

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَلَدِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

In The Name Of Allah The Most Compassionate Very Merciful
All Praise Due To Allah And Peace And Blessings Be Upon His Beloved Messenger

Riyadus Saliheen – Hadeeth No. 37

Kaffarah for Sins

Allah Almighty states in the Holy Quran:

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ

وَالثَّمَرَاتِ ۖ وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٥﴾

And We shall definitely put you to test with something of fear and hunger and with some loss of wealth and lives and fruits; and give glad tidings to the patient.

(Al-Baqarah 2, Verse 155)

Hadeeth:

وَعَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ وَأَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - قَالَ: «مَا يُصِيبُ
الْمُسْلِمَ مِنْ نَصَبٍ، وَلَا وَصَبٍ، وَلَا هَمٍّ، وَلَا حَزَنٍ، وَلَا أَذًى، وَلَا غَمٍّ، حَتَّى الشُّوْكَةُ يُشَاكُهَا إِلَّا كَفَّرَ
اللَّهُ بِهَا مِنْ خَطَايَاهُ».

مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

Sayyiduna Abu Sa'eed and Abu Hurairah – may Allah be pleased with him – reported that the Holy Prophet – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him – said: "Never a believer is stricken with a discomfort, an illness, an anxiety, a grief or psychological disturbance or even the pricking of a thorn but Allah will expiate his sins on account of his patience".

(Bukhari, Muslim)

Commentary:

Hafiz Ibn Hajar al-‘Asqalani – may Allah be pleased with him – writes in Fat’h al-Baari:

The bigger calamity upon a Muslim the greater will be the Kaffarah of major sins. Moreover, if a servant is pleased with the calamity that had befallen him, there is extra reward for it.

(Fat’h al-Baari under Hadeeth No. 5641)

Mufti Ahmed Yaar Khan – may Allah be pleased with him – writes under this Hadeeth:

Conclusion of the Hadeeth is that no matter how minor, any trouble that reaches a believer, it becomes a Kaffarah for his sins.

(Mir’at al-Manajeeh Vol. 2, p. 410)

Lesson:

- ✓ This Hadith mentions the special Grace and Mercy of Allah for the Muslims.
- ✓ It relates how Allah turns the hardships and troubles suffered by a Muslim into a means of expiation for his sins, especially when the believer exercises patience.
- ✓ Every calamity that a believer is faced with, becomes a means for his salvation and a kaffarah for his sins.