

Ḥadīth Twenty Six

The jinn can inflict the evil eye

O children of Ādam, let not the devil tempt you like he removed your parents from Paradise, stripping them of their clothing to show them their private parts. Indeed, he sees you, he and his tribe, from where you do not see them. Indeed, We have made the devils allies to those who do not believe (7:27).

يَا بَنِي آدَمَ لَا يَفْتِنَنَّكُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ كَمَا أَخْرَجَ أَبَوَيْكُم مِّنَ الْجَنَّةِ يَنْزِعُ عَنْهُمَا لِبَاسَهُمَا لِيُرِيَهُمَا سَوْآتِهِمَا ۗ إِنَّهُ يَرَآكُمْ هُوَ وَقَبِيلُهُ مِمَّنْ حَيْثُ لَا تَرَوْنَهُمْ ۗ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا الشَّيَاطِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

The Prophet (ﷺ) saw a girl whose face had blacken. He said: She is under the effect of an evil eye; so treat her with a ruqyah.

Recorded in Al-Bukhārī.

عَنْ أُمِّ سَلَمَةَ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ رَأَى فِي بَيْتِهَا جَارِيَةً فِي وَجْهِهَا سَفْعَةٌ فَقَالَ: اسْتَرْقُوا لَهَا فَإِنَّ بِهَا النَّظْرَةَ
السَّفْعَةُ سَوَادٌ وَشُحُوبٌ

Points of benefit:

1. The jinn and shayāṭīn can inflict us with the evil eye.
2. Evil eye can cause the skin colour to change or leave marks or spots.
3. In this event, the Prophet (ﷺ) did not specify how to do the treatment and therefore he may either be referring to the general treatments he has previously mentioned for the expert Rāqī Ṣaḥābah to follow or leaving it to their Ijtihad as they see fit in treating her within what he (ﷺ) has already legislated.
4. The evil eye of the jinn and shayāṭīn can be treated and cured.