

Messages to Those Who Persist in Sin Before Ramadhaan

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The countdown has begun to receive a dear guest that the Muslims have been waiting for a long time. People look forward to its advent, in order to spend the most beautiful days and the happiest moments of the year. Yet, there are many who are still heedless of this beloved guest, the month of Ramadhaan, and its high position and exalted status. They are still committing sins and wandering in the dark alleys of disobedience and desires. The following messages are especially for these people, in the hope that Allaah The Almighty benefits them and makes them reminders for those who fear Him.

Message no.1

To Muslims who break their fast deliberately without an excuse approved by the Sharee'ah (Islamic legislation) in Ramadhaan

To every Muslim who breaks his fast in *Ramadhaan* deliberately without an excuse approved by the *Sharee'ah*, I would say: Are you unaware of the evil consequences that Allaah The Almighty has prepared for the Muslim who commits this abominable act? It was narrated on the authority of Abu Umaamah Al-Baahili, may Allaah be pleased with him, that he heard the Messenger of Allaah, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*, say:

Whilst I was sleeping, two men came to me and took hold of my upper arm, and brought me to a rugged mountain. They said: 'Climb up.' I said: 'I cannot do it.' They said: 'We will make it easy for you.' So I climbed up until I was at the top of the mountain. There I heard loud voices. I said: 'What are these voices?' They said: 'This is the screaming of the people of Hell.' Then I was taken and I saw people suspended by their ankles, with the corners of their mouths torn and pouring with blood. I said: 'Who are these?' They said:

'These are the people who broke their fast before it was time to do so.' [Al-Albaani in Saheeh At-Targheeb, no.1005]

If you reflect on the virtue of fasting the month of *Ramadhaan*, you will surely love it and never dare to break it even for a moment, due to the great reward allocated for the fasting person. So, do not deprive yourself of understanding your religion and worshipping your Lord. Strive in order to be saved from His punishment and enter His Paradise in the company of the fasting people through the gate of *Ar-Rayyaan*.

It would be a shame for a mature and sane Muslim to refuse to obey your Master Who granted you every blessing you enjoy, while you see young children trying their best to observe fasting for the sake of Allaah The Almighty even though fasting is not obligatory for them. If the doctor tells you that you must see him on a particular day with an empty stomach in order to perform a particular test or the like, you will obediently come to see him while you are fasting. You cannot disobey the doctor for the sake of your health. Think: Who is worthier of obedience? The One Who created you, is able to completely destroy you and no one can save you from Him, or an insignificant



man like you who is just a means for your cure by the will of Allaah The Almighty? So, fear Allaah The Almighty and make the intention now to fast the whole month of *Ramadhaan* in order to receive its virtues and be saved from the torment of Allaah The Almighty.



Message no.2

To the Muslim who does not pray

O slave of Allaah, who indulges in sin and deprives himself of the pleasure of being close to Allaah The Almighty, prostrating to Him, standing between His Hands, and reading His words. You complain about your needs, problems and troubles to people. Do you realize you are complaining of the Merciful Lord to the unmerciful beings? Should you not prostrate to your Creator, be close to Him, and lodge your complaints and needs with Him? Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {*But prostrate and draw near [to Allaah].*} [Quran 96:19] The Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*, said: "*A slave is closest to his Lord when he is prostrating, so supplicate Him often (in prostration).*" [Muslim]

Obedient Muslims renew their determination to receive this blessed month of *Ramadhaan* and perform many acts of worship in it because the reward of good deeds is multiplied therein. But you are still asleep, disobeying your Creator and Master and defying Him with sin. You should return to your Lord and repent to Him before you fall into regret at a time when regret is useless. Start now and make the month

of *Ramadhaan* a station where you supply yourself with the fuel of obedience. Race ahead to the pleasure of Allaah The Almighty and His Paradise. Do not let Satan drag you and entrap you again into this great sin after *Ramadhaan* is over. Be informed that the punishment of the Muslim who gives up prayers is too adverse as stated in the authentic texts. Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {*But there came after them successors who neglected prayer and pursued desires; so they are going to meet Ghayy.*} [Quran 19:59] *Ghayy* is a bottomless and scorching valley in Hell, and the rest of Hell's valleys seek refuge from it. May Allaah protect us and you from Hell and its torment!

