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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

With regards to the repentance of the person who mocks Allaah or His Messenger, the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ states:

(It is said): So whoever mocks Allaah, then his repentance is not accepted – why is this?

Due to the tremendousness of his sin - how can (a person) mock the Lord of all the Worlds? (And) whoever mocks the Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² then his repentance is not accepted due to the tremendousness of his sin.

However what is correct is that the repentance of every person who sincerely repents is accepted – in accordance with His saying, He the Most High:

Say: O My servants who have transgressed against themselves! Do not despair of the Mercy of Allaah! Indeed Allaah forgives all sins. Indeed He is the One who forgives extensively, the Bestower of Mercy.

[Soorah az Zumar (the 39 chapter) aayah 53]

And the evidence specifically for those who mocked (Allaah and His Aayaat and His Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)) is that Allaah (said):

Make no excuse! You have disbelieved after you had believed. If We pardon a group from you (due to their repenting and seeking forgiveness and having remorse)[1], We will punish others amongst you.

[Soorah at Tawbah (the 9th chapter) aayah 66]

So He made clear that He may forgive a party from them and punish another party (from them).

However whoever reviles and abuses Allaah or mocks Allaah, we accept his repentance and we refrain from executing him.

And whoever abuses and reviles the Messenger (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) then repents, then we accept his repentance and we (the government in an Islaamic state) execute him.

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

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How is it that for the person who abuses Allaah, his repentance is accepted and he is not executed – and the person who abuses the Messenger, his repentance is accepted (but) he is executed?

This is because the distinction is that Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, has informed us that He forgives (infringement) of His Right; He forgives (infringement) of His Right through (the person's) repentance and He did not make any exception to this.

And as for the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) then abusing him is (infringing) a right of his, and we do not know whether he will let (this infringement) drop or not.

And if we do not know whether he will let this drop or not, then the asl (basic principle) is that the matter will not be dropped. And upon this, then we execute him as a punishment, and not due to his having committed kufr.

(“Sharh of Safaariniyyah ”of Muhammad ibn Saalih al ‘Uthaymeen (رَجْمَةُ اللَّهِ) p305 to 306)