

أنين المذنبين

The Groaning of Sinners

Indeed, all the praises and thanks be to Allâh, the Lord of the 'Âlamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists); I bear witness that there is no god worthy to be worshipped except Allah alone, no partner has he;

And I bear witness that Muhammad is the slave and messenger of Allah, the leader of the pious, and the master of those entrusting their affairs to Allah, Allah's Blessings and Peace be upon the Most Honored Messenger and Prophet, our Great Prophet, Muhammed, his family and companions, and those who followed them in righteousness till the hereafter!

Verily, His Messenger is His chosen one of His creations and His most beloved friend, who fulfilled the trust, conveyed the divine message, and advised the Muslim nation, thus Allah has removed the grief by virtue of him! Indeed, he (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) duly strived for Allah with the striving due to Him, struggled in Allah's sake the right of his struggle until there came unto him the certainty (i.e. death). O Allah! Reward him for us with the best that you have rewarded a prophet on behalf of his nation and a messenger for his call and message! May Allah shower him, his family, companions, loved ones and followers, and all those who are guided by his guidance, follow his Sunnah, and follow his path until the Day of Judgment, with His blessings and peace.

✉ The son of Adam is surrounded with many enemies, human and jinn demons, who adorn the abominations uglify the good deeds. When these demons whisper evil into the hearts of humankind— and at the same time the evil-enticing soul commands him to commit sins, follow his desires and indulge in lusts, they really lead him to the abyss of evil, so he falls into noxious sins. Then he starts feeling sorrowful, distressed and embarrassed, as a sense of guilt emerges deep down in his heart. All of a sudden, the mercy of Allah, The All-Knowing, The All-Wise, The All-Merciful, **The Sublimely Courteous, The Ever Kind, The Knower of Subtleties, The All-Aware of everything. It is He Who has** opened the gates of repentance for His slaves; and guided them to

seek His forgiveness, and made them do righteous deeds to expiate their sins. Of course, any afflictions that befall him will atone for his sins.

⇒ Rather, Allah, due to His Great Grace and all-encompassing mercy will change the sins of His repentant slaves into good deeds; Allah, Exalted be He, says:

﴿وَاللَّهُ يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَتُوبَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَيُرِيدُ الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الشَّهَوَاتِ أَنْ تَمِيلُوا مَيْلًا عَظِيمًا * يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُخَفِّفَ عَنْكُمْ وَخُلِقَ الْإِنْسَانُ ضَعِيفًا﴾ [النساء: 27 ، 28].

✚ ***“Allâh wishes to accept your repentance, but those who follow their lusts, wish that you (believers) should deviate tremendously away (from the Right Path). Allâh wishes to lighten (the burden) for you; and man was created weak (cannot be patient to leave sexual intercourse with woman).” (Surat An-Nisa’, 27-28)***

☒ Indeed, Allah has made repentance a safe protection and a fortified harbor, which the sinner can enter, admitting his guilt, having all hopes in his Lord, regretting the sins he committed, without being insisting or persisting in sins. He takes refuge in the shelter of seeking his Lord’s forgiveness, doing a good deed after committing an evil deed, thus Allah expiates his sins and raises his ranks with Him.

⇒ The sincere repentance erases sins, no matter how great they are, even disbelief and polytheism will be erased. Allah, The Almighty, says:

﴿قُلْ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِنْ يَنْتَهُوا يُغْفَرْ لَهُمْ مَا قَدْ سَلَفَ﴾ [الأنفال: 38].

✚ ***“Say to those who have disbelieved, if they cease (from disbelief), their past will be forgiven. But if they return (thereto), then the examples of those (punished) before them have already preceded (as a warning).” (Surat Al-Anfal, 38)***

☒ Allah, Exalted be He, created the slaves and made them vulnerable to err and be negligent, every slave is susceptible to commit a sin or fault, except for those whom Allah, Glorified be He, protects.

This is the meaning of the hadith (saying) of Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him):

قال النبي ﷺ: "كُلُّ ابْنِ آدَمَ حَطَّاءٌ وَخَيْرُ الْخَطَّائِينَ التَّوَّابُونَ" الجامع الصغير

"All the sons of Adam are sinners, but the best of sinners are those who repent often."

✉ One of the manifestations of Allah's mercy is His gates of repentance and penitence that He, Exalted be He, opens, **AT ALL TIMES**, to everyone who has transgressed against himself by committing evil deeds. Allah, The Almighty, has called Himself *At-Tawwab* [The Superb Granter and Acceptor of repentance], *Ar-Raheem* [The Most Merciful], and He called on sinners to repent and turn to Him in penitence. **Once they turn to their Lord, and regret their negligence and transgression against themselves, once they pray to Him, He will instantaneously accept them with His mercy, and pardon their faults.** Surely, Allah becomes happy and pleased with the repentance of His slaves.

⇒ *We ask Allah, Glorified be He, to forgive the sins of the sinners, accept the repentance of His repenting slaves, guide the misguided and those who went astray, and forgive the living and the dead.*

☰ Today we will deal with:

- ① Repentance
- ② The Necessity of Repentance
- ③ Obstacles that Block our Path to Repentance.
- ④ The Merits of Repentance
- ⑤ Suns Shining in the Sky of Repentance:

✉ Dears, we have gathered in this assembly in the Hands of our Lord, The Sublimely Generous, The All-Merciful, The Ever-Merciful, acknowledging His bestowments and graces upon us, confessing our sins, asking Him for His forgiveness and sincerely repenting to Him.

We invoke Allah, Glorified be He, with His Most Beautiful Names and Most Sublime Attributes, to forgive us and all Muslims and accept our repentance and the repentance of all Muslims! We invoke our Lord to have mercy on us and all Muslims, and to conceal our evil deeds and weaknesses in this world and the hereafter, and to make us among those who listen to the Word [good advice (Lâ ilâha illallâh - (none has the right to be worshipped but Allah) and Islamic Monotheism] and follow the best thereof (i.e. worship Allah Alone, repent to Him).

The Necessity of Repentance [REPENTANCE IS A MUST]:

- ✉ Linguistically, the term **tawbah** (i.e. repentance) means “the return” and “turning or moving back” in the Arabic language. Indeed, the one who repents to Allah is the one who turns and resorts to Allah, abandoning everything that Allah hates, outwardly and inwardly, fleeing to everything that Allah loves, outwardly and inwardly.
- 📖 There are many evidences and proofs in the Qur’an and Sunnah, supported by the unanimous opinion of all scholars of the Muslim nation, that it is a necessity for every person to repent to Allah, at every moment, and at all times, because every Muslim has inevitably committed a fault, outwardly or inwardly.
- ✉ For this reason, he must “renew his repentance” and keep repenting over and over to Allah. Rather, we should turn to our Lord in repentance for many times, as much as the breaths we take during our lifetime, until we meet with Allah, The Almighty. ***In short, we should keep repenting to Allah, feeling sorrowful for every moment we have spent away from Him, we should keep repenting until we meet with Allah, Glorified be He.***

Allah, Exalted be He, says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا تَوْبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَوْبَةً نَّصُوحًا عَسَىٰ رَبُّكُمْ أَن يُكَفِّرَ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيُدْخِلَكُم جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِن تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ [التحریم: 8]

- ✚ ***“O you who believe! Turn to Allâh with sincere repentance! It may be that your Lord will exiate from you your sins, and admit you into Gardens under which rivers flow (Paradise)” (Surat At-Tahreem, 8)***

(وَتُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا أَيُّهَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ) [النور: 31]

✚ **“And all of you beg Allâh to forgive you all, O believers, that you may be successful.” (Surat An-Nur, 31)**

(وَمَنْ لَّمْ يَتُوبْ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ) [الحجرات: 11]

✚ **“And whosoever does not repent, then such are indeed Zâlimûn (wrong-doers, etc.).” (Surat Al-Hujurat, 11)**

📖 Ibn Al-Qayyim, may Allah have mercy on him, said: “Allah’s slaves are divided into just two groups: the repentant and the unjust ones. As for the unjust ones, they are called so [i.e. unjust] because they do not repent. No one is considered more unjust than the person who abstains to repent, due to his ignorance about his Lord and his Lord’s due rights, and owing to his unawareness of his own faults and the evilness of his deeds.”

✉ Some people say and do things, outwardly or inwardly, that make Allah wrathful with them, yet they do not repent. Why? What is the reason for this?

⇒ This is because when a person gets used to committing sins most often makes one lose feelings and stop having the sense of guilt. Rather, it is the greatest and gravest sin that one could be afflicted with: “to get used to sins”. Thus, sinning becomes part of his life; and with the passage of time, he falsely thinks that it does not incur Allah’s wrath on him.