Message no. 3

To the Muslim who is undutiful to his parents

O Muslim who has fallen into this bottomless pit – the pit of being undutiful to one or both parents – you should know that Allaah The Almighty associated dutifulness to parents and obedience to Him on many occasions in the Quran. For instance, Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {*And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], "uff," and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word.*} [Quran 17:23] Allaah The Almighty Enjoined children to be dutiful to their parents in five places in the Quran, and enjoined parents to take care of their children in one place. Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {Allaah instructs you concerning your children: for the *male, what is equal to the share of two females.*} [Quran 4:11]

There are many texts in the *Sunnah* (Prophetic tradition) highlighting the virtue of being dutiful to parents. For example, Ibn Mas'ood, may Allaah be pleased with him, said,

I asked the Prophet, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, "Which of the deeds is loved most by Allaah?" The Messenger of Allaah, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said: "Performing prayer at its due time.'' I asked, "What next?" He, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, replied: "Dutifulness to parents.'' I asked, "What next?" He replied: "Jihaad in the cause of Allaah."

Mu'aawiyah ibn Jaahimah As-Sulami, may Allaah be pleased with him, said, "O Messenger of Allaah, I decided to make Jihaad with you for the sake of Allaah and reward in the Hereafter." The Prophet, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, asked: "Is your mother alive?" I said, "Yes, Messenger of Allaah." He said: "Stay at her feet, for Paradise is there." [Ibn Maajah; Al-Albaani: Saheeh] How can you lose this benefit and its other accompanying virtues and fall into the trap of being undutiful to parents? Allaah The Almighty enjoined the child to be dutiful to his parents even if they are disbelievers. So, what should be your case when Allaah The Almighty granted you Muslim parents and deprived others of parents who are the source of warmth, care, love, and affection? You must thank Allaah The Almighty for this blessing by being the most dutiful child to your parents. The season of acts of worship is near, so do not enter it unless your parents are pleased with you and obey them, except in matters that anger Allaah

The Almighty. That is because "there is no obedience to a creature in defiance of the Creator." [Saheeh Al-Jaami', 7520]

Never be undutiful to parents again even if by saying "*uff*" to them, so that they may supplicate for you, because of which Allaah The Almighty shall grant you success in this life and in the Hereafter.

Message no. 4

To women not adhering to Hijaab

O Muslim sister, O precious jewel of the Muslim *Ummah* (nation), may Allaah guide us and you to all that is good! You should know that the enemies of Allaah The Almighty want to destroy the Muslim *Ummah* through you. They are well aware that the woman is one-half of the society and gives birth to and raises the other half to be an asset to the Muslim society. Thus, the enemies want to belittle your mind and destroy the *Ummah* at your hands. They want to make you a cheap commodity to be sold for a paltry price, and they would like nothing better than people not attaching any value to you.

They try their best to strip you of the symbol of your religion and chastity and would like that you disobey your Lord by exposing your beauty, which was the practice of the pre-Islamic era of ignorance. They hide themselves behind false slogans such as the "liberation of women", when in reality, they want the Muslim woman to be like their women or like a trash can where all kinds of filth are thrown – may Allaah guard you against that!

'Uthmaan ibn 'Affaan, may Allaah be pleased with him, said, "*The adulteress wishes that all women commit adultery*." Allaah The Almighty wants chastity and purity for you, and thus He ordained *Hijaab* (Islamic covering). Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {*O Prophet, tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to bring down over themselves [part] of their outer garments. That is more suitable that they will be known and not be abused. And ever Is Allaah Forgiving and Merciful.} [Quran 33:59] Allaah The Almighty also forbade you from exposing your beauty. Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {<i>And abide in your houses and do not display yourselves as [was] the display of the former times of ignorance.*} [Quran 33:33]

If a person went to the butcher to buy meat and found that this meat was exposed to dust and flies, would he buy from this butcher? Or would he go to the next one who protected his meat against dust, flies and dirt? Sister, the butcher keeps the meat of cows and calves away from dirt and flies, are you not more entitled to guard your flesh from wolves and dogs?

Islam wants you to be like a jewel; if a man owns a jewel, will he leave it in an open place or unprotected from people's touch? Or, will he place it in a beautiful attractive box that suits it and store it in a secure safe, in order to safeguard it and protect it from filth and misuse?

