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Hudhayfah ibn al-Yamān (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: When we attended a meal with the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him), we would not extend our hands until the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) would start and extend his hand. Once we attended a meal with him and a little girl came in rushing as if she was being pushed forward. She was about to put her hand into the food when the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) caught her hand. Then a Bedouin came in rushing as if he was being pushed forward. he caught his hand too. Then the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: 'Verily, the devil can eat from any food upon which the name of Allah is not mentioned. He brought this little girl to be able to eat, but I caught her hand. Then he brought this Bedouin to be able to eat, but I caught his hand too. By the One in whose Hand my soul is! His hand is in my grasp along with their hands.' Then he mentioned the name of Allah, the Almighty, and ate.

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Muslim]

One day, Hudhayfah attended a meal with the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) and when they started to eat, or when food was served, a little girl came "as if she was being pushed forward" i.e. as if she was running, and she wanted to extend her hand to the food before mentioning Allah's Name. So the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) held her hand back. "Then a Bedouin also came as if he was being pushed forward" and extended his hand to the food. So, the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) held his hand back. Then the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said that the young girl and the Bedouin were brought by the devil. That is he whispered to them and urged them to come in order to find a way to the food through them, in case they ate without mentioning Allah's name. The two of them could be excused due to their ignorance – the girl for her young age, and the man for being a Bedouin. However, the devil brought them because if they had eaten without mentioning

Allah's Name, he would have shared the food with them. Then the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) swore that the devil's hand was with their two hands; all in the hand of the Prophet's hand.

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