التوبة

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Repentance (At- Tawbah) is the return from disobedience to Allaah The Most High to His obedience.

Repentance is beloved to Allaah The Mighty and Majestic.

"Meaning: Truly, Allaah loves those who turn to Him in repentance and loves those who purify themselves." Soorah al-Baqarah (2): 222

التوبة واجبة علي كل مؤمن.

Repentance is obligatory on every believer.

"Meaning: O you who believe! Turn to Allaah in sincere repentance!"

Soorah at-Tahreem (66): 8

التوبة من أسباب الفلاح.

Repentance is from the means of success.

"Meaning: And all of beg Allaah to forgive you all, O believers that you may be successful." Soorah an-Noor (24): 31

And success is that man achieves his aim and is saved from what he dreads.

The sincere repentance, Allaah forgives due to it all sins howsoever great and whatsoever their number.

"Meaning: (Say "O My slaves who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not at the mercy of Allaah. Verily Allaah forgives all sins. Truly He is Oft Forgiving, Most Merciful." Soorah Az-Zumar (39): 53

لا تقنط يا أخي المذنب من رحمة ربك فباب التوبة مفتوح حتى تطلع الشمس من مغربها. قال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم:

(إن الله يبسط يده باليل ليتوب مسئ النهار و يبسط يده بالنهار ليتوب مسئ الليل حتى تطلع الشمس من مغربها) رواه مسلم.

Do not despair 0 my sinning brother! From the Mercy of your Lord, as the door of repentance is open until the sun rises from its place of setting. The Prophet -May Allaah send prayers upon him and peace- said:

"Truly, Allaah stretches out His Hand in the night so that the wrongdoer of the day may repent, and He stretches out His Hand in the day so the wrongdoer of the night may repent, until the sun rises from its place of setting". Reported by Muslim.

وكم من تائب عن ذنوب كثيرة عظيمة تاب الله عليه قال تعالي:

﴿ وَٱلَّذِينَ لَا يَدْعُونَ مَعَ ٱللَّهِ إِلَاهًا ءَاخَرَ وَلَا يَقْتُلُونَ ٱلنَّفْسَ ٱلَّتِي حَرَّمَ ٱللَّهُ إِلَّا بِٱلْحَقِّ وَلَا يَوْمَ ٱللَّهُ إِلَّا يَالَّهُ إِلَا يَالَّهُ إِلَا يَاللَّهُ عَلَا يَوْمَ ٱللَّهُ الْعَكذَابُ يَوْمَ ٱلْقِيكَمَةِ وَيَخْلُدُ فِيهِ مُهَانَا يَزُنُونَ وَمَن يَفْعَلُ ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ أَثَامًا ﴿ اللَّهُ الْعَكذَابُ يَوْمَ ٱلْقِيكَمَةِ وَيَخْلُدُ فِيهِ مُهَانَا يَزُنُونَ وَمَن يَفْعَلُ ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ أَثَامًا ﴿ اللَّهُ الْعَكَذَابُ يَوْمَ ٱلْقِيكَمَةِ وَيَخْلُدُ فِيهِ مُهَانَا يَرَنُونَ وَمَن يَفْعَلُ ذَلِكَ يَلْقَ أَثَامًا ﴿ اللَّهُ الْعَكَذَابُ يَوْمَ ٱلْقِيكَمَةِ وَيَخْلُدُ فِيهِ مُهَانَا اللَّهُ الْعَلَيْدَابُ يَوْمَ ٱلْقِيكَمَةِ وَيَخْلُدُ فِيهِ مُهَانَا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَيْ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُ وَلِي اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَا اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَالِهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى الللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى الللَّهُ عَلَى الللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمُ الللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى الللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى الللَّهُ عَلَى الللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى الللَّهُ الللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ الللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى الللَّهُ عَلَى الللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى الللللَّهُ عَلَى الللللَّهُ اللللْمُ اللَّهُ عَلَى الللللْمُ الللَّهُ الللللْمُ عَلَى الللللْمُ الللللْمُ الللللْمُ الللللْمُ اللللللْمُ الللللْمُ الللللْمُ اللللللْمُ الللللْمُ اللللللْمُ الللللْمُ الللللْمُ اللللللْمُ اللللللْمُ اللللللْمُ الللللْمُ الللللللْمُ اللللللللْمُ اللللللْمُ الللللْمُ الللللِمُ الللللْمُ الللللْمُ اللللللْمُ اللللللْمُ الللللللللَ

And how many a repenter from numerous, great sins has Allaah accepted their repentance. The Most High said:

"Meaning: And those who invoke not any *llah* (god) along with Allaah, nor kill such person as Allaah has forbidden, except for just cause, nor commit illegal sexual intercourse – and whoever does this, shall receive the punishment. The torment will be doubled to him on the Day of Resurrection, and he will abide therein in disgrace. Except those who repent and believe (in Islamic Monotheism) and do righteous deeds; for those, Allaah will change their sins into good deeds and Allaah is Ever Oft – Forgiving, Most Merciful."

Soorah Al- Furqaan (25): 68-70

The sincere repentance, it is the one in which five conditions are met:

First: Sincerity to Allaah The Most High, in that he intends the Face of Allaah, the Most High, and His reward and salvation from His punishment.

Second: Regret over doing the act of disobedience, in that he grieves over doing it and wishes he had not done it.

Third: Refraining from the disobedience immediately, and if it was concerning the right of Allaah, he leaves it if it was doing a forbidden act; and he hastens to do it if it was abandonment of an obligation. And if it was the right of one of the creation, he hastens free himself from it, either by returning it or seeking pardon for himself and that he excuse him for it.

Fourth: Firm resolve that he will not return to that act of disobedience in the future.

وقال النبي صلي الله عليه وسلم (من تاب قبل ان تطلع الشمس من مغربها تاب الله عليه) رواه المسلم.

Fifth: That the repentance occurs before the time it is acceptable has elapsed, either by the presence of the appointed time (death) or because of the sun rising from its place of setting. Allaah, The Most High said:

"Meaning: And of no effect is the repentance of those who continue to do evil deeds until death faces one of them and he says "Now I repent",)

Soorah Nisa' (4): 18.

And the Prophet May Allaah send prayers upon him and peace said:

"Whoever repents before the sun rises from its place of setting Allaah accepts his repentance." Reported by Muslim.

O Allaah grant us success in achieving the sincere repentance and accept from us. Truly, You are The All- Hearer, The All- Knower.

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