Sister, cover yourself with your *Sharee* 'ah-approved *Hijaab* now, and do not be a weapon in the hands of the enemies of Allaah The Almighty to use it however they wish. The month of *Ramadhaan* is approaching: will you be a deputy for the chained devils to do what they fail to do in this month, in terms of spoiling the Muslims' fasting? Or, will you be like a precious and valuable jewel, obeying your Lord, fighting the enemies of Allaah The Almighty, and producing the generation that takes our *Ummah* to the highest goals? May Allaah grant you and us the Highest Paradise, Al-Firdaws! Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {*And whoever obeys Allaah and the Messenger - those will be with the ones upon whom Allaah Has Bestowed favor of the prophets, the steadfast affirmers of truth, the martyrs and the righteous. And excellent are those as companions.}* [Quran 4:69]

Be informed that the enemies of Allaah The Almighty will not stop fighting you after you become a chaste woman wearing the *Hijaab*, so be proud of your *Hijaab*.



Message no. 5

To the smoker

Muslim brother, stop burning your blessings: your health, your wife, your children, your money, and your fellow Muslims. I beg you by Allaah: do you not know that Allaah The Almighty Says (what means):

- {[the Messenger] who enjoins upon them what is right and forbids them what is wrong and makes lawful for them the good things and prohibits for them the evil.} [Quran 7:157]
- {*And do not kill yourselves [or one another]. Indeed, Allaah Is to you ever Merciful.*} [Quran 4:29]

The Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*, says: "Let there be no harm nor reciprocating harm."

Let me ask you: Do you classify smoking as good or bad?

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Do you mention the Name of Allaah when you start smoking or praise Him upon finishing it?

Is there any food that you tread on after you consume it?

Do you smoke in the Houses of Allaah?

Have you achieved financial, health, or social gains from smoking?

What is your condition when you see one of your children or younger brothers smoking?

You should know that smoking cigarettes is not only an act of disobedience to Allaah The Almighty, but it also destroys your health and the health of those around you. According to statistics quoted by Dr. Clifford Anderson from the American Cancer Society, if a person stops smoking this reduces the risk of cancer by half. It is certain that those who do not smoke are the least susceptible to disease. Dr. Kan'aan Al-Jaabi said, *"I have been treating cancer for 25 years, and no patient was afflicted with cancer of the larynx but smokers."*

According to the report from the Royal College of Physicians, London, smoking cigarettes causes as many deaths today as the most

dangerous epidemics in the previous ages. It showed that 95 percent of patients with thrombosis problems are smokers.

According to research statistics, smoking leads to the higher mortality rate globally compared to wars and famines.

Why do smokers insist on this bad habit after all this?

In just a few days from now you will be fasting and will abstain from what is lawful, such as food, drink, and sexual intercourse. I beg you by Allaah to abstain from smoking cigarettes and indulging in other harmful habits that Allaah The Almighty has forbidden for the rest of your life. Make the month of *Ramadhaan* a school where you train yourself on giving up this pernicious habit. Rely on Allaah The Almighty and make a sincere intention. Keep away from places where people smoke. Drink plenty of water and juice, use *Siwaak*, and chew gum whenever you feel the desire to smoke. You may see a doctor if necessary. May Allaah cure and heal you, and make you and us among those who obey Him!

Message no. 6

To those addicted to listening to music and songs

Dear brother, you have corrupted your honorable ears by listening to what angers Allaah The Almighty, hardens your heart, and distracts you from the remembrance of Allaah The Almighty. You have done so either to kill spare time or because you love to listen to music and songs – either way, this is a great evil. Do you not know that time is your life about which you will be questioned before Allaah The Almighty? Why do you waste it in what is harmful and displeasing to Allaah The Almighty? This leads you to desert His Words ... the Quran.