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ: (إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى يَغَارُ، وَغَيْرَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى، أَنْ يَأْتِيَ الْمَرْءُ مَا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ) متفقٌ عَلَيْهِ

Abu Huraira reported that Allah’s Messenger (Allah’s blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Verily Allah gets jealous and this jealousy of Allah is provoked when a believer does an unlawful act that Allah has forbidden." [Agreed upon by Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

✉ If the sinner regrets his sins, and sheds tears out of his sense of guilt and heartbreaking remorse and fear, he will to be rewarded with Paradise **BECAUSE ALLAH, THE ALMIGHTY, FORGIVES AND ACCEPTS REPENTANCE**

OF ANYONE WHO REPENTS. FORTUNATELY, THE ONE WHO SINCERELY REPENTS FROM SIN IS LIKE THE ONE WHO HAS NOT SINNED. As for those who persist in sin, and get accustomed to committing evils, they incur Allah's wrath on them. It is as if they were depriving themselves of Allah's pleasure and of doing the acts of obedience that raise the slave to the highest ranks in heaven. Allah, Glorified be He, says, describing the state of the repenting slaves who regret committing sin:

**وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا فَعَلُوا فَاحِشَةً أَوْ ظَلَمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ ذَكَرُوا اللَّهَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا لِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَمَنْ يَغْفِرِ اللَّهُ لَهُ
إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَلَمْ يُصِرُّوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلُوا وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ [آل عمران: 135]**

✚ ***“And those who, when they have committed Fâhishah (illegal sexual intercourse) or wronged themselves with evil, remember Allâh and ask forgiveness for their sins; - and none can forgive sins but Allâh - and do not persist in what (wrong) they have done, while they know.” (Surat Al-`Imran, 135)***

✉ The more the slave gains divine knowledge about Allah, The Almighty, the more his fear from Him will be. When you know more about Allah, you will love to obey Him, and will be more willing to do righteous deeds that make Him pleased with you, and, also, you will get farther from any acts of disobedience that will make you lose your close relation with Him.

**وعن عُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ: (مَنْ سَرَّتَهُ حَسَنَتُهُ وَسَاءَتْهُ سَيِّئَتُهُ
فَذَلِكَ الْمُؤْمِنُ) صحيح الترمذي**

***Umar bin Al-Khattab- may Allah be please with him- reported that Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said:
“Whoever is pleased with his good deed and displeased with his bad deed is, surely, a believer.” (Narrated by At-Tirmidhi).***

📖 Actually, this is one of the signs that demonstrates that a person is a believer: to be pleased with his good deed and displeased and sad when committing an evil deed. Surely, the slave's love for repentance, his willingness to be pious and righteous, his hatred of the sin he commits, and his feeling of distress and worry about his sin: all denote that the alertness and vigilance of his heart. That slave will be assisted by Allah, The Almighty, and will be guided to repent and turn to Him and He, Exalted be He, will accept his repentance.

✉ One of the Companions of Allah’s Messenger (Allah’s blessings and peace be upon him) Abdullah bin Masoud, may Allah be pleased with him, said: “A true believer considers his sins huge, as if he were sitting under a mountain and scared it will fall on him. Conversely, a depraved person sees his sins as little and minute as flies passing on his nose.”

✉ When Abdullah bin Masoud, may Allah have mercy on him, was in the throes of death, his fellows asked him: “How do you feel? What are you complaining about?” He said: “I complain about my sins!” Then he was asked: “What do you long for?” He said: “My Lord’s mercy.”

هذا الذي قال عنه ﷺ: (مَمَّ تضحكون؟ قالوا: يا نبيَّ الله! من دِقَّةِ ساقَيْهِ! فقال: والذي نفسي بيده؛
لهما أثقلُ في الميزانِ من أحدِ السلسلةِ الصحيحةِ

This is Ibn Masoud, the great companion of Allah’s Messenger (Allah’s blessings and peace be upon him). One day, the Prophet (Allah’s blessings and peace be upon him) found his companions laughing at how thin Abdullah's legs were, he (Allah’s blessings and peace be upon him) said, “What are you laughing at?! They said: “At the thinness of the legs of ‘Abdullah?” Allah’s Messenger (Allah’s blessings and peace be upon him) said: “By the One (i.e. Allah) in Whose Hand is my soul, they are heavier than the Mount of Uhud on the scales (i.e. of the Day of Judgment)!”

✉ Our predecessors feared Allah, dreaded His wrath much; their fears benefitted them a lot as they prevented them from disobeying their Lord.

📖 Ibn al-Qayyim, may Allah have mercy on him, said: “The most “benign” fear is: that fear that hinders you from committing what Allah, Glorified be He, has been forbidden.”

✉ **The true fear of Allah:** keeps the slave away from Allah’s prohibitions. Indeed, the first sign of one’s repentance is his abstention from persisting in sin.

📖 Ibn Abbas, may Allah be pleased with him, said: *“No major sin is major if you keep seeking Allah’s forgiveness, and no minor sin is minor if you persist (in doing it).” Narrated by Al-Bayhaqi.*

📖 Ibn al-Qayyim, may Allah have mercy on him, said: *“Persistence in committing a minor sin might be equal to a major sin or leads to it.”*

📖 Sheikh Ibn Uthaymen, may Allah have mercy on him, said: “If a sinner, who persists in sins, prays to Allah to forgive him, he will not benefit anything, for his attitude denotes his imprudence and ridiculous mockery more than his righteousness.”

📖 The eminent scholar, Ibn Battal, said: “The believer should immensely fear Allah, The Almighty, and dread every fault or sin he has committed, whether minor or major, for Allah might torture a person for his minor sins. This is because Allah cannot be questioned as to what He does, while they (i.e. His slaves) will be questioned.

📖 Even if the slave admits his guilt, this admission will not benefit him, if he persists in sins, until he repents to his Lord, strives in repentance and seeks earnestly to please Him. He does a lot of good deeds, for good deeds erase and replace bad deeds.

Anas, may Allah be pleased with him, said: “Verily, you indulge in doing evil deeds that are more delicate and insignificant in your eyes than a hair, although we used to consider them in the days of Allah’s Messenger, Allah’s blessings and peace be upon him, among noxious sins (Al-Mubiqat).” “Al Mubiqat” are the most destructive sins.

👉 **This was the case of the predecessors; however, we, their successors, do not consider faults as major or minor sins, rather we deem sins and disobediences as habits.**

📖 Here is our beloved Prophet (Allah’s blessings and peace be upon him), whom Allah had forgiven his sins of the past and the future, he said that he used to repent to Allah and ask Him for His forgiveness a hundred times a day as he (Allah’s blessings and peace be upon him) said:

قال ﷺ: (يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ تَوَبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ، فَإِنِّي أَتُوبُ فِي الْيَوْمِ إِلَيْهِ مِئَةَ مَرَّةٍ) صحيح مسلم

"O people, turn to Allah in sincere repentance for, verily, I turn to Him in repentance a hundred times a day". [Narrated by Muslim]

وقال ﷺ: (والله إني لأستغفر الله وأتوب إليه في اليوم أكثر من سبعين مرة) صحيح بخاري.

In addition, Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: ***“By Allah, I seek the forgiveness of Allah, and repent to Him more than seventy times in a day.” [Narrated by Al-Bukhari]***

☞ If this was the case of the Master of the Messengers, Allah's blessings and peace be upon him, then what about ordinary people? By Allah, every Muslim has either committed a disobedience, minor or major, outwardly or inwardly. That is why we must repent to Allah as much times as the breaths we breathe throughout our lifetimes. ***All of us must resort to Allah and turn to Him penitently. WE ACTUALLY NEED IT: TO REPENT TO ALLAH!***

☞ Allah, The Almighty, never closes the gate of repentance in the face of His slave; ***IT IS OPEN, NEVER CLOSED IN HIS FACE UNTIL HIS LAST MOMENTS IN LIFE WHEN HIS SOUL REACHES HIS THROAT OR UNTIL THE SUN RISES FROM THE WEST.*** Let us contemplate the words of Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him), the Truthful Prophet, who ***“does not speak of (his own) desire, it is only a Revelation revealed”***.

قال ﷺ: (إن الله تعالى يبسط يده بالليل ليَتُوبَ مُسِيءُ النَّهَارِ، وَيَبْسُطُ يَدَهُ بِالنَّهَارِ لِيَتُوبَ مُسِيءُ اللَّيْلِ حَتَّى تَطْلُعَ الشَّمْسُ مِنْ مَغْرِبِهَا) رواه مسلم.

The Prophet (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Indeed, Allah, Exalted be He, stretches out His Hand during the night so that the sinner, who committed sins during the day, may repent, and stretches out His Hand during the daytime so that the sinner, who committed sins during the night, may repent, until the sun rises from the west". [Narrated by Muslim]

Allah, The Almighty, says:

(وَأُزْلِفَتِ الْجَنَّةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ غَيْرَ بَعِيدٍ * هَذَا مَا تُوعَدُونَ لِكُلِّ أَوَّابٍ حَفِيظٍ * مَنْ خَشِيَ الرَّحْمَنَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَجَاءَ بِقَلْبٍ مُنِيبٍ) [ق: 31-33]

✚ ***“And Paradise will be brought near to the pious, not far off. (It will be said): “This is what you were promised - (it is) for those oft-returning (to Allâh) in sincere repentance, and those who preserve their covenant with Allâh (by obeying Him in all what He has ordered, and worshipping none but Allâh Alone, i.e. follow Allâh’s religion - Islâmîc Monotheism). (It will be said): “This is what you were promised - (it is) for those oft-returning (to Allâh) in sincere repentance, and those who preserve their covenant with Allâh (by obeying Him in all what He has ordered, and worshipping none but Allâh Alone, i.e. follow Allâh’s religion - Islâmîc Monotheism). Who feared the Most Gracious (Allâh) in the Ghaib (Unseen) and brought a heart turned in repentance (to Him and absolutely free from each and every kind of polytheism).”” (Surat Qaf, 31-33)***

⇒ Paradise will be brought closer to the pious.

