

LESSON 25.

73) FITNAH 74) MISCHIEF (FESAT) 75) WICKEDNESS (FÜCÛR)

- 73) FITNAH:**
- In a general terms fitnah is a trial, a test, putting something to a melting pot, separating pure ones from raw ones, refining gold from dust and stones. Also, fitnah is referred causing tumult, mayhem, turmoil, and strife among people.
 - The word “imtihan” (trial) is sometimes used interchangeably with the word *fitnah*.
 - Yes, as human-being is tested by bodily and carnal desires, sometimes one is tested by attractive beauty of the world, material means and wealth, political power and potency, and sometimes trials and calamities and various conflicts and disengagements, sometimes social disorder and anarchy and chaos... All these can be put in the category of fitnah.
 - For a society and a country, the destruction of a fitnah is more dangerous than being taken over by external enemies and holding the residents captive.
 - We call fitnah for things like one is exposed in the name religion and devoutness. However, such fitnah is assumed as a trial for a believer, at the same time, it is assumed beneficial since this fitnah usually empowers one’s faith and will power and morally purifies the most people who are inflicted and is cleansing sins away.

(Kendi Dünyamıza Doğru - Fitneye Yenik Yıllar)

- 74) MISCHIEF (FESAT):**
- It means causing trouble, disorder, fitnah and anarchy.
 - Disorder, disturbance, fitnah and mischief on the earth have been present since human was created and will be exist until the doomsday. Sometimes it will be paused by the opposition of people of peace, sometimes it will be blocked by additional blessings of Allah, although it may regrow by our desires. So far it has been happening like this and it looks like this will go in this way.
 - The religion calls the one who causes mischief (fesat) as mischief maker (mufsit). Governments and nations always tries to block mischief by their statute law and regulations. Teacher of ethics always struggle against mischief. But still the mischief has been existed in human history.

(Kendi Dünyamıza Doğru - Fesat)

- 66) WICKEDNESS (FÜCÛR):**
- It means committing sins without any responsibility and usually used like “fisk u fücûr” with the term of FISK meaning that deviating from the right path.
 - I can swear that “I am not even comfortable with term of “fücur” itself and tried to discipline my life as such.
 - In another hadith, Our Prophet (pbuh) adds a fourth one to signs of hypocrisy. This one is wickedness (fücûr). Wickedness is being addicted to all types of sins without feeling any responsibility.
 - Excessive unheeded state of committing all types of sins while slipping away from modesty using bodily desires and potentials forms wickedness “fisk u fücûr”.
 - If someone even claiming oneself as a believer is not vigilant about disbelief, and open one’s way to wickedness, and walking in the area of disobedience, and opens one’s eyes and ears and tongue to forbidden things... it doesn’t matter what age the one is at, it is very difficult to call the one as “rightly guided” or “perfect human”. Such this person might be seen as reckless, foolish, unintelligent, senile.

Match the following words to the definitions:

Fitnah	Causing trouble, disorder, fitnah and anarchy
Mischief	Committing sins without any responsibility
Wickedness	Causing tumult, mayhem, turmoil, and strife among people

Fill in the following gaps:

O our Lord: make us not a test and trial for those who have disbelieved, and O our Lord, pardon us our errors. You indeed are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise." (Al Mumtahina 5)

In this verse, Allah firstly gives us a target not to be a test and trial for disbelievers. In this regard, believers must seek refuge in Allah who is the real Protector and Supporter in every aspect at every opportunity. This prayer by tongue establishes only one aspect of the mean to salvation not to expose to One is supposed to add one's struggle by the will power not to deviate the paths of

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