

ALLAH AT TAWWAB

(The Initiator and Acceptance of Repentance)

All praises are due to Allah. Anything good is from Allah and any mistakes are from ourselves and the shaitan. May Allah forgive us.

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- Allah At Tawwab initiates the repentance and accepts the repentance.
- Repentance is to return to Allah. Repentance to Allah is not to feel I made a mistake and go back to a corner but there is honor in repentance.
- We all make mistakes otherwise we would not be human.

THE BEST ARE THOSE WHO REPENT

عَنْ أَنَسٍ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ . صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ . : " كُلُّ
بَنِي آدَمَ خَطَّاءٌ وَخَيْرُ الْخَطَّائِينَ التَّوَّابُونَ " .

It was narrated from Anas that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: “Every son of Adam commits sin, and the best of those who commit sin are those who repent.”¹

- We accept we make mistakes and others make mistakes, but do not stop at the mistakes but focus on being from those who repent.
- There is freedom in the return to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). He will remove the chains and sins and opens good deeds. He makes the path of guidance clearer.
- He initiates and accepts our repentance so our repentance is surrounded by His actions. This shows how much He loves repentance.

¹ Sunan Ibn Majah 4251

ALLAH LOVES REPENTANCE

عَنْ أَنَسٍ . رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ . قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " اللَّهُ أَفْرَحُ بِتَوْبَةِ عَبْدِهِ مِنْ أَحَدِكُمْ سَقَطَ عَلَى بَعِيرِهِ، وَقَدْ أَضَلَّهُ فِي أَرْضٍ فَلَاةٍ " .

Narrated Anas bin Malik: Allah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "Allah is more pleased with the repentance of His slave than anyone of you is pleased with finding his camel which he had lost in the desert. "²

- We do not want to underestimate the repentance or feel it is only for major sins.
- The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) used to seek repentance many times in a single gathering.
- What does it mean Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) initiates repentance? Two people can be committing the same sin and one remains on the sin and other repents. What does this mean?

² Sahih al-Bukhari 6309

- Surely Allah At Tawwab initiates repentance for everyone by placing feelings in their hearts. We can feel it when we do wrong, when we feel guilty and cannot even look at ourselves in the mirror. This is out of the mercy of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Then the person has the choice to quit the sin and repent to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- He fulfills the conditions of repentance:
 1. To quit the sin
 2. To feel guilt. As if the heart is tearing. To feel, 'why did I do this?'. The person is not feeling numb when he comes across the sin.
 3. To be determined not to go back to the sin.
 4. To return rights of people. If he backbites someone before, it he is able to face the

person, and asks for forgiveness. But if this can lead to more issues, he needs to go back and say opposite of what he said before, to defend the person and to constantly make dua in goodness for him all the time.

- Our state will be better when we return back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We never lose out by repenting to Him.
- How can we know if our repentance is accepted? Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will make our state better after repentance.
- Even if we come across traces of our sins after repentance, they are not to break us but to renew our repentance. We always think good of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- He wants to replace our sins to good deeds and have mercy on us.
- Repentance is not only from sins but also for good deeds. Whatever we do, it is full of imperfection. He is so high and perfect and we admit our imperfection.
- Repentance makes us to not lose hope or think highly of ourselves; it keeps us in our position of being a slave.
- We never despair from the mercy of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for ourselves or others.
- The doors of the mercy of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) are open until the soul leaves the throat or the sun rises from the west.

SURAH AN NASR

1.

إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ

When the victory of Allah has come and the conquest,

2.

وَرَأَيْتَ النَّاسَ يَدْخُلُونَ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ أَفْوَاجًا

And you see the people entering into the religion of Allah in multitudes,

3.

فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَاسْتَغْفِرْهُ ۚ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا

Then exalt [Him] with praise of your Lord and ask forgiveness of Him. Indeed, He is ever Accepting of repentance.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US FROM THOSE WHO GIVE HOPE TO RETURN BACK TO HIM. AMEEN.

REFERENCES

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