(It will be said): “This is what you were promised - (it is) for those oft-returning (to Allâh) in sincere repentance, and those who preserve their covenant with Allâh (by obeying Him in all what He has ordered, and worshipping none but Allâh Alone, i.e. follow Allâh’s religion - Islâmîc Monotheism):

This Paradise, with what is therein, which the souls desire and the eyes delight in, is what Allah, Glorified be He, promised every repentant who ***return (to Allâh) often in sincere repentance***. They turn penitently to Allah, at all times, with His remembrance and love, seeking His help, supplicating to Him, fearing Him, and having all hope in His mercy.

The eminent scholar Al-Saadi said: [***“those who preserve their covenant with Allâh (by obeying Him in all what He has ordered, and worshipping none but Allâh Alone, i.e. follow Allâh’s religion - Islâmîc Monotheism”***]: meaning, those who keep observing and abiding by what Allah’s orders, by sincerely obeying Him, in the most perfect manner, shunning all prohibitions.

“and brought a heart turned in repentance (to Him and absolutely free from each and every kind of polytheism)”: the main characteristic of that believer is his persistence in sincere repentance to his Lord, and his keenness to please and Him, Glorified be He.]

وفي الصحيحين من حديث عن أبي هريرة أن رسول الله ﷺ، قال: " يُنزل الله تعالى إلى السماء الدنيا كل ليلة حين يمضي ثلث الليل الأول، فيقول: أنا الملك أنا الملك، من ذا الذي يدعوني فأستجيب له؟ من ذا الذي يسألني فأعطيته؟ من ذا الذي يستغفري فأعفر له؟ ".

Abu Hurairah reported that the Messenger of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said:

"Allah, Exalted be He, descends every night to the lowest heaven when the first one-third of the night passes, and He says: 'I am The Sovereign! I am The Sovereign! Who is calling upon Me that I may answer him? Who will ask of Me, that I may give him? Who will call upon Me, that I may answer him? Who will ask Me to forgive him, that I may forgive him?' and He, The Almighty, remains as this, until dawn breaks."

✉ Since Allah, Exalted be He, accepts every person's repentance, why then are many people lagging behind? Why don't they hasten to repent to their Lord and stop postponing repentance? What really terrifies us is the fact that **DEATH DOES NOT GIVE ANYONE A RESPITE. THAT'S WHY WE MUST HURRY ON AND REPENT BEFORE DEATH OVERTAKES US SUDDENLY.**

📄 **WHILE WE ARE LAGGING BEHIND HEEDLESSLY, ALLAH, THE ALMIGHTY, KEEPS CALLING OUT TO US, SO THAT WE CAN FIND SALVATION AND SAVE OURSELVES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.**

Allah, Glorified be He, says:

**قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ
الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ [الزمر: 53]**

✚ **"Say: "O 'Ibâdî (My slaves) who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allâh: verily, Allâh forgives all sins. Truly He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (Surat Az-Zumar, 53)**

☰ We should never despair or feel disheartened, no matter how great our sins are. Know for sure that whenever you say, **"O my Lord! O my Lord! Turn to me and accept my repentance"**, Allah, The Perfectly Generous, will respond to you and answer your invocation on the spot. Not only that, Allah, The Almighty, will facilitate for you the path of repentance. Allah, The Almighty, says:

وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمَعَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ [العنكبوت: 69]

✚ **“As for those who strive hard in Us (Our Cause), We will surely guide them to Our Paths (i.e. Allâh’s religion - Islâmîc Monotheism). And verily, Allâh is with the Muhsinûn (good doers).” (Surat Al-Ankabut, 69)**

✉ Whoever puts his trust in Allah, The Almighty, and relies on Him, will be sufficed by Him; and whoever clings fast to Allah, will be saved; and whoever entrusts his affairs to Allah will be guided by Him to the straight path.

📖 **Conditions of Repentance:**

❶ **Being Sincere to Allah, Exalted be He:** your intention must be sincerely and wholeheartedly devoted to Allah alone. All deeds should be solely for Allah’s sake, out of your love for Him and your desire to win His pleasure and reward, as the purpose of repentance is nothing but to come closer to Allah, The Most High, and obey Him, and not to for anything else. Allah, Glorified be He, says:

**(إِلَّا الَّذِينَ تَابُوا وَأَصْلَحُوا وَاعْتَصَمُوا بِاللَّهِ وَأَخْلَصُوا دِينَهُمْ لِلَّهِ فَأُولَئِكَ مَعَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ)
[النساء: 146]**

✚ **“Except those who repent (from hypocrisy), do righteous good deeds, hold fast to Allâh, and purify their religion for Allâh (by worshipping none but Allâh, and do good for Allâh’s sake only, not to show off), then they will be with the believers.” (Surat An-Nisa’, 146)**

☰ A person should not repent out of our fear of people’s punishment, or slander, but rather he must turn to Allah in repentance out of his fear of Allah and desire to gain His satisfaction. If you recite Surat Yusuf, you will find many amazing things. **Chief among these beautiful things is Allah’s courteousness to His slave:**

➤ Indeed, Allah, The Almighty, informs us that He, protected Yusuf, Allah’s peace be upon him, and turned all evil and illegal deeds so long as he abstained from committing sins, namely, adultery, seeking His Lord’s pleasure. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

**[كَذَلِكَ لِنَصْرِفَ عَنْهُ السُّوءَ وَالْفَحْشَاءَ إِنَّهُ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا الْمُخْلَصِينَ] [سورة يوسف: 24]:
✚ “Thus, it was, that We might turn away from him evil and illegal sexual intercourse. Surely, he was one of Our chosen (guided) slaves.” (Surat Yusuf, 24)**

So, if a person has abandoned a desire or a lust only out of his fear of Allah and seeking His satisfaction, then Allah will protect him from all evils and harms.

- ② **Abandoning sins:** the slave should abandon sins and turn away from any disobedience and resort to Allah; this brings him closer to Allah, Exalted be He.
- ③ **Feeling remorse and regret after committing a sin:** when the slave commits a sin, he feels The Sublimity and Greatness of Allah - The Most High – Whose orders he violated. He regrets his past faults and transgressions against the rights of Allah, Glorified be He, hoping for His mercy and forgiveness.
- ④ **Having Firm Resolution to Abandon Sin and NOT TO COMMIT IT AGAIN:** the slave who repents from sin should firmly and decisively resolve not to re-commit it again in the future, and to redress his negligence and shortcomings by doing many righteous deeds and acts of worship, and observe his repentance and keep abandoning sins and abominations until death.
- ⑤ **Restoring rights and properties taken wrongly from any person:** In case the sinner has usurped or wrongly taken anything from anyone else, it should be restored.

📖 **What are the obstacles that block our path and hinder us if we want to repent to Allah, The Almighty?**

These obstacles are:

- ① **Satan's plot--- *trying all the time to adorn for the slave the path of sins and making him despair of his Lord's mercy.***

(قَالَ رَبِّ بِمَا أَغْوَيْتَنِي لَأُزَيِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا أُغْوِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ) [الحجر: 39]

- ✚ ***“[Iblîs (Satan)] said: "O my Lord! Because you misled me, I shall indeed adorn the path of error for them (mankind) on the earth, and I shall mislead them all.” (Surat Al-Hijr, 39)***

This is Satan’s scheme with mankind: beautification and seduction; Satan adorn and beautifies the evil deed and makes it endeared to him so that he sees it fair-seeming and good. **Allah, The Almighty, says:**

(أَفَمَنْ زُيِّنَ لَهُ سُوءُ عَمَلِهِ فَرَآهُ حَسَنًا) [فاطر: 8]

- ✚ ***“Is he, then, to whom the evil of his deeds is made fair-seeming, so that he considers it as good (equal to one who is rightly guided)?” (Surat Fatir, 8)***

Satan adorns for us all disgraces and abominations, beautifying sins. He even dares embellishes for the salve disbelief, hypocrisy and pretension. All sins and disobediences are decked to persuade the salve to commit them, the sins of the limbs and those of the hearts. Satan adorns them for him, making them endeared and attractive to him.

Also, beware of despair! Don’t ever give up! We should always have hope in Allah’s mercy, for the devil either embellishes evil deeds to the slave, or makes him have bad expectations of Allah, so he starts thinking that his sin is too great to be forgiven. Allah, Glorified be He, says:

(قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ) [الزمر: 53]

- ✚ ***“Say: "O ‘Ibâdî (My slaves) who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allâh: verily, Allâh forgives all sins. Truly He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.” (Surat Az-Zumar, 53)***

The eminent scholar Ibn Katheer said: [This noble verse is a call to all sinners, rather it is a generous invitation to the infidels and all disobedient people to repent and turn to Allah in penitence. It is a great divine message to all people: It is Allah Who forgives all sins for those who repent from them and turn back to their Lord, no matter how great these sins are, even if they are like the foam on an ocean. The slaves should not assume that they will be forgiven without repenting to their Lord because polytheism is not forgiven for the one who does not repent of it.]

