

Between repentance and asking forgiveness

Repentance is something different from asking forgiveness, because asking forgiveness is a deed by organs or by his heart, he turns to Allah asking Him to forgive him, he deserves by every time he asks forgiveness ten rewards to seventy or more if Allah wills.

But repentance has different conditions and different beauties man should be beautified by them to be loved by Allah, Allah didn't say that He loves those who ask forgiveness but He says:

2-222: "Indeed Allah loves those who keep to repentance and those who purify themselves."

It is true that repentance has different meaning, different requirements and different conditions in every degree of the degrees of going on the way to Allah, but it is still repentance. Some people repent from their sins, others repent from their good deeds, others repent from their heedlessness, others repent from their existence and others repent from their wetness.

High conditions and elevated degrees.

Repentance never separated from perfect righteous people for a twinkle of an eye or less, even the highest degree of the greatest beloved, he refers to the secret of this repentance he does and says about his degree (May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him):

***"My heart got wrapped and I ask forgiveness from Allah one hundred times a day."*¹**

This is another Hadeeth different from the first one shows why he repents, "My heart got wrapped and I ask Allah for forgiveness and repent to Him seventy times a day." My master Abul-Hassan Ashazuley said: I got confused by this Hadeeth and said to myself what wrap the heart of the messenger of Allah?

¹ It was narrated in Sonan Al-Bayhaky Al-Kobra after Al-Aghar Al-Mozney, also narrated by Muslim in Saheeh after Yahya Ibn-Yahya and Abi-Arrabea Azahrany.

The word wrap means covering, as for us sins desires and bad deeds may wrap or cover our hearts, the beloved said about us:

"When a believer does a sin, it is a black dot on his heart, if he repents, left it and ask Allah for forgiveness, then his heart will be cleaned, if he does more sins, that dot gets bigger and this is the covering that Allah mentioned in His book."² It

means the covering, then he recited these verses:

83-14, 15: "By no means! But on their hearts is the stain of the (ill) which they do. Verily, from (the Light of) their Lord, that Day, will they be veiled."

Sins are the cause of wrap or covering on our hearts.

Whenever a servant does a sin there is a black dot or spot on his heart, many spots together make the stain or the covering that veil the servant from the light of Allah The Lord of Majesty and Bounty, then he lives in inattention, in the valley of lost, in the land of disconnection or in the descendant sins.

Then he is too far away from his Lord The Most Gracious because he covered the link between him and his Lord by the sins he did and never repent from them in his life, but the messenger of Allah hasn't got sins, Allah said this in His book, He says:

48-2: "That Allah may forgive your faults of the past and those to follow."

My master Abul-Hassan got confused about what the messenger of Allah (May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) repents from, people repent from sins:

Whoever repents truthfully and goes through the way of repentance to Allah The Forgiver and does acts of worship for Allah's sake, he may repent from shortage in acts of worship, no one can do acts of worship perfectly, even the angels who created by Allah, some of them always kneeling, others always prostrating, others always remembering Allah, those who prostrating rise at The Day of Judgment after one long prostration since Allah created them and they say: *Glory to You,*

² It was narrated in Saheeh Ibn-Hebban after Abi-Horayrah.

we never worship You the right way, whoever amongst us oh brothers worship Allah perfectly?

Then one repents from shortage in worshipping Allah as the companions of the prophet (May the blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) used to do as Allah said about them:

51-17, 18: "They were in the habit of sleeping but little by night. And in the hour of early dawn, they (were found) praying for Forgiveness."

They repent because they see they do not do perfect worship as they see they can't be so truthful or sincere or intend honestly by their souls, hearts, bodies and intentions talking to Allah the Lord of mankind during acts of worship, whoever can do this?

Sheikh Ibn-Al-Fared once did a sin; he went out to the desert saying:

"Whoever never does mistakes?"

He heard a voice saying:

"Mohammed the guide upon whom Gabriel descent."

No one else, but all others always do sins and faults.