

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَلِدِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِي بَانُ يُصْلِي عَلَيْهِ

Allah *azza wajal*, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah *azza wajal*, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon

His Beloved Messenger *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*

Sinful Young Man makes Taubah

It is said that there was once a young man in Basra whose name was Ridwaan. He spent most of the day in play and sport and his night was spent in drinking and other vices. There is no doubt that the Satan had misled this young man.

One day, while he was sitting with his friends, he saw an old man walking past who was reading the following verses, meaning:

“When you are alone from the world, do not claim that you are alone. Declare that someone is watching over me. Do not for one second believe that the Almighty Allah *azza wajal* is not watching your every action and movement.”

Strangely, when he heard these words, the young man began to weep. He requested the old man to read it once more, which he did. He also asked the old man to enter into their company. He then asked the old man to utter a few words by which would be able to create a spiritual impact on them. He again asked the old man to read a few more lines.

The old man then read, “You are eating the sustenance given to you by Allah *azza wajal* and still you continue to disobey Him. When you hide among His creation, still, He is able to see you. Desist from disobeying Him for He is watching and knows who you are.”

When he heard these words he collapsed!

The young man again began to weep and fell to the floor. He then broke all the containers of alcohol and turning to the old man, he asked, “Ya Sayyidi, will my sins be pardoned?”

The old man replied, “This is the moment when your sins will be pardoned. This is that special moment which He has given to you, therefore make sincere Taubah.”

The same night, while in this state of making Taubah, the young man passed away. (Roudul Faa'iq)

This is the greatness of Allah *azza wajal*! He does not look at your external state. He does not look at how much money you have or how powerful you are in the world. He looks at the state of your heart. If there is even the slightest degree of sincerity within it, it is worth much more than gold and silver.