Are you not aware that singing is prohibited? Or do you follow the opinion of anyone who permits unlawful entertainment and singing based on unfounded evidence? Remember that you are a Muslim who loves Allaah The Almighty and His Messenger, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*. So, I ask you: Can you listen to music and songs in the *Masjids*? Why not? Because singing is forbidden, and the evidence is the statement of Allaah The Almighty Says (which means): {*And of the people is he who buys the amusement of speech to mislead*

[others] from the way of Allaah without knowledge and who takes it in ridicule. Those will have a humiliating punishment.} [Quran 31:6]

The most prominent scholar, Ibn 'Abbaas, may Allaah be pleased with him, said that amusement of speech refers to singing. Mujaahid, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said that it means beating the drums. [*Tafseer At-Tabari*] Al-Hasan Al-Basri, my Allaah have mercy upon him, said, "*This verse was revealed concerning singing and musical instruments.*" [*Tafseer Ibn Katheer*]

Ibn Al-Qayyim, may Allaah have mercy upon him, said,

"The interpretation given by the Companions and the Taabi'oon (the second and third generation following the Companions) for amusement of speech that it refers to singing is sufficient. This was authentically reported from Ibn 'Abbaas and Ibn Mas'ood. Abu As-Sahbaa' said, "I asked Ibn Mas'ood about the verse, which reads: {And of the people is he who buys the amusement of speech...}, he said: 'By Allaah Who is only Worthy of worship, it is singing.' He

repeated it three times. Ibn 'Umar, may Allaah be pleased with him, was authentically reported to have said that it is singing."

The Prophet, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said:

"From among my followers there will be some people who will consider illegal sexual intercourse, the wearing of silk (for men), the drinking of alcoholic drinks and the use of musical instruments, as lawful. And there will be some people who will stay near the side of a mountain and in the evening their shepherd will come to them with their sheep, and when a poor person comes and asks them for something (as charity), they will say to him, 'Return to us tomorrow.' Allaah will destroy them during the night and will let the mountain fall on them, and He will transform others into monkeys and pigs and they will remain so till the Day of Resurrection." [Al-Bukhaari 5590, At-Tabaraani, and Al-Bayhaqi (See Al-Albaani's As-Silsilah As-Saheehah, 91)]

This *Hadeeth* (narration) is classified as *Saheeh* (authentic) by senior scholars like Imaam Ibn Hibbaan, Al-Ismaa'eeli, Ibn Salaah, Ibn Hajar Al-'Asqalaani, Shaykh-ul-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah, At-Tahaawi, Ibn Al-Qayyim, As-San'aani, and many other scholars. This is sufficient to prove the absolute prohibition of singing.

Dear brother, I would like to tell you before the coming of this blessed month while you are still engaged in your amusement and music, *Ramadhaan* is the month of acts of worship that include reading the Quran. You are fully certain that the Quran is the best speech, so busy yourself with the best speech instead of the evil one. May Allaah guide you and us to what brings about the betterment of nations and people!

Message no. 7

To Muslims looking at prohibitions

Allaah The Almighty conferred countless favors on you, and no matter how much you thank Him for them, you will not fulfill the due thanks for a single favor. So, how can you use these favors in what displeases Allaah The Almighty? Sight is one of the greatest blessings a person has. Allaah The Almighty granted you this blessing and deprived others of it. Is disobeying Allaah The Almighty the means to express gratitude for it?

O slave of Allaah, Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {*Tell the believing men to reduce [some] of their vision and guard their private parts. That is purer for them. Indeed, Allaah Is Acquainted with what they do.*} [Quran 24:30] The order is not exclusive to men only, but the next verse orders the women to do the same. Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {*And tell the believing women to reduce [some] of their vision and guard their private parts.*} [Quran 24:31] It was narrated on the authority of Abu Sa'eed Al-Khudri, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*, said:

"Beware of sitting on roads (ways)." The people said: "We have only them as sitting places." The Messenger of Allaah, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said: "If you have to sit there, then observe the rights of the way". They asked, "What are the rights of the way?" He, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said: "Lowering the gaze, removal of harmful objects, returning greetings, enjoining good and forbidding evil." [Al-Bukhaari and Muslim]

Not restraining the gaze is the adultery of the eyes, as reported in a narration: "Allaah has written for the son of Aadam (Adam) his share of adultery which he commits inevitably. The adultery of the eye is the gaze, the adultery of the ear is listening, the adultery of the tongue is talking, the adultery of the hand is touching, the adultery of the feet is walking, the heart desires and wishes and the private parts put all this to action or deny it." [Majmoo' Fataawa Ibn Taymiyyah]

