Tafseer surah An-Nas

Bayyinah video bullet points

* Dangerous trend today: scientific rationalism, people want to interpret Quran in relation to science, this lead to contest the validity of the ahadith
* Last verse of Falaq asks protection from jealous (most jealous is Shaytane)

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| Topic | Al Falaq | An Nas |
| Protection | Protection from things outside of ourselves | Protection from things inside of ourselves |
| Control/responsibility | Things are not in our control | Things are in our control so we have a responsibility and choice to follow temptation or not |
| Danger | We ask protection 1 time (dounia in danger) | We ask protection 3 times (deen in danger) |
| Repetition | “sharr” (evil) is repeated 3 times, insists on danger | “Rab” (Lord) is repeated 3 times, insists on Protector |
| “Qul” | Both surahs start with “Qul” (say!): we can ask Allah protection only AFTER we obey, saying those surahs makes us obedient | |

* Why “Nas” (people) particularly as Allah is Lord of everything? Because we’re the only ones who need protection.
* Explanation of “Rabb”: Linguistically it means The Absolute Owner, like the word Maalik but “Rab” includes the meanings of authority, taking care of, Guide, The One who gives gifts and The One who insures the existence.“Rabb” is the first name Allah uses to introduce Himself to Moussa  عليه السلام and The Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم **and**  it’s the first name in Fatiha after “Allah”
* Summary of Quran in 2 sentences: Accept Allah as a Master and accept yourself as a slave. Quran begins and ends with the idea of slavery. It takes only 5 seconds to say it but a lifelong to internalise it.
* 3 names: Rabb, Malik, Ilah; Lord, King, God. And insists on “Nas” repeating the word and not using “their”.
* Progression from – to +. “rabb”: there can be a lot of masters at the same time, “malik” there’s one for each county but “ilah” there’s only one for all people and all times.
* Progression from + to -. The master has control over only one or few people. The king controls thousands to millions of people and for limited time. But a God controls everyone.
* Before reading Quran we seek protection from Shaytane so we start with that and we finish with asking protection in the last 2 surahs too.
* After Shaytane worse enemy is Pharaoh. He will use those 3 words for himself. See explanation in illustrated tafseer video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5KXgII27Rk>
* Relation between word “nas” and “nissyan” (forget), people forgot their promise to Allah. The only power Allah gave to Shaytane is to make people forget. Either we remember and act well either we forget and do bad, our entire life is going from one side to another again and again. The only moment Shaytane can influence us is when we’re empty, when we

forget Allah. When we remember Allah Shaytane disappear (but will come back)

* Word “Ilah” comes from to incline to, to be obsessed with, to stick to, it’s an entity to be worshipped AND obeyed. When we finish praying we’re not worshipping but we still need to obey.
* Anger is a manifestation of ego and comes from Shaytane. We all have a raqin who is a Shaytane. Even The Prophet **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم but his one was Muslim so pushed him to do good only.**
* Trust in The Prophet **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم : today people doubt of ahadith and about** The Prophet **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم . It’s easier for Shaytane to instil doubt into** The Prophet **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم than into Allah. As human we have a problem with authority. We like a boss who doesn’t tell us what to do but when he start giving orders we hate that.** The Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم **is a human being so hard for some people to accept orders from him.**
* Word “waswas” translated “whisper” but means more. It’s whisper but always in negative context + idea of repetitive whisper, same pattern of word “zalzala” (earthquake) + idea of doing it a lot. Further comment about this word in this short video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_xg6Qx3oaY>
* “waswaas” actually with a long “a” means the whisperer, we don’t ask protection only from the whisper but also from the whisperer himself
* The “waswaas” is “khannaas”, meaning “that keeps steeping back” therefore he keeps coming forward too.
* Cleanliness: being dirty is an invitation to shayatin. Not only heart must be clean, body too, before sleeping The Prophet **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم used to do wudhu.**
* “SuDoor” (chest): Shaytane can access the chest but he can access the heart ONLY if we let him in, every time we seek protection he steps back and will try later. How do we know if he’s in our heart or not??? Evil deeds are disgusting to us or do we like them?
* Jinn / Nass : sometimes Nass is said first. Here Jinns first because in term of whisper they are better at this than people. Both can be vehicles used by Shaytane to whisper to us. Particularly kuffar, they are used by Shaytane a lot. Primary source of waswas is the jinns, when people whisper they’re actually puppets of shaytane
* Connection Nass with Fatiha : both ask for help (defensive or offensive), both have “Malik”, both mention worship “na3budu” in Fatiha, “Ilah” in Nass. It’s in plural (we) in Fatiha as we ask a collective protection but it’s singular (I) in Nass as waswas is a danger for each individual. Similar structure: 2 equal parts in Fatiha and 2 parts in Nass (1 about Protector, 1 about danger)
* Words of Shaytane to Allah : waswas of shaytane is when problems started for Adam (story so important that it is told 7 times in Quran) and it’s when the war started with mankind. when Shaytane asks Allah time and Allah agreed the dialogue ties Nas and Fatiha together. He then said to Allah “from the way You expelled me I’ll sit waiting for them on Your straight path “SiraT al Mustaqim” also mentioned in Fatiha, then he said “You’ll not find a lot of them “shakirin” (grateful), what do we say first in Fatiha? Alhamdulillah (Praise and thanks to Allah), then the verse says “waswasa lahuma” (he whispered to them 2) and the problem began, surah Nas is asking protection. Shaytane commands to shamelessness, from a little text, to a lunch and so on until big bad deed arrives. A fear the Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم was shamelessness and today it’s a big deal. Quran starts with a du3a and finishes with a du3a.