96144 - He thinks his mother used witchcraft against him and they are on bad terms with one another

the question

I think that my mother is using witchcraft against me, for one reason or another, and this has had some effect in reality, which is that I am bewitched from time to time. I sought treatment with a psychologist, but to no avail.
The problem is that I believe my mother will not hesitate to do this again, and there is no need for me to tell you the hardships I went through because of this witchcraft, in addition to the fact that I have no job and no income. I believe that my mother is insane. Hence I do not speak to her. In addition to that she wants me to leave home and she said to me: If you do not want to speak to me, then get out of the house. This is the talk of crazy people, because I do not have any other place to go. Hence I answered her by saying: I am sick and I will never leave home. All she did was go to my aunt’s house and come back the next day. Until now I am not speaking to her, but she speaks to me and says a few simple words such as “close the door” and so on, and I hasten to do what she tells me because in fact I do not hate her or want to go against her, as she says, but it is for reasons that are beyond my control.
I hope that you can explain this situation and offer the right solution.
May Allaah bless you..

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It should be noted, first of all, that Allaah has enjoined you to respect your parents and to treat them kindly in word and in deed, and He has forbidden you to treat them badly or say to them “Uff” (a word of disrespect).

Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him. And that you be dutiful to your parents. If one of them or both of them attain old age in your life, say not to them a word of disrespect, nor shout at them but address them in terms of honour”

[al-Isra’ 17:23]

It was narrated that Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him) said: A man came to the Messenger of Allaah (S) and said: Which of the people is most deserving of my good companionship? He said: “Your mother.” He said: Then who? He said: “Then your mother.” He said: Then who? He said: “Then your mother.” He said: Then who? He said: “Then your father.” Narrated by al-Bukhaari (5626) and Muslim (2548).

Hence you must stop your mistreatment and saying that she is insane, because that is not appropriate, and you should treat her in a kind and loving manner, and do not disobey her commands so long as there is no sin involved. It is not permissible for you to shun her and stop talking to her. If she does that then try hard to reconcile with her by speaking kindly and doing kind deeds to her.

It should be noted, secondly, that it is not permissible for you to accuse a specific person of having bewitched you, so how about if the person you accuse is your mother? By doing that, you are accusing her of committing a major sin that may reach the level of kufr. It is not permissible for you to do this even if the one whom you accuse is a stranger to you, so how about if you are attributing that reprehensible action to your mother with no proof or evidence? The punishment for wronging others is severe, so how about one who wrongs his own mother?

Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“And those who annoy believing men and women undeservedly, they bear (on themselves) the crime of slander and plain sin”

[al-Ahzaab 33:58]

Ibn Katheer (may Allaah have mercy on him) said:

The words “And those who annoy believing men and women undeservedly” mean: by attributing to them things of which they are innocent, that they have not done.

“they bear (on themselves) the crime of slander and plain sin” means, this is an obvious lie, to say or narrate of the believing men and women things that they did not do, by way of criticizing them.

Tafseer Ibn Katheer, 6/480.

It was narrated from Jaabir ibn ‘Abd-Allaah that the Messenger of Allaah (S) said: “Beware of injustice, for injustice will be darkness on the Day of Resurrection.” Narrated by Muslim (2578).

Al-Nawawi (may Allaah have mercy on him) said:

Al-Qaadi said: It was said that this means what it appears to mean, and it will be darkness for a person who will not be able to find a way on the Day of Resurrection when the light of the believers appears before them and on their right. And it may be that darkness here refers to hardship, which is how they interpreted the verse in which Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning): “Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): Who rescues you from the darkness of the land and the sea” [al-An’aam 6:63], i.e. hardships. And it may be that it refers to punishment.

Sharh Muslim (16/134).

It should be noted, thirdly, that you may not have been bewitched, and it may all be illusions and imagination. This happens to a lot of people, who believe that they have been bewitched when that is not the case. So strive to obey your Lord by performing obligatory and supererogatory duties, and strive to honour your mother. Always read Qur’aan and try to recite the adhkaar for morning and evening. These things, in sha Allaah, will protect you from evil and help you to recover from your mental and psychological illnesses.

And Allaah is the source of strength.