

Seeking forgiveness from sins

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[Sharh al-Qawaa'idul Arbah Pg. 33-34]

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

Sometimes we as Muslims are tested with certain sins that we may frequently fall into and Allaah's forgiveness is sought from them. What is of extreme importance is that we should reflect upon the following statement as it contains glad tidings and also a severe warning.

Shaykh Muhammad Amaan al-Jaamee (May Allaah have mercy on him) mentioned in his explanation of Sharh al-Qawaa'idul Arbah [Explanation of the Four Principles]:

"لا كبيرة مع الاستغفار و لا صغيرة مع الإصرار"

There is no major sin whilst seeking forgiveness (from the sin) and there is no minor sin whilst (continuously committing it).

The Shaykh continued on and said:

"فمن ارتكب صغيرة و لم يستغفر و لم يتب و أصر عليها تنقلب الصغيرة كبيرة"

So whoever perpetrated a minor sin and never sought forgiveness (for it) and never repented and continued on perpetrating it then that minor sin will be converted into a major sin."

And his statement:

"...و لا كبيرة مع الاستغفار: المراد بالاستغفار في مثل هذا الحديث: التوبة: أي لا كبيرة مع التوبة"

And there is no Kabeerah (major sin) with Istighfaar: what is intended by Istighfaar in this narration is: At-Taubah (repentance) meaning: there is no Kabeerah (major sin) with Taubah."

Al-Istighfaar (seeking forgiveness) and At-Taubah (repentance) are two matters that we all need to practice and implement abundantly as it comes in the narration:

"التائب من الذنب كمن لا ذنب له"

The one who repents from sinning is like the one without sins.

May Allaah give us all success in seeking His forgiveness and turning to Him repentantly abundantly. Allaahumma Aameen.