

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا فَأُولَئِكَ يُبَدِّلُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ
حَسَنَاتٍ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا

وقال النبي ﷺ: التَّوْبَةُ مِنَ الذَّنْبِ أَنْ يَتُوبَ مِنْهُ ثُمَّ لَا يَعُودَ فِيهِ

Respected Believers!

The topic of today's khutbah will be about Nasuh repentance. Repentance is an important act of worship that is obligatory for every Muslim. Repentance, which is done to seek Allah Almighty's forgiveness, to turn to Him, and to cleanse oneself from sins, softens the heart, cleanses it, and draws one closer to Allah Almighty.

However, repentance is not just a word spoken with the tongue. True repentance must be done with remorse from the heart and a sincere return. This state is called Nasuh Repentance. Nasuh Repentance is repentance done with sincere and heartfelt remorse.

Our Prophet ﷺ commanded us to repent and said, **"The one who repents from sin is like one who has not sinned at all."** (Ibn Majah)

However, to avoid and stay away from repentance and seeking forgiveness because one does not have this state within them is a trick of Shaytan and the nafs. Unfortunately, Shaytan comes with various whispers to prevent a person from repenting. He says, "Your repentance will not be accepted," he says, "You are already too late," and he tries to make a person despair. Such thoughts are a trick of the nafs and Shaytan. Whereas what is incumbent upon us is to constantly repent and seek forgiveness, even if it is imitative, and to ask our Lord for Nasuh Repentance in our prayers.

Valuable Believers!

Hazrat Ali (Karramallahu Wajhah) made a very valuable explanation on this matter and stated how

repentance should be as follows: **"Sincere repentance includes these six things:**

- **Feeling remorse for past sins.**
- **Making up for neglected obligatory duties.**
- **Returning the rights of others to their owners.**
- **Making peace with one's adversaries.**
- **Being determined not to return to sin again.**
- **Melting away the nafs that was nourished and raised with sins through remembrance of Allah Almighty and obedience."**

Valuable Brothers!

True repentance must come from the heart and include all these conditions. By realizing the sins we have committed in the past, we must feel remorse for them, and most importantly, we must discipline our nafs with remembrance (dhikr) so as not to return to sins again.

Our Prophet ﷺ says: **"Repenting from sin is to abandon sin and never return to it again."** (Ibn Hanbal, I, 446)

Valuable Believers!

I would like to conclude my khutbah with a verse from the Quran: **"O believers! Turn to Allah in nasuh repentance, so your Lord may absolve you of your sins and admit you into Gardens, under which rivers flow..."** (At-Tahrim, 8)