EPISODE 8

Allah Turns Their Sins Into Good Deeds

Servants of The Most Merciful



"Multiplied for him is the punishment on the Day of Resurrection, and he will abide therein humiliated - Except for those who repent, believe and do righteous work. For them Allah will replace their evil deeds with good. And ever is Allah Forgiving and Merciful." (25:69-70) يُضَاعَفُ لَهُ الْعَذَابُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَيَخْلُدُ فِيهِ مُهَانًا - إِلَّا مَنْ ثَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا فَأُولُئِكَ يُبَدُّلُ اللّهُ سَيُثَاتِهِمْ حَسَنَاتٍ ۖ وَكَانَ اللّهُ عَفُورًا رُحِيمًا





What does this verse introduce about the 'lbad ar-Rahman?



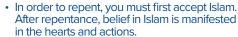
- The previous verses mentioned the three worst major sins: shirk, murder, and zina.
- Allah immediately follows them up with these verses of *rahmah*, offering amnesty even after the worst of deeds.
- These verses discuss how the 'lbad ar-Rahman repent from sins and seek the mercy of Allah.



Why is repentance (tawba) mentioned before belief (amana)?

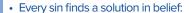


• Allah removes **all** sins, major and minor, through repentance.





- Islam is an external reality we accept in order to repent.
- Iman is an internal reality that manifests when belief penetrates the heart.



- The recourse for *shirk* is *tawheed* (monotheism).
- The recourse for abandonment of *salah* is to establish *salah*.
- The recourse for zina (adultery) is a life of chastity.



How much rahmah does Allah have with the believers?



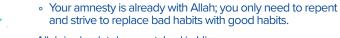
"A man from my nation will be called before all of creation on the Day of Resurrection, and ninety-nine scrolls [of his sins] will be spread out for him, each one extending as far as the eye can see. Then Allah will say: Do you deny anything of this?' He will say: No, O Lord.'Then He will say: 'Apart from that, do you have any good deeds?' The terrified man will say, No.' (Allah) will say: 'Indeed, you have good deeds with Us, and you will not be treated unjustly this Day.' Then a card will be brought out on which is written [the shahadah]. He will say: 'O Lord, what is this card compared with these scrolls?' He will say: 'You will not be treated unjustly.' Then the scrolls will be placed in one side of the Balance and the card in the other. The scrolls will go up [be light] and the card will [weigh heavily]."



- Sunan Ibn Majah 4300
- This is the value of believing that there is no God but Allah, and that Muhammad is His messenger.



- When it comes to Allah's rahmah, your shahada is heavier than all the rest of your five pillars and all your deeds.
- Most of the companions of the Prophet had committed major sins before becoming Muslim, yet they had great hope in the rahmah of Allah.





- · Allah is absolutely unmatched in His mercy.
 - This and similar hadiths describe mercy for major sins. For those with only minor sins, Allah's mercy will be boundless.



What does it mean that Allah exchanges sins for good deeds?

The 'lbad ar-Rahman are not people who are sinless. They are people who take their slip-ups and turn them into a greater commitment to Allah.



- When a person commits to belief and repents, any good deed from their past will be preserved, while any sin they committed will be purged.
- After that, each deed will be rewarded 10x up to 700x, and each sin penalized only once, unless Allah forgives those, too.



 The mark of sincere tawba is whether you have turned the page that Allah has erased and refilled it with good. Follow up a bad deed with a good deed immediately.



 There is reward in such a change of direction because the same faculties you used to sin are now dedicated to doing good.



How do we become 'Ibad ar-Rahman who repent and believe?



"Remember Allah wherever you are, and follow up a bad deed with a good deed, and treat the people with the best of character."

[Sunan al-Tirmidhī 1987]



THINK No matter how far I'll sink, la ilaha illa Allah is the heaviest card on the Day of Judgement. I cannot allow low faith to become no faith. No sin is too large to seek His forgiveness.



REFLECT Do I recognize Allah as the All-Forgiving, Most Merciful? What do I do after I sin? Do I immediately follow it up with repentance and good deeds in the same area I committed sin? How can I replace my bad habits with good ones?



REMEMBER Allah is so generous and merciful that in His mercy, He replaces your sins with hasanat and wipes them away as if they were never there.



ACT Be mindful of Allah, wherever you are. Avoid sins, but know that every human sins. Repent to Allah often, and when you slip, follow it up with good.

