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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

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- These Names of Allah show forgiveness and are mentioned almost 100 times in the Qur'an.

## SURAH AL HIJR 49

نَبِيُّ عِبَادِي أَنِّي أَنَا الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

[O Muhammad], inform My servants that it is I who am the Forgiving, the Merciful. Allah is over all things competent and that Allah has encompassed all things in knowledge.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) forgives sins and this great news that should never be forgotten.

- We never lose hope and always turn to Him.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Ghafoor Who forgives even the greatest sins of disbelief, association and hypocrisy. He is Al Ghaffar Who forgives many sins even if we keep repeating it again and again. He is Al Ghafir Who forgives us.
- No matter how many sins we commit, the forgiveness of Allah is greater.

## SURAH AN NAJM 32

إِنَّ رَبَّكَ وَاسِعُ الْمَغْفِرَةِ

Indeed, your Lord is vast in forgiveness.

- Out of His forgiveness, He conceals our sins unless we expose ourselves.
- Out of His forgiveness, He protects us from the evil consequences of our sins. Sins have impacts. One of the righteous predecessors

said that he realizes his sins when he sees a change in behavior in his wife, helper or ride.

- Sometimes we see a change in the tone of how someone talks to us, or there is a breakdown - there is no harm in asking forgiveness in these times. This shows humbleness.
- There are glad tidings for the one who finds his book of records with lots of forgiveness in it.

### EVERY SON OF ADAM SINS

"كُلُّ بَنِي آدَمَ خَطَّاءٌ وَخَيْرُ الْخَطَّائِينَ التَّوَّابُونَ"

"Every son of Adam commits sin, and the best of those who commit sin are those who repent."<sup>1</sup>

- Out of Allah's forgiveness, He exchanges sins to good deeds. He exchanges bad actions to righteous, good actions. He exchanges bad

<sup>1</sup> Sunan Ibn Majah 4251

speech to good speech. He exchanges the bad lifestyle to a good lifestyle. He exchanges a very lowly life to a good and pure life.

- Imagine if we make a mistake at work, and we apologize and they offer compensation to us. This will never happen in the real life. This is only with Allah Al Ghafoor. No one is kind and generous like Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Out of His forgiveness, He is not quick to punish us on the spot. He gives us time so we can always return back to Him.
- Just as the body falls sick, the hearts also fall sick and its remedy is forgiveness and to return back to Allah.
- Forgiveness is not only for sinners. We all need forgiveness. Whether for the shortcomings in our worships, our thoughts and intentions. We

need constant purification. This becomes a reason for protection and prevention. We will find less pain in our hearts with forgiveness. Sins can cause sadness, sorrow, bad feelings and take away from opportunities. But the forgiveness of Allah is greater.

- There are two types of sins.
  1. Major sins: these are mentioned in the Qur'an & sunnah and have a punishment linked to it.
  2. Minor sins: these do not have a specific punishment linked to it.
- We need forgiveness from both.
- Even if we fall into minor sins, they can become major depending on the intention of the person, how much he repeats it and feels happy by doing it.

- When a person knows Who is Allah, he wants to return back to Allah pure. He will want to leave the sins for the love of Allah. He wants to have a good life, to have comfort in his body and to have strength in his heart.
- What is the impact of seeking forgiveness?

SURAH NUH, AYAT 10 TO 12

10.

فَقُلْتُ اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا

And said, 'Ask forgiveness of your Lord. Indeed, He is ever a Perpetual Forgiver.

11.

يُرْسِلِ السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِدْرَارًا

He will send [rain from] the sky upon you in [continuing] showers

12.

وَيُمْدِدْكُمْ بِأَمْوَالٍ وَبَنِينَ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ أَنْهَارًا

And give you increase in wealth and children and provide for you gardens and provide for you rivers.

- With forgiveness, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will make it easy to attain provision. There will be more ease. With forgiveness of sins, even worships will become easier for him.
- More dua comes to him from the carriers of the Throne, even from the ants and the fish in the sea seek forgiveness for the seeker of knowledge.
- There will also be a change in his face, in his look and appearance. There is more openness in the hearts of the people towards him. He will be protected from harm. There is quickness in his dua being answered.
- The awkwardness between him and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is removed when his sins are forgiven. He feels a closeness and tenderness in his heart towards Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).



- Angels come closer to him and the devils are farther away from him.
- The people will also be wanting to help him and accommodate his needs. They want to be closer to him.
- Even the duniya becomes reduced in his heart and the akhirah becomes enlarged in his heart. He starts to taste the sweetness of faith and worships.
- At the time of death, the angels will come to give him glad tidings from his Lord of paradise. He will move on from the prisons of this life to the gardens of the hereafter.
- He will have delights in his grave until the Hour takes place.
- Even after resurrection, people will sweat to the level of their sins. Some to their ankles,

some to their knees, some to their chests and some will drown in the sweat of their sins. But the one who is forgiven will be under the shade of Allah. We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) from His Favors.

- He will be taken to the garden of delights in the end.
- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to always forgive us, to even remove our souls from this life with all our sins forgiven.
- Out of Allah's Love to His slave, He will test him until he walks on this earth free of sin.

## SEEKING FORGIVENESS

اللهم اغفر المسلمين والمسلمات والمؤمنين والمؤمنات الأحياء منهم  
والأموات

O Allah, forgive the Muslim men and Muslim women, the believing men and the believing

women, those who are living and those who  
have died

- Whoever asks forgiveness for the believers and Muslims will be rewarded for all of them.
- Forgiveness brings soundness in the heart, good feelings towards others, believers and Muslims.

MAY ALLAH FORGIVE US ALL. AMEEN.

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