② Being misled with Allah’s concealment of our faults, His forbearance and the continuous bestowments that He showers us with. Allah, The Almighty, says:

أَفَأَمِنُوا مَكْرَ اللَّهِ فَلَا يَأْمَنُ مَكْرَ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْقَوْمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ [الأعراف: 99]

✚ **“Did they then feel secure against the Plan of Allâh? None feels secure from the Plan of Allâh except the people who are the losers.” (Surat Al-A`raf, 99)**

Indeed, whoever feels safe and secure from Allah’s punishment, does not believe in recompense or that he will be called to account before Allah, Glorified be He. Know for sure that any person, who persists in disobedience, while showered with Allah’s bestowments and graces, then this does not mean that Allah is satisfied with him, rather this is from of temptation.

قال ﷺ: (إِذَا رَأَيْتَ اللَّهَ يُعْطِي الْعَبْدَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا عَلَى مَعْاصِيهِ مَا يُحِبُّ، فَإِنَّمَا هُوَ اسْتِدْرَاجٌ، ثُمَّ تَلَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: ﴿فَلَمَّا نَسُوا مَا ذُكِّرُوا بِهِ فَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ أَبْوَابَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ حَتَّى إِذَا فَرِحُوا بِمَا أُوتُوا أَخَذْنَاهُمْ بَغْتَةً فَإِذَا هُمْ مُبْلِسُونَ﴾ [الأنعام: 44]) رواه الإمام أحمد

[Allah’s Messenger (Allah’s blessings and peace be upon him) said: “If you see Allah lavishly grants one of His slaves of the worldly gains that he loves, although he commits disobediences, then this is nothing but a temptation.” Then Allah’s Messenger (Allah’s blessings and peace be upon said) recited Allah’s saying:

‘So, when they forgot (the warning) with which they had been reminded, We opened for them the gates of every (pleasant) thing, until in the midst of their enjoyment in that which they were given, all of a sudden, We took them (in punishment), and lo! They were plunged into destruction with deep regrets and sorrows.’ (Surat Al-An`am, 44)]
[Narrated by Imam Ahmed]

③ Being attached to the worldly gains and too preoccupied with them, and negligent of the Hereafter: when these gains become the ultimate and sole goal of the human being, and his main concern is to satisfy his desires and indulge in worldly pleasures, then his soul will turn away from the sublime matters. He will stop caring about rising in divine ranks with his Lord, instead he will give all his attention to the most

despicable and petty deeds, paying no attention to spiritual matters or the Hereafter. Allah, The Almighty, says:

(فَلَا تَغُرَّنَّكُمُ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا وَلَا يَغُرَّنَّكُم بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ) [لقمان: 33]

✚ **“let not then this (worldly) present life deceive you, nor let the chief deceiver (Satan) deceive you about Allâh.” (Surat Luqman, 33)**

Allah has forbidden His slaves to be lured by the worldly pleasures with their embellishments, as they are full of trials and troubles. In addition, Allah has forbidden His slaves to let the chief deceiver (Satan) deceive them about Allah.

قال رسول الله ﷺ: "مَنْ كَانَتِ الدُّنْيَا هَمَّهُ، فَرَّقَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ أَمْرَهُ، وَجَعَلَ فَقْرَهُ بَيْنَ عَيْنَيْهِ، وَلَمْ يَأْتِهِ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا مَا كُتِبَ لَهُ، وَمَنْ كَانَتِ الْآخِرَةُ نِيَّتَهُ، جَمَعَ اللَّهُ لَهُ أَمْرَهُ، وَجَعَلَ غِنَاهُ فِي قَلْبِهِ، وَأَتَتْهُ الدُّنْيَا وَهِيَ رَاغِمَةٌ". السلسلة الصحيحة

Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Whoever desires 'only' this worldly life and its luxuries, Allah will put his poverty right before his eyes, will make his affairs chaotic, and he will get nothing of this worldly life but what is decreed for him. And whoever is concerned about the Hereafter, Allah will place richness in his heart, bring his affairs together, and the worldly gains will be subjugated to him."

④ **The Evil-Enticing Soul [It is the human self that is inclined to evil and constantly commands one to odious deeds]:**

The soul is the source of thoughts and ideas; **THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF SOULS:**

- 1) **The Tranquil Soul:** in case the soul's righteousness outweighs its evil, and righteousness becomes one of its features, and main characteristic, then this soul becomes a tranquil soul that is in (complete) rest and satisfaction!
- 2) **The Blameworthy Soul:** If that soul oscillates between good and evil, but quickly turns away from sins and hastens to repent and seek Allah's forgiveness, then this soul is the blameworthy soul; and
- 3) **The Evil-Enticing Soul** that is inclined more to evil deeds than good deeds.

○ Be firm enough to confront and defeat your evil-enticing soul! Be stern enough to defy it! Strive and rebel against that soul patiently until it is

mended and disciplined and become malleable. You must hold control of your evil-enticing soul, and lead it with a bridle. Only then you will be delighted with **YOUR SATISFIED AND TRANQUIL SOUL**.

⑤ **The Evil Company:** This is one of the obstacles that stands in the person's way and hinders him from repentance.

Indeed, the human being is, by nature, influenced by the character and ethics of his companion and friend, and acquires his habits and morals. A person's virtues and moral excellences are best demonstrated and known through his brothers and his pure ones.

قال ﷺ: «الرجلُ على دينِ خليلِهِ فلينظرْ أحدُكم من يُخالِلُ» صحيح أبي داود

The Prophet (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said, "Man follows his friend's religion, you should be careful who you choose to be your friends."

Never keep company with the immoral and the corrupt, certainly in that case you would be like them. We should refrain from being a companion of the insolent people. Ali bin Abi Talib said: "Do not accompany the immoral, for such person adorns for you his deeds and he would like you to be like him".

○ We should keep company of the righteous, for they are the best worldly gain that we can have, as an adornment in prosperity, a great support in adversity, and a beneficial assistance that helps us in doing all what pleases our Lord and benefits us in the hereafter.

📖 **Ibn al-Qayyim mentioned four ranks and levels of people with regard to sins:**

① **The first rank:** the rank of the slave who fears Allah and feels sad after committing any disobedience:

✉ Thus, as soon as the slave commits a sin, his heart shakes, for he knows well that this evil deed will make him detached from his Lord, and will lose his state with Him, The Almighty, by committing a sin. Sinning makes him separated from his Lord, after being honored with his relation with Him. He knows well that, due to his sin, he is no longer holding fast to Allah, The Almighty, and that Allah won't give him support anymore. This is because he knows well that his

Lord is watching over all things and all creations and knows well what he has done.

- That slave, who fears his Lord and feels sad and remorseful after committing a sin, will soon turn to his Lord, repent to Him and achieve salvation.

② **The second rank:** the rank of that slave who enjoys and delights in committing a sin:

✉ Whenever the slave re-commits the sin, and his carelessness intensifies, his fear of his Lord and sadness at the thought that he has sinned turn into joy and delight for giving in to his forbidden lust. That joy proves his intense desire for sin, and his heedlessness of its bad consequences and his ignorance about the Greatness and Magnificence of his Lord Whom he has disobeyed.

- The slave who behaves that way should check his faith, and know that there is a problem with his belief in his Lord. Let that person bemoan and grieve over the death of his reckless heart and be cautious, for he should await His punishment for this, unless he hastens to repent.

③ **The third rank:** the rank of the slave who persists in sin and wrongdoing:

The recurring sin leads the sinner to persistence in wrongdoing. Persistence in wrongdoing and disobeying our Lord is, in itself, a great sin; it is most probably a much greater sin than the first wrongdoing he has committed.

- That is why it was said: *“No minor sin is minor if you persist (in doing it) and no major sin is major if you keep seeking Allah’s forgiveness.”*

④ **The fourth rank:** the rank of those who disclose and reveal their sins and love that obscenity and indecency spread in society:

THIS IS THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL RANKS. Any slave who behaves that way is threatened to be deprived of Allah’s *mu`afa* (Allah’s concealment of his sins- and His pardon) as in the Prophetic tradition Abu Huraira.

في حديث أبي هريرة المتفق عليه أن النبي -ﷺ- قال: (كُلُّ أُمَّتِي مُعَافَى إِلَّا الْمُجَاهِرِينَ).

Abu Huraira reported that Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Every one of my followers will be granted "mu`afa" (Allah's concealment of his sins- and His pardon) except those who disclose their sins to people."

- How dare a slave openly commit a sin or disclose it to people, while he is certain that the Lord, Glorified be He, is watching over him from above His Throne? In case he exposes his one sins and discloses them to people, while he believes that his Lord is watching over all things and creations, then he is considered behaving impudently and shamelessly toward his Lord.

فعن ابن عمر عن النبي -ﷺ- أنه قال: (اجتنبوا هذه القادورات التي نهى الله تعالى عنها، فمن ألم بشيءٍ منها فليستترْ بسترِ الله، وليتّب إلى الله). الجامع الصغير

Ibn 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Shun these abominations that Allah Almighty has forbidden! Whoever commits any of these, then let him seek concealment with Allah's divine concealment (i.e. he should abstain from disclosing or speaking about it) and repent to Allah."

I WANT TO REPENT TO ALLAH! IS THERE ANY THING TO HELP?

