

Rewind and reflect

Episode 2

THE
OTHER
SIDE



Summary

This episode reminds us that no deed or thought slips past the unseen watchers—the angels who record our every action and Allah, who knows our innermost secrets. At the same time, shaytan is ever-present, working tirelessly to lead us astray. True validation lies not in social praise or fleeting popularity but in seeking the pleasure of our Creator. By staying ever mindful that our intentions and actions resonate in both the physical and spiritual realms, we align ourselves with divine guidance and guard our hearts against heedlessness. The episode urges individuals to seek Allah’s pleasure and guidance and to be mindful of the impact of their actions on the spiritual and physical world around them.

Discussion questions

- 1 This episode discusses the battle between angels and devils over our actions and intentions. What ways can you strengthen the positive influence of the angels in your life and reduce the negative impact of the devils?
- 2 How do you think the Prophet ﷺ feels about our efforts or lack thereof today?

Application

This world is just a stage, where you are being watched and discussed by the angels and Allah. What do you think they are discussing about your reputation? Can you think of a specific daily act that can alter your reputation with Allah?

Storyline connection

After seeing Muneer (Anwar’s brother) disappointed in his dream, how do you think Anwar will be motivated to change?

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gather family and friends.
2. Watch **The Other Side, Episode 2**.
3. Read through this guide and discuss the questions provided.
4. Reflect, and grow together in faith.
5. Repeat for **all 30 episodes**.

HISTORICAL FIGURES/EVENTS

Imam al-Ghazali

Imam al-Ghazali, one of the most influential scholars in Islamic history, once posed a simple yet striking question: “What kind of person enters a king’s palace and tries to show off to a soldier?” This analogy challenges us to reflect on our priorities. If we truly recognize that we stand before the King of all kings—Allah—why seek validation from others? And why, then, do we sometimes feel more ashamed to be seen a certain way in front of others than strive to be beloved to Allah Himself? When we live with the awareness that He is always watching, we feel seen and loved and our actions naturally align with what truly matters.

References

The Prophet ﷺ said, “When a man goes to bed, an angel and a devil rush to him. The angel says: ikhtim bi khayr! End your day with good! The devil says: ikhtim bi sharr! End your day with evil! If he remembers Allah and then falls asleep, the angel will spend the night caring for him.” [as-Sunan al-Kubra #10690 hasan according to Ibn Hajar]

Activity

End your day with good

The Prophet ﷺ said, “Whoever recites the last two verses of Surah al-Baqarah at night will be sufficed by them.”
[Bukhari and Muslim].

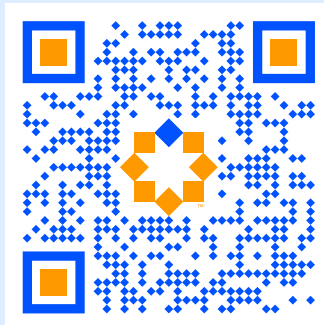
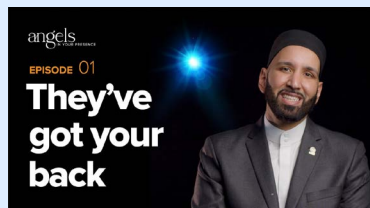
These verses are a shield, a source of protection and blessing as you close your eyes to rest. Make it a habit—before sleep takes you, let your last words be in remembrance of Allah. Learn them, recite them, and end your day in His care.

Parent tip

When discussing this topic with children, focus on the idea that meeting Allah is a beautiful and joyous reunion, like finally seeing a loved one after a long time apart. Explain that this life is a journey where we try our best to be kind, do good deeds, and prepare for that special day. Reassure them that Allah is the Most Loving and the Most Merciful, and He wants us to live in a way that brings us happiness in this world and the next.

Learn more

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References

So [Prophet] be patient with what they say, celebrate the praise of your Lord, before the rising and setting of the sun, celebrate His praise during the night, and at the beginning and end of the day, so that you may find contentment. [Qur'an, 20:130]

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