

Repent to Allâh



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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

*In the Name of Allâh, the Most Gracious,
the Most Merciful*



*All praise is due to Allâh, the Forgiver of sins,
the Acceptor of repentance, the Most Severe in
punishing, and the Possessor of might. There is
none worthy of being worshipped but Him, and
to Him is the final destination. May prayers of
blessings and peace be upon he whom Allâh sent
as a mercy to all that exists, our Prophet
Muhammad ﷺ and upon his family and all of
his Companions. To proceed:*



Human Nature

From the greatest bounties of Allâh, the Mighty and Majestic, is that the door of repentance has been opened to begin the journey of return; a journey that brings back broken hearts, pouring with tears and with humbled foreheads. Verily man was created weak. Allâh the Exalted says,

﴿ وَخَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ ضَعِيفًا ﴾ [النساء: ٢٨]

“And man was created weak.” (4:28)



Man was also made with the love of desires. Allâh the Exalted says,

﴿ زَيْنَ لِلنَّاسِ حُبُّ الشَّهَوَاتِ مِنَ النِّسَاءِ
وَالْبَنِينَ وَالْقَنَاطِيرِ الْمُقَنْطَرَةِ مِنَ الذَّهَبِ
وَالْفِضَّةِ وَالْخَيْلِ الْمُسَوَّمَةِ وَالْأَنْعَامِ وَالْحَرْثِ
ذَلِكَ مَتَاعُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَاللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ حُسْنُ
الْمَعَابِ ﴾ [آل عمران: ١٤].

"Beautified for men is the love of things they covet; women, children, much of gold and silver (wealth), branded beautiful horses, cattle and well-tilled land. This is the pleasure of the present world's life; but Allâh has the excellent return (Paradise) with Him." (3:14)

Allâh Forgives the Penitent Sinners

These desires lead man to that which is not good and thus, he performs evil deeds and commits sins before Allâh. Therefore, he deserves Allâh's punishment. Yet, Allâh is Gentle with His servants. He is Merciful to them, pardoning, overlooking and forgiving. However, the servant must have hope in Allâh's forgiveness. Indicative of his hope is seeking forgiveness from Allâh and turning to Him in repentance. Encouraging penitence and repentance, Allâh says,

﴿ قُلْ يَاعِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴾ [الزمر: ٥٣].

"Say: 'O My servants who have wronged themselves! Despair not of the Mercy of Allâh, verily, Allâh forgives all sins. Truly, He is the Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.'" (39:53)

Ibn Katheer said, "This noble Verse is an invitation to all disobedient people, the disbelievers and the others, to repent and recant. It is informing that Allâh, the Most High, forgives all the sins of whoever repents from them and recants from them, regardless of what they may be. Even if they are many like the foam of the sea. It is not correct to understand this Verse to mean anything other than repentance, because (the sin of) *Shirk* (polytheism or associating partners with Allâh) will not be forgiven for a person who does not repent from it. Al-Bukhâri recorded from Ibn 'Abbâs that a group of people from the polytheists used to often commit murder and adultery (or fornication). Then they came to Muhammad ﷺ and said, 'Verily, that which you say and that which you invite to is good. If only you would tell us whether there is an atonement for that which we have done (in the past).' Thus, Allâh revealed,

﴿وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَدْعُونَ مَعَ اللَّهِ إِلَهًا آخَرَ وَلَا يَقْتُلُونَ النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ وَلَا يَزْنُونَ﴾ [الفرقان: ٦٨]

And those who invoke not any other god along with Allâh, nor kill such person as Allâh has forbidden, except for just cause, nor commit illegal sexual intercourse...(25:68)

And He revealed,

﴿قُلْ يَاعِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ﴾ [الزمر: ٥٣]

Say: 'O My servants who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allâh...' (39:53)

This has also been recorded by Muslim, Abu Dâwud and An-Nasâ'i. The intent of the first Verse is in Allâh's saying,

﴿إِلَّا مَن تَابَ وَءَامَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا﴾
الآية (المصباح المنير في تهذيب تفسير ابن كثير ص ٩٤٦).

Except those who repent and believe, and do righteous deeds... (25:70)

to the end of the Verse. (The *Tafseer of Surat Az-Zumar* 39:53)