This question is answered by the eminent scholar Ibrahim bin Adham in this story.

[A man came to Ibrahim bin Adham and said: O Ibrahim! I have transgressed against myself (by committing evil deeds and sins), so tell me an effective far-reaching word that reaches my inner self!! He said: "I advise you to do five (things). Firstly, do not eat of Allah's sustenance if you want to disobey Him."

The man said: "How, Ibrahim! It is Allah who feeds but is not fed?" Ibrahim bin Adham said: "Secondly, disobey Allah if you can live away from the land of Allah!" The man said: "O Ibrahim! How could I, while the earth is His earth and the sky is His sky?"

Then Ibrahim bin Adham said: "Thirdly, disobey Allah in a place where Allah does not see you!"

The man turned aback and said: "There is no such place, Ibrahim, for It is Allah, Whom neither slumber nor sleep overtakes!" Ibrahim bin Adham said: "Fourthly, when the Angel of Death comes to you to seize your soul, then tell

him: **'I will not die now!'**” Then the man said: “Who dares do this, Ibrahim, for Allah, The Almighty says:

(إِذَا جَاءَ أَجْلُهُمْ فَلَا يَسْتَأْخِرُونَ سَاعَةً وَلَا يَسْتَقْدِمُونَ) [يونس: 49]

- ✦ **“there is a term appointed; when their term comes, neither can they delay it nor can they advance it an hour (or a moment).” (Surat Yunus, 49)?**

Ibrahim bin Adham said: **“Fifthly, if the angels of torment come to take you to the Fire, then lead yourself to Paradise.” He said: Who can do this, Ibrahim?!**

Then the man said: **“Listen to me, Ibrahim! I ask Allah to forgive me and I do repent to Him. Indeed, I declare my repentance, penitence, and flight to Allah; it is a safe return return and joining of the caravans of the repentant ones.”]**

Allah, The Almighty, says:

(يَوْمَ تَجِدُ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ مَّا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ مُحْضَرًا وَمَا عَمِلَتْ مِنْ سُوءٍ تَوَدُّ لَوْ أَنَّ بَيْنَهَا وَبَيْنَهُ أَمَدًا بَعِيدًا ۗ وَيَحْذِرُكُمُ اللَّهُ نَفْسَهُ ۗ وَاللَّهُ رَعُوفٌ بِالْعِبَادِ) [آل عمران: 30]

- ✦ **“On the Day when every person will be confronted with all the good he has done, and all the evil he has done, he will wish that there were a great distance between him and his evil. And Allâh warns you against Himself (His punishment) and Allâh is full of kindness to (His slaves.” (Surat Al-`Imran, 30)**

(يَوْمَئِذٍ تُعْرَضُونَ لَا تَخْفَى مِنْكُمْ خَافِيَةٌ) [الحاقة: 18]

- ✦ **“That Day shall you be brought to Judgement, not a secret of you will be hidden.” (Surat Al-Haqqah, 18)**

☰ **On doomsday, our limbs will speak to Allah and will bear witness to what they used to do during our lives. The eyes will speak out against the slave: ‘I used to watch forbidden stuff’; and the ears will say: ‘I listened to songs and forbidden things’, and the hands will say: ‘I was engaged in usury and ill-gotten money’, and the legs will testify against him: ‘I walked on to commit forbidden deeds. Allah, The Almighty, says:**

(الْيَوْمَ نَخْتِمُ عَلَىٰ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَتُكَلِّمُنَا أَيْدِيهِمْ وَتَشْهَدُ أَرْجُلُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ) [يس: 65]

- ✦ ***“This Day, We shall seal up their mouths, and their hands will speak to Us, and their legs will bear witness to what they used to earn. (It is said that one’s left thigh will be the first to bear the witness).” (Surat Ya-Seen, 65)***

(وَمَا كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَتِرُونَ أَنْ يَشْهَدَ عَلَيْكُمْ سَمْعُكُمْ وَلَا أَبْصَارُكُمْ وَلَا جُلُودُكُمْ، وَلَكِنْ ظَنَنْتُمْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَعْلَمُ كَثِيرًا مِمَّا تَعْمَلُونَ) [فصلت: 22].

- ✦ ***“And you have not been hiding yourselves (in the world), lest your ears, and your eyes, and your skins should testify against you; but you thought that Allâh knew not much of what you were doing.” (Surat Fussilat, 22)***

📖 **FALSE HOPE IS A BARRIER BETWEEN THE SLAVE AND REPENTANCE:**

- ➡ ***Know for sure that what has prevented people from repenting and turning sincerely to Allah in penitence is there “false hope”; for it was said: “Whoever has false hopes about life will definitely do evil deeds.” Allah, Exalted be He, says:***

(ذُرُّهُمْ يَأْكُلُوا وَيَتَمَتَّعُوا وَيُلْهِهِمُ الْأَمَلُ فَسَوْفَ يَعْلَمُونَ) [الحجر: 3]

- ✦ ***“Leave them to eat and enjoy, and let them be preoccupied with (false) hope. They will come to know!” (Al-Hijr, 3)***


(أَيَحْسَبُونَ أَنَّمَا نُمِدُّهُمْ بِهِ مِنْ مَالٍ وَبَنِينَ * نُسَارِعُ لَهُمْ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ بَلْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ) [المؤمنون: 55]

- ✦ ***“Do they think that in wealth and children with which We enlarge them. We hasten unto them with good things. Nay, [it is a Fitnah (trial) in this worldly life so that they will have no share of good things in the Hereafter] but they perceive not.” (Surat Al-Mu’minun, 55-56)***

- ☒ Al-Muzni entered upon Imam Al-Shafi’i (may Allah have mercy on him), when he was in the throes of death, and said: “How are you now today, O Abu Abdullah?! He said: “I am departing this world, and forsaking dear brothers and fellows! I will soon encounter my evil deeds and sip the lethal

cup of death, and will meet with my Lord, Glorified be He! Indeed, I do not know whether my soul will go to paradise so that I can rejoice, or to the Fire, so that I mourn? Then he said his poem:

When my heart was hardened, and
The world was narrowed before me,
My hopes in Your pardon augmented!
My sense of guilt intensified,
Yet, compared to Your Inundating Forgiveness,
O my Lord,
Indeed, your forgiveness is FAR SUPERIOR,
For You are The Oft-Forgiving, The Sublime Pardoner
Who erases sins and pardons,
With all kindness and courteousness!

 Repentance means the submissive return of the sinful and negligent slave to his Lord, and keep standing before Him, with a broken heart, humbled, humiliated, with his heartbeats praying: ‘O my Lord: I have no Lord but You to accept my repentance! Forgive me; who else can forgive me?! Who will have mercy on me if you do not have mercy on me, O The Lord of the ‘Âlamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists)?!

O my God, I am not worthy of Paradise

Nor can I bear the fire of Hell

So, grant me repentance and forgive my sins for You are

The Forgiver of every great sin!

☒ Hopes fade away, money is ephemeral, bodies die, and are buried in the womb of earth! The days and nights wear out everything new, bringing near every remote thing, driving every promise and threat, so beware, my dear love! Watch out the negligence of your heart, and flee to your Lord with supplication and submissiveness, and say: It is high time to join the convoys of the repentant ones.

The Merits of Repentance:

① **The Greatest Merit:** *it leads the repentant to his Lord's love:*
Allah, The Almighty, says:

(إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ التَّوَّابِينَ وَيُحِبُّ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ) [سورة البقرة: 222]

- ✦ **“Truly, Allâh loves those who turn unto Him in repentance and loves those who purify themselves (by taking a bath and cleaning and washing thoroughly their private parts, bodies, for their prayers).” (Surat Al-Baqarah, 222)**

وقال جل وعلا في الحديث القدسي من حديث أبي هريرة يقول تعالى: (.....فإذا أَحَبَّبْتُهُ: كُنْتُ سَمْعَهُ الَّذِي يَسْمَعُ بِهِ، وَبَصَرَهُ الَّذِي يُبْصِرُ بِهِ، وَيَدَهُ الَّتِي يَبْطِشُ بِهَا، وَرِجْلَهُ الَّتِي يَمْشِي بِهَا، وَإِنْ سَأَلَنِي لِأَعْطِيَنَّهُ، وَلَئِنْ اسْتَعَاذَنِي لِأُعِيذَنَّهُ" رواه البخاري

Abu Huraira reported that Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Allah, Glorified be He, says: 'When I love him (i.e. the slave) I become his ear with which he hears, his eye with which he sees, his hand with which he grasps, and his leg with which he walks. And indeed, if he asks Me [for something], I will give it to him, and if he seeks My Protection (refuge), I will protect him.'" [Narrated by Al-Bukhari]

✉ **WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU WHEN ALLAH, THE ALMIGHTY, LOVES YOU?**

عن أبي هريرة رضي عنه عن رسول الله -ﷺ-: (إِنَّ اللَّهَ إِذَا أَحَبَّ عَبْدًا دَعَا جِبْرِيلَ فَقَالَ: إِنِّي أُحِبُّ فُلَانًا فَأَحِبَّهُ، قَالَ: فَيُحِبُّهُ جِبْرِيلُ، ثُمَّ ينادي في السَّمَاءِ فيقول: إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ فُلَانًا فَأَحِبُّوهُ، فَيُحِبُّهُ أَهْلُ السَّمَاءِ، قَالَ ثُمَّ يُوضَعُ لَهُ القَبُولُ فِي الأَرْضِ) صحيح مسلم

Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Indeed, if Allah loves a slave [of His] He calls Gabriel and says: 'I love so-and-so, therefore love him.' The Prophet (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "So, Gabriel loves him. Then he (Gabriel) calls out in heaven, saying: 'Allah loves so-and-so, therefore love him.' Thus, the inhabitants of heaven love him." He (the Prophet (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him)) said: "Then he will be highly and granted the pleasure (of the people) on the earth." [Narrated by Muslim]

- ⇒ When Allah, The Lord of the earth and the heaven, loves you, you will be endowed with felicity and bliss in this world and the hereafter. I ask Allah to ordain me and you to be among those people who are destined to be prosperous and have felicity and bliss in this world and the hereafter.