There are evil consequences to not restraining the gaze and leaving it free to gaze at what Allaah The Almighty has forbidden us to look at, like non-*Mahram* (marriageable) women, movies, soap operas, plays,



music videos, songs and the like, that the media is keen to broadcast, choosing the most attractive ones for *Ramadhaan*. They do so to distract people from obedience and worship of Allaah The Almighty even if they are the so-called "religious" serials. Looking at these things have very bad consequences, such as:

- It is one of the gates to adultery and one of its most dangerous means and causes.
- It is permitted to poke the eye of someone who is found looking into Muslims' houses.
- It results in heedlessness, following passions and losing self-control.
- It is one of the means of corrupting the heart, and this is the most dangerous affliction.
- It makes the heart attached to images and causes permanent grief and torment.

Dear brother, guard your sight against this filth. Know that when you give up this act for the sake of Allaah The Almighty, He will compensate you with something better. May Allaah guide you and us to what He loves and is pleased with.

Message no. 8

To bitter-tongued Muslims

We all admit that the tongue is one of the favors of Allaah The Almighty that man must continuously be grateful for by using it in obedience to Him, not in disobeying Him. This is a very hard task! Many people use this favor in the worst manner and forget that they will be held accountable for what they utter. Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {*Man does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared [to record].*} [Quran 50:18]

Ibn 'Abbaas, may Allaah be pleased with him, said, "All good and bad words they said are written, even things like, "I ate, drank, went, arrived, saw...and so on. When Thursday comes, all his sayings and actions are submitted, and only the evil and good things are recorded, and the rest is discarded."

Allaah The Almighty Says (what means):

- {*And indeed, [appointed] over you are keepers, Noble and recording; They know whatever you do.*} [Quran 82:10-12]
- {And do not pursue that of which you have no knowledge. Indeed, the hearing, the sight and the heart - about all those [one] will be questioned.} [Quran 17:36]

It was narrated on the authority of Bilaal ibn Al-Haarith Al-Muzani, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*, said: "A man speaks a good word without knowing its worth, Allaah records for him His Good Pleasure till the day he will meet Him; and a man utters an evil word without realizing its importance, Allaah records for him His Displeasure till the Day of Resurrection." [Al-Bukhaari]

It was narrated on the authority of Abu Hurayrah, may Allaah be pleased with him, that he heard the Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*, say: "A person utters a word thoughtlessly (i.e., without thinking about its being good or not) and, as a result of this, he will fall down into the fire of Hell deeper than the distance between the east and the west." [Al-Bukhaari and Muslim]

It was narrated on the authority of Mu'aath, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam, said: "Shall I tell you about that which controls all these things?'' I said, "Yes, O Messenger of Allaah." So, he took hold of his tongue and said: "Keep this in control.'' I asked: "O Messenger of Allaah! Shall we really be held accountable for what we talk about?" He replied: "May your mother lose you! People will be thrown on their faces into Hell on account of their tongues." [At-Tirmithi: Hasan Saheeh]

Therefore, the reward of the Muslim who safeguards his tongue is Paradise. It was narrated on the authority of Sahl ibn Sa'd, may Allaah be pleased with him, that the Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*, said: "Whoever gives me a guarantee to safeguard what is between his jaws and what is between his legs, I shall guarantee him Jannah." [Al-Bukhaari]

Dear brother, look into your affairs and train your tongue to speak only what pleases Allaah The Almighty, particularly in the blessed month of *Ramadhaan*. The Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*, said:

"Allaah The Exalted said: 'Every act of the son of Adam is for him, except fasting which is (exclusively) for Me, and I will reward him for it.' Fasting is a shield. When anyone of you is observing fast, he should neither indulge in obscene language nor should he raise his voice; and if anyone reviles him or tries to quarrel with him, he should say: 'I am fasting.' By Him in Whose Hand the soul of Muhammad is, the breath of one observing fasting is sweeter to Allaah than the fragrance of musk. The one who fasts experiences two joys: he feels pleasure when he breaks the fast, and he is joyful by virtue of his fast when he meets his Lord." [Al-Bukhaari]

Guard your tongue against every evil. May Allaah guard and protect you!

