

## Allaah is the Creator of both good and evil

The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: “If you marry a woman or buy a slave, place your hand on her forehead, say ‘bismillaah’ and supplicate for blessing and say:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِهَا وَخَيْرِ مَا جَبَلْتَهَا عَلَيْهِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّهَا وَشَرِّ مَا جَبَلْتَهَا عَلَيْهِ

(O Allaah, indeed I ask You for the good in her and the good characteristics that You created in her, and I seek refuge in You from the evil in her and the evil characteristics that You created in her)

And if you buy a camel, place your hand on top of its hump and say the same.”<sup>1</sup>

Shaikh al-Albaani:

“This hadeeth has evidence that Allaah is the Creator of good and evil, contrary to those – such as the Mu`tazilah and others – who hold that evil is not from His creation. There is nothing in Allaah’s being Creator of evil that contradicts His Perfection, rather it is from His Perfection. Details of that are present in comprehensive volumes, one of the best being the book *Shifaa ul-`aleel fi l-qadhaa.i wa l-qadari wa tta`leel* by Ibn ul-Qayyim, so look through it if you wish.

And is this supplication legislated when buying something like a car? My answer is: yes, due to the good that is hoped from it and the evil that is feared from it.”

1 Saheeh Abu Daawood 2160, Saheeh al-Jaami` 360 and others

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