② *The Repentant Slave Gains Allah's Pleasure with Him as He Becomes Happy With any repenting Person:*

عن أنس بن مالك قال: قال رسول الله -ﷺ-: (لله أشد فرحاً بتوبة عبده حين يتوب إليه، من أحدكم كان على راحلته بأرض فلاة، فانفلتت منه وعليها طعامه وشرابه، فأيس منها، فأتى شجرة، فاضطجع في ظلها، قد أيس من راحلته، فبينما هو كذلك إذا هو بها، قائمة عنده، فأخذ بخطامها، ثم قال من شدة الفرح: اللهم أنت عبدي وأنا ربك، أخطأ من شدة الفرح) رواه مسلم

Anas bin Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said, "Verily, Allah is more delighted and pleased with the repentance of His slave than a person who was riding his camel in a desert, then it got lost with his provision of food and drink. He lost all hope (of finding it); he headed for a tree and lay down in the shade of a tree, feeling helpless. Then all of a sudden, he found it (his camel), standing before him. He took hold of its reins and then out of boundless joy cried out: 'O Allah, You are my slave and I am Your Lord!' He made this mistake out of extreme joy!" (Narrated by Muslim)

- Indeed, your repentance and return to Allah pleases and gladdens Him, Glorified be He. Allah's s pleasure and gladness with our repentance is greater than the gladness of that slave when he saw his horse returning to him.

③ *Our Repentance Makes us have Divine Light and Radiance in the Heart and even the Stains of our Sins are Erased:*

- ☒ The slave's repentance has great impacts on him: his heart becomes resplendent and glittering with divine light, and the stains of his sins become erased. If you are sincere and truthful with Allah in your repentance, Allah will cleanse and purify you of all sins, and replace every dark stain encrusted in your heart with whiteness and brightness that will irradiate your face.

عن أبي هريرة، قال: قال رسول الله -ﷺ-: " إنَّ العبدَ إذا أخطأ خطيئةً نُكِّتَ في قلبه نُكْتَةٌ سوداءٌ، فإذا هو نزع واستغفرَ وتابَ سَقِلَ قلبه، وإن عاد زيدَ فيها حتى تعلقَ قلبه، وهو الرآنُ الذي ذَكَرَ اللهُ (كَلًّا، بَلْ رَانَ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ). صححه الألباني

Abu Huraira reported that Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "Verily, when the slave (of Allah) commits a sin, a black stain is encrusted on his heart, but when he refrains from it, and seeks (Allah's) forgiveness and repents, then his heart will be polished clean. However, if he re-commits the sin again, it (i.e. the black stain) increases until it covers his entire heart; and that is the 'Ran' (covering and stain of sins and evil deeds) which Allah has mentioned in His saying: "Nay! But on their hearts is the Rân (covering of sins and evil deeds) which they used to earn." (Surat al-Mutafafin, 14)"

- When the believer commits a sin, a black stain covers his heart, but when he refrains from it, and seeks Allah's forgiveness and repents, his heart will be polished clean, as faith and divine light will re-deluge his heart again. This is because faith has a divine light in the heart.

قال عليّ سمعت رسول الله -ﷺ-: (يقولُ ما من القلوبِ قلبٌ إلا وله سحابةٌ كسحابةِ القمرِ بينما القمرُ يُضيءُ إذ علتَه سحابةٌ فأظلم إذ تجلّت عنه فأضاء). صححه الألباني

Ali bin Abu Taleb- may Allah be pleased with him- said, "I heard Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) saying: "There is no heart but has a cloud like the clouds of the moon. While the moon is glowing, a cloud could pass by it, so it becomes darkened; and when it passes away, it glows again"

- ☒ A thick, dark cloud moves, so it obscures moon light from the earth. Similarly, if sins move over the heart and stain it, they block the light of faith from the heart. Whenever the dark clouds (i.e. those of sins and disobedience) are dispelled off his heart with his repentance and penitence, and as they are dispersed by his prayer to Allah to forgive him, then faith resides dazzlingly and radiantly in the heart. This is because faith has essence, taste, light, and sweetness.

- Repentance is a reason for having the repentant's heart lit with radiance and erasing the stains of his guilt and sins.

Ibn Abbas, may Allah be pleased with him, said: "Verily, a good deed brings brightness and radiance upon the face, a light in the heart, an abundance of provision, strength in the body, and love in the hearts of the creations. And an evil deed brings blackness and gloominess upon the

face, darkness in the grave and in the heart, weakness in the body, loss and scarcity of provision, and hatred in the hearts of the creations.”

④ Repentance Makes the Slave Lead a Happy Life in this World

and the Hereafter. Whoever is deprived of a blessing and wants it, then he must repent. Allah, The Almighty, says:

(فَقُلْتُ اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا * يُرْسِلِ السَّمَاءَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِدْرَارًا * وَيُمْدِدْكُمْ بِأَمْوَالٍ وَبَنِينَ

وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ وَيَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ أَنْهَارًا * مَا لَكُمْ لَا تَرْجُونَ لِلَّهِ وَقَارًا) [نوح: 10-13]

✚ ***"I said (to them): 'Ask forgiveness from your Lord, verily, He is Oft-Forgiving; 'He will send rain to you in abundance, and give you increase in wealth and children, and bestow on you gardens and bestow on you rivers. What is the matter with you, that [you fear not Allâh (His punishment), and] you hope not for reward (from Allâh or you believe not in His Oneness).'" (Surat Nuh, 1013)***

(وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَىٰ آمَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم بَرَكَاتٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ، وَلَكِن كَذَّبُوا

فَأَخَذْنَا هُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ) [الأعراف: 96]

✚ ***"And if the people of the towns had believed and had the Taqwâ (piety), certainly, We should have opened for them blessings from the heaven and the earth, but they belied (the Messengers). So, We took them (with punishment) for what they used to earn (polytheism and crimes)." (Surat Al-A`raf, 96)***

✚ By repenting to Allah and insistently asking Him for His forgiveness, we win Allah's gifts and favours that our sins hindered us from having them before.

✚ By Allah, no one can have real happiness and felicity in this world and the hereafter, except for those who repent to Allah and persist in repentance. Allah, The Almighty, says:

قال تعالى (يَوْمَ يَأْتِ لَا تَكَلِّمُ نَفْسٌ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ فَمِنْهُمْ شَقِيٌّ وَسَعِيدٌ فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ شَقُوا فَوَفِي النَّارِ لَهُمْ فِيهَا زَفِيرٌ وَشَهِيقٌ.... وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ سَعَدُوا فَوَفِي الْجَنَّةِ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا مَا دَامَتِ السَّمَاوَاتُ

وَالْأَرْضُ إِلَّا مَا شَاءَ رَبُّكَ عَطَاءٌ غَيْرَ مَجْدُوذٍ [هود: 105-108]

✚ **“On the Day when it comes, no person shall speak except by His (Allâh’s) Leave. Some among them will be wretched and (others) blessed. As for those who are wretched, they will be in the Fire, sighing in a high and low tone. They will dwell therein for all the time that the heavens and the earth endure, except as your Lord wills. Verily, your Lord is the Doer of whatsoever He intends (or wills).” (Surat Hud, 105-108)**

⇒ O Allah, ordain us to be among those who are destined to joy and happiness in this world and the hereafter.

⊠ Let's hasten to repent, and do not delay or postpone it, for death comes suddenly, and comes in between us and repentance. O Allah, grant us sincere repentance before death!

