

وَيْلٌ لِّكُلِّ هُمَزَةٍ لُّمَزَةٍ (۱) الَّذِي جَمَعَ مَالًا وَعَدَّدَهُ ۚ (۲)

Woe to every slanderer and backbiter, who has gathered wealth and counted it.

(Soorah al Humazah (104) aayaat 1- 2)

The Scholar Shaykh ‘Abdur Rahmaan ibn Naasir as Sa’dee *rahimahullaah* said in his tafseer of Soorah al Humazah (Soorah104):

<< Woe to every slanderer and backbiter>>

“Woe...” - meaning a threat and a curse and a severe punishment

“to every *humazah* (slanderer) and *lumazah* (backbiter)” - meaning the one who slanders the people with his actions and backbites them with his speech.

So the slanderer is the one who finds fault in the people and who defames them using insinuations and actions.

And the backbiter is the one who criticises them with his speech.

And from the attributes of this slanderer is that he has no concern other than gathering wealth and counting it and being delighted with it. And he has no desire to spend it in the paths of goodness and in joining the ties of the womb and the like of that.

(Taken from *Tayseer ul Kareem ir Rahmaan* of as Sa’dee *rahimahullaah*)