

KHUTBA

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Flee to Allah

Praise be to Allah, and prayer and peace upon the Messenger of Allah and his family, companions and allies, but after:

Allah - Almighty – commanded his worshipers to flee (escape) from sins and guilt to an act of worship and good deeds, and promised them a complete and full reward; and vowed those who do not obey, a great torment, Allah says: ***Therefor flee unto Allah; lo! I am a plain warner unto you from him.*** (50) Al – Zareyat.

Al-Qurtubi said: "means flee from doing sins to His obedience", and Ibn Abbas said: "Flee to Allah by repenting your sins", and also said: "Flee to Him, and work by obeying His orders", and Aljunaid said: "Satan is calling to falsehood, so flee to Allah to protect you from Satan",

All these statements indicate the meaning of fleeing to Allah from all that displeases Him; from sin, disbelief and polytheism, and seek refuge in Allah, and this would be obeying Him, and doing the good deeds.

Ibn al-Qayyim said: "The fact of escape is to flee from one thing to another, and it is of two types: Escape of the glad, and escape of the scamp. Escape of the glad: escape to Allah -Almighty -, and escape of the scamp: escape from Allah and not to Him. Nevertheless, to escape from Him to Him is the escape of Awleyaa (those close to Him).

So you who did a lot of sins and guilt, do not despair of the Mercy of Allah, you have to return to Him and repent of all the bad things you did, you have to flee from Allah to Him.

The one who flee to Allah of his sins is loved in the higher kingdom.

The Prophet - peace be upon him - showed the joy of Allah of the return of His slave to Him and the fled of the slave from Him to Him, Al-Harith bin Sweden said: Abdullah bin Masood narrated two Hadiths; one of the Prophet - peace be upon him - and the other one of himself, he said:

The believer sees his sins as if he is sitting beneath a cliff that is about to fall on him, while the lecher sees his sins like flies over his nose and did like this, " Abu Shihab said: by his hand over his nose".

Then he said: **Allah is more joyful at the repentance of someone when he turns to Him in repentance than one of you would be if he were riding his camel in the wilderness, and it runs away from him, carrying his food and drink, so that he loses all hope of getting it back. He comes to a tree and lies down in its shade (awaiting death), for he has lost all hope of finding his camel. Then, while he is in that state (of desperation), suddenly it is there before him! So he seizes its halter and cries out from the depth of his joy, "O God, You are my servant and I am Your Lord!"**

His mistake comes from the intensity of his joy.

This indicates that fleeing to Allah - Almighty – by sincere repentance, and discontinuance of sins; is one of the things that he Allah loves and reciprocate it.

There is need to repeat the repentance and flee to Allah - Almighty - whenever the person committed a sin in order not to have any escape from Allah but to Him. The hadith of Abu Hurayrah - may Allah be pleased with him - that the Prophet - peace be upon him – said:

"If somebody commits a sin and then says, 'O my Lord! I have sinned, please forgive me!' and his Lord says, 'My slave has known that he has a Lord Who forgives sins and punishes for it, I therefore have forgiven my slave (his sins).'

Then he remains without committing any sin for a while and then again commits another sin and says, 'O my Lord, I have committed another sin, please forgive me,' and Allah says, 'My slave has known that he has a Lord Who forgives sins and punishes for it, I therefore have forgiven my slave (his sin).

Then he remains without Committing any another sin for a while and then commits another sin (for the third time) and says, 'O my Lord, I have committed another sin, please forgive me,' and Allah says, 'My slave has known that he has a Lord Who forgives sins and punishes for it I therefore have forgiven My slave (his sin), he can do whatever he likes."

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As the Muslim must flee from sins and repent to Allah - Almighty -, so he also must flee from the place of sin, especially, where there is temptation to him. We must abandon the premises where there is much idle and falsehood. The Muslim could also flee with his religion from temptation, sin and corruption, to safe places as proven from the Prophet - peace be upon him -: (about to be the best money for a man, some sheep he follows in the falls, mountains and locations of the rain, fleeing with his religion from the tribulations and temptation), narrated by Al-Bukhari.

That is when the person is afraid from falling into temptation, or be drawn into sin with the others, if they did not accept the advice and guidance.

We need so much to flee from sins, and find shelter with Allah, Who provides it to whoever sought shelter with Him.

We ask Allah to help us to avoid all kind of temptation, and to help us to repent to Him all the time, and prayer and peace upon the Messenger of Allah and his family and companions.

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