Suns Shining in the Sky of Repentance:

① **A man killed a hundred persons, nevertheless, when he repented sincerely to Allah, Allah accepted his repentance:**

عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ، أَنَّ نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ ﷺ - قَالَ: "كَانَ فِيمَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ رَجُلٌ قَتَلَ تِسْعَةً وَتِسْعِينَ نَفْسًا، فَسَأَلَ عَنْ أَعْلَمِ أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ فُذِّلَ عَلَى رَأْسِهِ، فَأَتَاهُ فَقَالَ: إِنَّهُ قَتَلَ تِسْعَةً وَتِسْعِينَ نَفْسًا، فَهَلْ لَهُ مِنْ تَوْبَةٍ؟ فَقَالَ: لَا، فَفَتَلَّهُ، فَكَمَلَ بِهِ مِائَةً، ثُمَّ سَأَلَ عَنْ أَعْلَمِ أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ فُذِّلَ عَلَى رَجُلٍ عَالِمٍ، فَقَالَ: إِنَّهُ قَتَلَ مِائَةَ نَفْسٍ، فَهَلْ لَهُ مِنْ تَوْبَةٍ؟ فَقَالَ: نَعَمْ، وَمَنْ يَحُولُ بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ التَّوْبَةِ؟ انْطَلِقْ إِلَى أَرْضِ كَذَا وَكَذَا، فَإِنْ بِهَا أَنْسَاءٌ يَعْبُدُونَ اللَّهَ فَاعْبُدِ اللَّهَ مَعَهُمْ، وَلَا تَرْجِعْ إِلَى أَرْضِكَ، فَإِنَّهَا أَرْضٌ سَوْءٌ، فَانْطَلِقْ حَتَّى إِذَا نَصَفَ الطَّرِيقَ أَتَاهُ الْمَوْتُ، فَاخْتَصَمَتْ فِيهِ مَلَائِكَةُ الرَّحْمَةِ وَمَلَائِكَةُ الْعَذَابِ، فَقَالَتْ مَلَائِكَةُ الرَّحْمَةِ: جَاءَ تَائِبًا مُقْبِلًا بِقَلْبِهِ إِلَى اللَّهِ، وَقَالَتْ مَلَائِكَةُ الْعَذَابِ: إِنَّهُ لَمْ يَعْمَلْ خَيْرًا قَطُّ، فَأَتَاهُمْ مَلَكٌ فِي صُورَةِ آدَمِيِّ، فَجَعَلُوهُ بَيْنَهُمْ، فَقَالَ: قَيْسُوا مَا بَيْنَ الْأَرْضَيْنِ، فَأَلَى أَيْتَهُمَا كَانَ أَدْنَى فَهُوَ لَهُ، فَقَاسُوهُ فَوَجَدُوهُ أَدْنَى إِلَى الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي أَرَادَ، فَحَبَسَتْهُ مَلَائِكَةُ الرَّحْمَةِ، قَالَ فَتَادَةُ: فَقَالَ الْحَسَنُ ذِكْرَ لَنَا، أَنَّهُ لَمَّا أَتَاهُ الْمَوْتُ نَأَى بِصَدْرِهِ".
رواه مسلم

Abu Saed Al-Khudri reported that the Prophet of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "There was a man from among a nation before you who killed ninety-nine persons and then he inquired about the most learned person on earth. He was directed to a monk. He headed for him and said to him that he had killed ninety-nine persons and asked him if there was any chance for him to repent. He replied: 'No!' So, he killed

him, hence completing one-hundred persons (killed). He then asked about the most learned man in the earth. He was directed to a scholar. He went to him and told him that he had killed one hundred people and asked him if there was any chance for him to repent. He replied by saying: 'Of course!' And added that no one on earth could stand between him and repentance; then advised him: 'Go to such-and-such land; there (you will find) people devoted to prayer and worship of Allah, join them in worship, and do not come back to your land because it is a land of evil.'

So, he went away and hardly had he covered half the distance when death overtook him; and there was a dispute between the angels of mercy and the angels of torment. The angels of mercy pleaded: 'This man has come with a penitent and remorseful heart, eager to resort to Allah,' and the angels of torment argued, 'He never did a virtuous deed in his life.' Then there came another angel in the form of a human being and the contending angels agreed to make him decide between them. He said, 'Measure the distance between the two lands. He will be considered belonging to the land to which he is closer.' So, they measured it and found him closer to the land (land of piety) that he intended to go. Thus, the angels of mercy seized his soul". Qatada said: "Al-Hassan told us that as death had come to seize that man, he crawled upon his chest and managed to approach the land of mercy."

- **If you want TO REPENT, CHANGE your Social Circle! THIS IS A MUST: TO CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENT OF DISOBEDIENCE!** Don't distance yourself from your Lord! Don't keep company with those fellows who keep you away from righteous deeds and integrity! Don't stay away from the assemblies of Muslim scholars.

② **The Story of a Repentant:**

It was reported that Mansour bin Ammar said: "I went out one night and sat at a small door. All of a sudden, I heard a young man's voice crying and saying: 'By Your Might and Majesty, I did not mean, with my disobedience, to disobey you! And I did not disobey You, when I disobeyed you, out of my ignorance about Your punishment, or to expose myself to Your torture! O Allah, never did I disobey You because I thought lightly about Your watching over me! Yet my soul persuaded me, and my misery has overcome me, and Your Generosity and Grace lured me! Now, who can save me from Your torment? Who will rescue me? Whose rope can I grip if You cut off Your rope and withhold it from me? Woe unto me! Where can I flee from the past days

that I spent in disobeying my Lord? Woe unto me! May I repent? Can I find a refuge? Isn't it high time for me to feel ashamed of myself before my Lord?!' Mansour said: 'When I heard his words, I recited:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ (يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ عَلَيْهَا مَلَائِكَةٌ غِلَاظٌ شِدَادٌ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ [التحریم: 6]،

"I seek refuge with Allah from the accursed Satan!

'In the Name of Allah, The All-Merciful, The Most Merciful. O you who believe! Ward off yourselves and your families against a Fire (Hell) whose fuel is men and stones, over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe, who disobey not, (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allâh, but do that which they are commanded.' [At-Tahreem, 6]"

Then he said: 'I heard some sounds and noise, and I went away! In the morning, I came back and saw a funeral passing at that door, and an old woman moving backward and forward. I asked her: *'Who is the dead?'* She said: *'Don't intensify my griefs!'* I said: *'I am awfully sorry, but I am a stranger!'* So, she said: *'My son! A man came to us last night! Allah's curse upon him! That man recited a Quranic verse about the Fire and Allah's torture! Upon hearing it, my son started trembling and weeping until he passed away!'* I said: *'Truly! To Allâh we belong and truly, to Him we shall return.'*]

قال -ﷺ-: (النَّدْمُ تَوْبَةٌ، وَالتَّائِبُ مِنَ الذَّنْبِ كَمَنْ لَا ذَنْبَ لَهُ). صحيح الجامع

Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said:

"Regret is repentance, and the one who repents from sin is like the one who has not sinned."

○ Some scholars said: *"Indeed, the slave regrets when he commits a sin; he remains regretting it, until he enters Paradise. Then Iblis will say: 'I wish I had not made him commit that sin'."*

📖 Talq bin Habib said: "Surely, Allah's due rights are too great to be fulfilled by His slaves; however, they repent to Allah, every morning and night."

⇒ It is not shameful to make a fault, but what is really shameful is to persist and insist on committing it, to go too far in it. It is really shameful to forget Allah's graces and favours upon us and ignore Allah's watch and control over the universe.

③ One of the Suns Shining in the Sky of Repentance is the woman from Ghamid:

✉ فجاءت الغامدية، فقالت: يا رسول الله إني قد زنيته فطهرني وإنه ردّها، فلمّا كان الغد قالت: يا رسول الله لم تردني؟ لعلك أن تردني كما رددت ما عزا؟ فوالله إني لحبلى، قال: إمّا لا فأذهبي حتى تلدي، فلمّا ولدت أنته بالصبي في خرقه، قالت: هذا قد ولدته، قال: اذهبي فأرضعيه حتى تظميه، فلمّا ظمته أنته بالصبي في يده كسرة خبز، فقالت: هذا يا نبي الله قد ظمته، وقد أكل الطعام، فدفع الصبي إلى رجل من المسلمين، ثم أمر بها فحفر لها إلى صدرها، وأمر الناس فرجموها. رواه مسلم.

✉ [A woman from Ghamid came to the Messenger of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) and said, "O Messenger of Allah! Purify me for I committed adultery!" However, Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) ignored her, rather rejected her confession. The next day, the woman came to see the Messenger of Allah -Allah's blessings and peace be upon him- and said, "O Messenger of Allah, why do you reject my confession? Maybe you reject my confession as you rejected Ma'iz's confession. By Allah, I am married and expecting another man's baby." Upon hearing that confession, the Messenger of Allah – Allah's blessings and peace be upon him- said, "Where that is the case, then go back to your home until your baby is born."

After she delivered her baby, the woman came again to Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him), carrying her baby that was wrapped in a cloth, saying, "This is the baby that I delivered." He (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said, "Go back and breastfeed your baby until you wean it." After the woman weaned her baby, she came back again carrying him, with a piece of bread in his hand, then she said, "O Prophet of Allah, I've weaned my little child!" Thereupon, he (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) entrusted the child to one of the Muslims and then pronounced punishment execution, i.e. the stoning punishment. She was put in a ditch up to her chest. After that, he (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) ordered people to throw stones at her.] [Reported by Muslim]

⇒ That woman came to Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) to confess her sin on her own. No one forced her to do so. Nothing made her come to the Prophet (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) to repent but her faith, her fear of Allah, The Almighty, and her knowledge about Him. She was aware that the legal punishment (i.e. stoning) would be enforced on her. Nevertheless, she did not hesitate,

rather she hastened to repent and purify herself of her sin by confessing to Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him). Notice that Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) rejected her at first, but the woman insisted. In addition, he commanded her to go back and return after weaning her baby (i.e. after two years). **YET, THAT SINCERELY-REPENTING WOMAN CAME BACK TO THE PROPHET (ALLAH'S BLESSINGS AND PEACE BE UPON HIM) AFTER WEANING HER CHILD, INSISTING TO RESTORE HER RELATION WITH ALLAH, GLORIFIED BE HE.**

✉ ورواية مسلم أن عمر بن الخطاب قال له: يا رسول الله أتصلى عليها وقد زنت؟! فقال له النبي: "والذي نفسي بيده لقد تابت توبة لو قسمت بين سبعين من أهل المدينة لوسعتهم وهل وجدت أفضل من أن جادت بنفسها لله جل وعلا".

