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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

**Question:** "May Allaah be good to you. The noble questioner says: "How does the Muslim know that his deeds have been accepted?""

**Shaykh Saalih as-Suhaymee** (May Allaah preserve him): "When he fears that they have not been accepted. And that (is proven) by the text of Allaah's Book, the Mighty and Majestic:

**[Verily! Those who live in awe for fear of their Lord; and those who believe in the Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) of their Lord, and those who join not anyone (in worship) as partners with their Lord; and those who give that (their charity) which they give (and also do other good deeds) with their hearts full of fear (whether their alms and charities, etc., have been accepted or not), because they are sure to return to their Lord (for reckoning). It is these who race for the good deeds, and they are foremost in them [e.g. offering the compulsory Salaat (prayers) in their (early) stated, fixed times and so on].]**<sup>1</sup>

The Mother of the believers 'Aaishah (May Allaah be pleased with her) said:

"Oh Messenger of Allaah [and those who give that which they give with their hearts full of fear...] is this the one who commits Zina, steals and drinks alcohol and fears that his good deeds won't be accepted from him?"

He (the Prophet (May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him)) said:

**"No, oh daughter of As-Siddeeq (Aboo Bakr (May Allaah be pleased with them both)), it is the one who prays, gives charity and fasts and fears that it won't be accepted from him."**

Hence him having fear (that his deeds won't be accepted) is a good sign in itself, if Allaah wills. However, that fear should not reach the level of thinking evil thoughts about Allaah the Mighty and Majestic. Rather it is a must that we have good thoughts about Allaah. We have to have good thoughts about Allaah, Glorified and Exalted is He. But we also fear at the same time; we fear from showing off, being undutiful towards Allaah, and that our sins

<sup>1</sup> Soorah al-Mu'minoon [23:57-61]

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outweigh our good deeds. The believer has to fear all of this, but he has to have at the same time good thoughts about Allaah, Glorified and Exalted is He. Yes."

**السؤال :** أحسن الله إليكم يقول السائل الكريم :كيف يعرف المسلم أن عمله مقبول؟

**الشيخ صالح السحيمي :** إذا خاف من عدم القبول بنص كتاب الله عز وجل { إِنَّ الَّذِينَ هُمْ مِنْ خَشْيَةِ رَبِّهِمْ مُشْفِقُونَ (57) وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ يُؤْمِنُونَ (58) وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِرَبِّهِمْ لَا يُشْرِكُونَ (59) وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْتُونَ مَا آتَوْا وَقُلُوبُهُمْ وَجَلَةٌ أَنَّهُمْ إِلَى رَبِّهِمْ رَاجِعُونَ (60) أُولَئِكَ يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَهُمْ لَهَا سَابِقُونَ (61) } [المؤمنون]، قالت أم المؤمنين عائشة رضى الله عنها : يا رسول الله هو المرء يزنى ويسرق ويشرب الخمر ويخشى أن لا يقبل منه. قال : لا يا ابنة الصديق، هو المرء يصلى ويزكى ويصوم ويخشى أن لا يتقبل منه. فكونه يخشى فهذا فى حد ذاته من علامات الخير، لكن تبلغ الخشية حد أيش؟ سوء الظن بالله عز وجل، بل يجب أن تكون حسن الظن بالله، لا بد أن نحسن الظن بالله سبحانه وتعالى، وفى الوقت نفسه نخشى من الرياء، نخشى من تقصيرنا فى جنب الله، نخشى من أن تغلب سيئاتنا حسناتنا، كله يجب أن يخشاه المؤمن لكن فى الوقت نفسه يجب أن يكون حسن الظن بالله سبحانه وتعالى، نعم