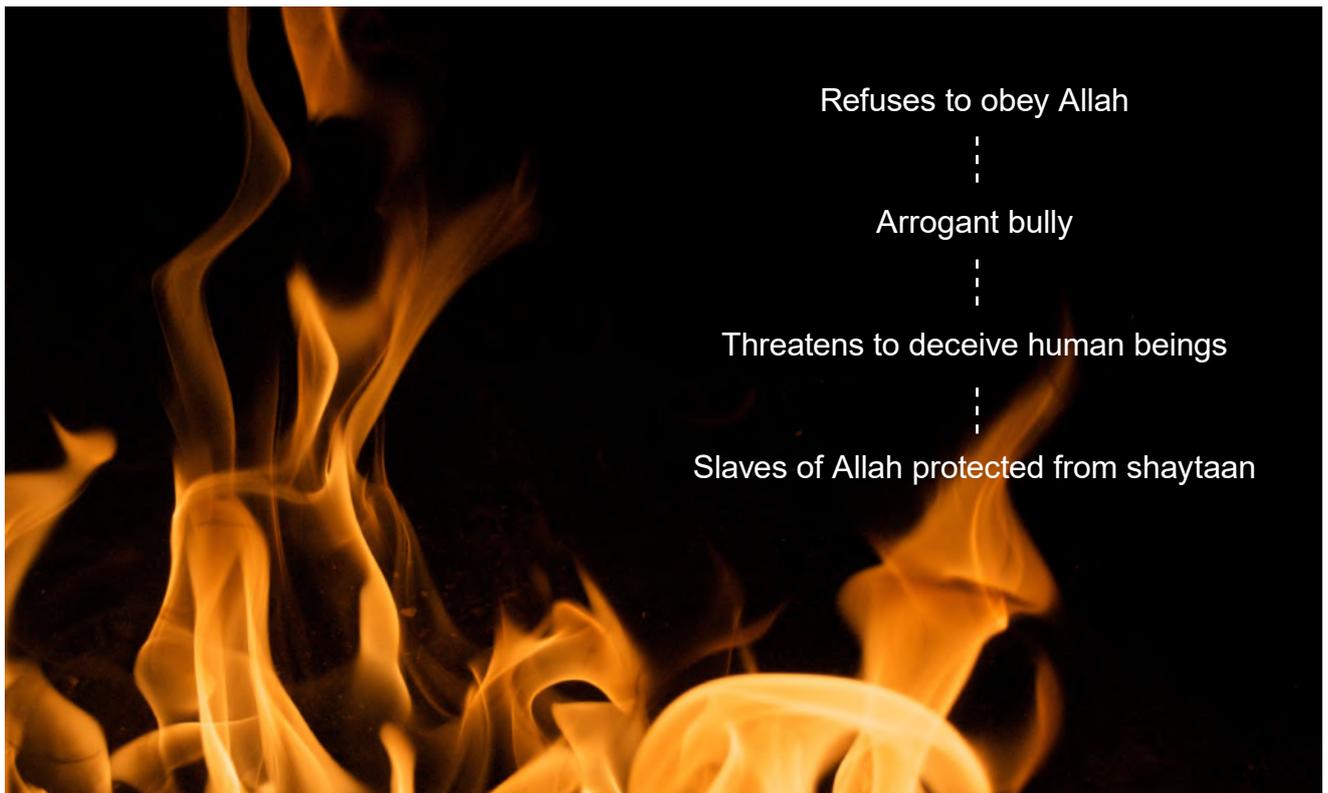
Allah on the creation of Prophet Adam(pbuh) commanded all to do sajda before him. Iblees - a jinn refused to do so claiming he was better as he was created from fire and Adam was created of dust.

His refusal to obey Divinity led to his dismissal from his position but was allowed respite after he asked for it until the Day of Qiyama. Iblees swore to divert human beings but those who were the slaves of God were promised immunity.

The word Iblees\* appears 11 times in the Qur'an whilst Shaytaan and its plural Shayaateen appears 88 times.

Iblees was known as Azaazil (close to Allah) because he worshipped Allah for long periods of time. When he refused to obey Allah because of His arrogance, he was called Iblees (one who is disappointed of Allah's mercy). He then was called Shaytaan (one who is rebellious and deceiving)

Iblees refers to a particular creation whilst Shaytaan refers to any harmful deviating and rebellious entity (be it human, jinn or any other creation). Iblees is referred to as Shaytaan because of his corruption, harmfulness and rebellious nature.



61. *And when We said to the angels: Prostrate to Adam; they prostrated, but Iblis (did not). He said: Shall I prostrate to him whom You hast created of dust?*

وَأَذُقْنَا لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا إِبْلِيسَ  
قَالَ أَسْجُدُ لِمَنْ خَلَقْتَ طِينًا

A transition into the story of Shaytan. Aya 60 ends with rebellion and here Allah points out the cause of rebelliousness. Disobedience to the Creator and arrogance. By extension the arrogance of the Quraysh is highlighted.

62. *He said: Tell me, is this he whom You have honored above me? If You should respite me to the day of resurrection, I will most certainly cause his progeny to perish (la'ahtanikunna\*) except a few.*

قَالَ أَرَأَيْتَكَ هَذَا الَّذِي كَرَّمْت عَلَيَّ لَئِنِ أَخَّرْتَنِي إِلَى يَوْمِ  
الْقِيَامَةِ لَأُحْتَنِكَنَّ ذُرِّيَّتَهُ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا

**Ihtinaak** - when swarms of insects destroy crops. Iblees uses it to describe what he will do to the good of humankind ... he will eat away all of the good they have in them so they will be worthless.

63. *He said: Be gone! for whoever of them will follow you, then surely jahannam is your compensation.*

قَالَ أَذْهَبُ فَمَنْ تَبِعَكَ مِنْهُمْ فَإِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ جَزَاءُكُمْ  
جَزَاءً مَوْفُورًا

64. *And whomsoever you make slip (make weak) with your intimidating (words) voice, and collect against them your forces - whether riding and on foot, and share with them in wealth and children, and promise all kind of things; and the Shaitan only makes deceiving promises.*

وَاسْتَفْزِرْ مَنْ اسْتَطَعْتَ مِنْهُمْ بِصَوْتِكَ وَأَجْلِبْ عَلَيْهِمْ  
بِخَيْلِكَ وَرَجِلِكَ وَشَارِكِهِمْ فِي الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَوْلَادِ  
عِدُّهُمْ وَمَا يُعِدُّهُ الشَّيْطَانُ إِلَّا عُرْوًا

65. *Surely (as for) My servants, you have no authority over them; and your Rabb is sufficient as a Protector.*

إِنَّ عِبَادِي لَيْسَ لَكَ عَلَيْهِمْ سُلْطَانٌ وَكَفَى بِرَبِّكَ وَكِيلًا