Message no. 9

To young people

O Muslim youth, you are the asset and hope of this *Ummah* and you will resume what was initiated by your forefathers. So, understand your religion well. Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {*Do not follow [your own] desire, as it will lead you astray from the way of Allaah. Indeed, those who go astray from the way of Allaah will have a severe punishment for having forgotten the Day of Account.*} [Quran 38:26] Do not become easy pickings or a weapon in the hands of the enemies of Allaah The Almighty, who target others by you.

You should know that all goodness lies in following the best role model. Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {*There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allaah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allaah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allaah often.*} [Quran 33:21] The enemies of Allaah The Almighty want you to be a person with weak faith and stature, trembling hands, a hollow heart, and insignificant ambitions. Have you not understood the reality of the satellite channels devoted to broadcasting video clips of shameless singing and profligate dancing?

Do you not know that they have designed thousands, or rather millions of pornographic websites and other means of corruption for these purposes? Had you not been of such importance, they would not worked hard to destroy you and distance you from your religion. But you are unaware of this, and every day you look for something new, regardless of whether it is lawful or not, to waste your time.

Is it not time for you to realize that Islam needs you greatly and that Muslims are being targeted by their enemies? They seek the destruction of Islam, and Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {They want to extinguish the Light of Allaah with their mouths.} [Quran 9:32] They cannot accomplish this except by destroying you, since you will soon be the one who resists them. I wonder if you will be able to confront your enemy and defend your religion, your family, and your property while you are so weak and insignificant. Will these trembling hands be able to carry a weapon and stand on the battleground before the enemies of Allaah The Almighty? The story of Palestine, Chechnya, Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, and others has not been forgotten. We must stop being heedless and wasting our time. Brother, do you agree that we have to change ourselves so that Allaah The Almighty will change our conditions? Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {*Indeed, Allaah will not change the* condition of a people until they change what is in themselves.

[Quran 13:11] So, why delay? Let us hurry to repair what is broken, build what has been demolished, and finish this building so that it becomes lofty, strong, and capable of resisting any attack launched by the enemies of Allaah The Almighty. We are about to receive a blessed month – the month of *Ramadhaan*. Make it a starting point, by making a sincere intention to Allaah The Almighty! May Allaah gather you and us with the chief of the Messengers, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam*, in Paradise!

Message no. 10

To every sinner, regardless of his misdeed

Dear brother, may you be closer to Allaah The Almighty every year, more constant in obedience to Him, and more competitive in good deeds. In a few days we will receive this dear guest – the blessed month of *Ramadhaan* – which we should try to receive properly by giving up sins and carrying out acts of worship. Let us all repent to Allaah The Almighty Who Says (what means): {*And turn to Allaah all of you, O believers! so that you may be successful.*} [Quran 24:31] The last call to the believers in the Quran reads (what means): {*O you who have believed, repent to Allaah with sincere repentance. Perhaps your Lord will remove from you your misdeeds and admit you into gardens beneath which rivers flow [on] the Day when Allaah Will not Disgrace the Prophet and those who believed with him. Their light will proceed before them and on their right; they will say, "Our Lord, perfect for us our light and forgive us. Indeed, You Are over all things Competent."*} [Quran 66:8]

Never despair, for the door of repentance is open wide. Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {*Say, "O My servants who have*

transgressed against themselves [by sinning], do not despair of the mercy of Allaah. Indeed, Allaah forgives all sins. Indeed, it is He Who is the Forgiving, the Merciful."} [Quran 39:53] You should know that turning in repentance signifies implementation of the Order of Allaah The Almighty and that it causes forgiveness of sins, admittance to Paradise, and success in this life and in the Hereafter, as stated in the previous verses. Allaah The Almighty Says (what means): {Indeed, Allaah loves those who are constantly repentant and loves those who purify themselves."} [Quran 2:222] Do not postpone your repentance and know that "Allaah The Exalted will continue to stretch out His Hand in the night so that the sinners of the day may repent, and continue to stretch His Hand in the daytime so that the sinners of the night may repent, until the sun rises from the west." [Muslim]

Allaah The Almighty Is happy with your repentance. So, do not hesitate but start now! Do not delay even for a moment. You do not know when or where you will die. Repent immediately and may Allaah forgive us all!