✉ *Imam Muslim narrated that Umar bin Al-Khattab was surprised to see Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) offering funeral prayer on that woman; he asked him: O Messenger of Allah, you offered funeral prayer on an adulterer?! The Prophet (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said to him: "By the One in Whose Hand is my soul, that woman has truly repented, and if her sincere repentance were divided among seventy of the people of Medina, it would encompass them! She gave up her soul to Allah, Glorified be He; is there anything more pious than this?!!!"*

✋ O Allah! Protect our women and daughters! Cover us with virtuousness and chastity! Conceal our faults! Reform and mend our youth! Guard our chastity (i.e. private parts, from illegal sexual acts)! O Allah! Indeed, You are The Most Merciful of those who show mercy! Grant us Your help to repent to You, Exalted be You!

➡ If we sincerely repent to Allah and He, The Almighty, accept our repentance, we will enter Paradise, with His mercy. It depends on our sincerity, our truthfulness with our Lord when we repent!

④ **Among the suns of repentance is the man who has transgressed against himself in sins:**

عن أبي هريرة، عن النبي -ﷺ- قال: ((أسرف رجل على نفسه، فلما حضره الموت أوصى بنيه فقال: إذا أنا مت، فأحرقوني، ثم اسحقوني، ثم اذروني في الريح في البحر، فوالله لئن قدر عليّ ربي ليعذبني

عذاباً ما عدَّبه به أحدًا، قال: ففعلوا ذلك به، فقال للأرض: أدِّي ما أخذتِ، فإذا هو قائم، فقال له: ما حملك على ما صنعت؟ فقال: خشيتُك يا رب - أو قال: مخافتك - فغفر له بذلك))؛ رواه الشيخان واللفظ لمسلم

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said:

"A man was indulged in sins and transgressed against himself, and when death came to him he commanded his sons, saying: 'When I die, burn my corpse, then crush it and scatter [my ashes] into the sea, for, by Allah, if my Lord takes possession of me, He will punish me with a torment that He has never inflicted on anyone of His creation.' So, they did that to him. Then He [Allah] said to the earth: 'Give back what you have taken!' Thus, the man stood erect; then He [Allah] said to him: 'What induced you to do what you did?' He said: 'My fear of You, O my Lord [or maybe he said: I was frightened of You] and because of that He [Allah] forgave him. [Narrated by Muslim and Al-Bukhari]

- ☒ *Repentance is the first thing we should do to get prepared for the month of Ramadan. Sincere repentance and deep regret for the past sins and disobediences.*
- ☒ *The month of Ramadan is looming, and the necks of sinners are stretched out. Here is repentance presented, for Allah's mercies are demonstrated in these seasons of obedience. Indeed, we are overburdened with sins and disobediences, however, we have a Great Lord who loves us to repent. Allah, The Almighty, says:*

(وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ سُوءًا أَوْ يَظْلِمْ نَفْسَهُ ثُمَّ يَسْتَغْفِرِ اللَّهَ يَجِدِ اللَّهَ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا) [النساء: 110].

✚ "And whoever does evil or wrongs himself but afterwards seeks Allâh's Forgiveness, he will find Allâh Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful." (Surat An-Nisa', 110)

- ☒ *Seclude yourself! Admit your guilt! Invoke your Lord! Remorsefully supplicate to him and feel the pains of regret! Let your tears roll down your as you remember your treacheries and betrayals! Weep over the sins you committed, violating the rights of your Lord, Glorified be He, Who is still concealing your faults with His divine concealment, graciously showering you with His bestowments, and courteously endowing you with His graces! Purify your heart from the dirt of sins, the impurities of disobediences and*

the darkness of lusts so that your heart deserve the mercy of Allah, The Almighty!

LET ME GIVE YOU GOOD TIDINGS, O REPENTING SISTER!

⇒ *Indeed, I have good news for you*, O repenting daughter! Actually, you deserve these glad tidings as you return to the caravans of the repenting ones, for Allah, The Almighty, says:

[سورة البقرة: 222] (إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ التَّوَّابِينَ وَيُحِبُّ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ)

- ✚ ***“Truly, Allâh loves those who turn unto Him in repentance and loves those who purify themselves (by taking a bath and cleaning and washing thoroughly their private parts, bodies, for their prayers).” (Surat Al-Baqarah, 222)***

قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ [الزمر: 53]

- ✚ ***“Say: “O ‘Ibâdî (My slaves) who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allâh: verily, Allâh forgives all sins. Truly He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.” (Surat Az-Zumar, 53)***

(إِلَّا مَن تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا فَأُولَٰئِكَ يُبَدِّلُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ حَسَنَاتٍ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَّحِيمًا) [الفرقان: 70]

- ✚ ***“Except those who repent and believe (in Islâmic Monotheism), and do righteous deeds; for those, Allâh will change their sins into good deeds, and Allâh is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.” (Surat Al-Furqan, 70)***

[هُود: 114]. (إِنَّ الْحَسَنَاتِ يُذْهِبْنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ)

- ✚ ***“Verily, the good deeds remove the evil deeds (i.e. small sins).” (Surat Hud, 114)***

[طه: 82]. (وَإِنِّي لَغَفَّارٌ لِّمَن تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا ثُمَّ اهْتَدَىٰ)

- ✚ ***“And verily, I am indeed forgiving to him who repents, believes (in My Oneness, and associates none in worship with Me) and does righteous good deeds, and then remains constant in doing them, (till his death).” (Surat Ta-Ha, 82)***

عن أنس بن مالك رضي الله عنه قال: سمعت رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم يقول: وقال الله تعالى: (يا ابن آدم إنك ما دعوتني ورجوتني غفرت لك على ما كان فيك ولا أبالي، يا ابن آدم لو بلغت ذنوبك عنان السماء ثم استغفرتني غفرت لك ولا أبالي، يا ابن آدم إنك لو أتيتني بقراب الأرض خطايا ثم لقيتني لا تشرك بي شيئاً لأتيتك بقرابها مغفرة). السلسلة الصحية

Anas bin Malek (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

I heard the Messenger of Allah (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) say: "Allah the Almighty said: 'O son of Adam, so long as you call upon Me and invoke Me, I shall forgive you for what you have done, and I shall not mind. O son of Adam, were your sins to reach the clouds of the sky and were you then to ask forgiveness of Me, I would forgive you, and I would not mind. O son of Adam, were you to come to Me with sins that nearly fill the earth, and you then to meet with Me, without having associated any partner with Me, I would bring you forgiveness as great as it (i.e. forgiveness that nearly fills the earth)."

Rejoice, O penitent sister! Rejoice, you who are almost safe back! Cheer up, you are about to join the caravans of the repentant ones. Rejoice because Allah's Messenger (Allah's blessings and peace be upon him) said: "the one who repents from sin is like the one who has not sinned."

Celebrate, dear for Allah exults with the repentance of the repentant slaves. Allah, Exalted be He, says:

(وَهُوَ الَّذِي يَقْبَلُ التَّوْبَةَ عَنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَعْفُو عَنِ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا تَفْعَلُونَ) [الشورى: 25].

✚ "And He it is Who accepts repentance from His slaves, and forgives sins, and He knows what you do." (Surat Ash-Shura, 25)

✉ In conclusion:

know for sure that life without Allah is a mirage, nothingness, and that the heart will never be mended and pleased except after worshipping Allah, The Almighty. Thus, once your heart hastens to turn to Allah, it will be healed, mended and will eventually recover.

O Allah, help us to sincerely repent to You! O Allah, accept the repentance of the repentant slaves, and forgive the sins of the sinners, and accept the youth and the elderly to be among the caravans of the repentant ones. O Allah, inspire us to duly fulfill Your right, bless us with what is lawful of Your provision, and do not expose or scandalize us among Your creation! O my Lord, indeed, You are The Best of those called upon; The Greatest of those invoked! O Allah, surely, You are The Fulfiller of needs! It is ONLY You, Glorified be You, Who can elevate ranks, and answer supplications!

O my Lord! You are The Lord of the earth, the Throne and heavens!

We invoked You, so answer us, and fulfill our hope in what we wished for.

O our Lord! It is ONLY You Who possesses the needs of the supplicating slave, we ask You for Your pardon and the sweetness of your forgiveness, for You are The Most Merciful of those who show mercy!

O Allah! Grant us Your help to repent to You, and accept our repentance!

O Allah! Have mercy on us, You are The Most-Merciful!

Oh my God, grant us the pleasure of looking at Your Face, and make us long to meet with you, without enduring a harmful calamity nor a misguiding trial. O Allah, adorn us with the beauty of faith, grant us guidance and make us guides to guide others.”

May Allah, shower our master Muhammad, all his family and companions, with His blessings and peace and

All the praises and thanks be to Allâh, the Lord of the ‘Âlamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists)

