

In the Name of Allah the most gracious the most merciful

Peace and blessing be up on the most trustworthy messenger, who was sent only to be the mercy for the entire world.

Dear brother and sisters ASAWW

The worship of the slave should be in perfect submission to Allah SWT and making a sincere repentance whilst showing the total desperation for forgiveness and imagine, how smaller we are comparing to the mercy of Allah SWT?! However, If we let the self-arrogance, egos to take over our moral standard and beliefs then we would be standing with what Allah dislikes and ignore what he likes that means we are clearly in disobedience to Allah SWT. **As Allah SWT tells us in Surah Faatir verse 10**

**“Whoever desires honor through power than to Allah belongs all Honor”**

The best worship for any slaves is to repent to Allah SWT and that would be a dutiful task to do and it will benefit him best in the long run.

Allah SWT is asking his slaves to repent to him no matter how big their sins are so he can forgive them all as he promised to do so. **In surah Taa-Haa verse 82**

**“Indeed, I am the perpetual forgiver of whoever repent and believes and does righteousness and then continues in guidance.”**

The prophet says in a hadith that Allah SWT said, Oh the children of Adam, you have not called me or asked me to forgive you because I will forgive you and I don't care. Oh, the Children of Adam, if your sins reach the sky and you ask me to forgive you then I will forgive you and I don't care.

The prophet (PBUH) has given us the good news that Allah SWT will forgive our sins every single hour of days and nights so the door of repentance shall never be closed!

Imam Muslim narrates from Abu Musa that the prophet (PBUH) said, Allah SWT extends his hand at nights in order to forgive the offences committed during the day and he extends his hand during the day in order to forgive all offences committed at nights until the sun rises from where the sun sets!

If that happens every day, can you imagine the mercy of Allah SWT during the month of Ramadan? Where in Ramadan his slaves are fasting during the day for his sakes and standing up at night for prayers in order to please him that is the closest the worshipers can get and repent to Allah SWT in order to be forgiven!

These are great opportunities NOT to be missed for people with brain or wisdom!

All Quranic verse and tradition of the prophet (PBUH) are emphasizing on the importance of repentance, reassuring that anyone who repent to Allah sincerely, his sins will be forgiven.

Al Qurtubi says, the majority of scholars in this Umma are in agreement that repentance is made obligatory and said again, its obligatory!

The true repentance will wipe off sins and offences no matter how big they are this is including associating others to Allah and disbelieves (Shirk and Kufir) because Allah AWT will not make sins bigger and then forgive.

**Allah SWT tells us in surah Al Anfal verse 38**

**“Say to those who have disbelieved that if they cease, what has previously occurred will be forgiven for them. But if they return (to hostility) then the precedent of the former (rebellious) peoples has already taken place”**

**Allah SWT also tells us in surah Al Maidah verse 74**

**“So will they not repent to Allah and seek his forgiveness? And Allah is forgiving and merciful.”**

In a Hadith Al Qudsi, Imam Muslim narrates from the prophet (PBUH) that Allah SWT says: “Oh you my slaves, you are committing sins every nights and days and I forgive you, so repent to me and I will grant forgiveness.

In another Hadith, Imam Turmizy Narrates that Allah SWT says: Oh you children of Adam, if your offences reach the sky, then you repent, I will forgive you and I don't care. Oh you children of Adam, if you come to me with sins as big as the earth without associating others to me, then I will grant forgiveness for your biggest and earthly sins.

It has been narrated in two authentic Hadiths that our beloved prophet (PBUH) said, Allah SWT is very pleased with repentance of his slaves! Such as the man who had lost his animal in the hot atmospheres in a desert with all his foods, drinks and belonging at the back of his animal. He was not able to find it so he hopelessly went to rest under a shad of tree where he fell asleep. When he woke up, he saw his animal stood next to him so because of excitement and joy, he said, Oh Allah, you are my slave and I am your Lord! A mistake because of joyfulness.

Oh you my brothers, we are fasting in this month and very anxious of our actions, we are all in needs of repentance for all our wrongdoings and offences which were committed previously so we ask Allah SWT to forgive all our sinful actions even though that they might have been either knowingly or unknowingly committed.

We are in the month of Ramadan, where we submit our deeds, and correct our actions whilst doing all self-criticisms. If we are successful, we thank Allah SWT but if we are not , we repent to Allah and ask for his forgiveness as well as increasing our decencies.

The veil or having something in front of you when you pray is obligatory for both Imam or a lone prayer according to the most scholars especially from imam Show Kani's point of view and Ibn Hazm!

According to the below hadiths that our prophet (PBUH) says: Do not pray unless you have a veil or something in front of you and DON'T let anyone cross you when you pray if they refuse to stop then you fight with them because its an action possessed by devils!

In another Hadith, the prophet (PBUH) advises that if anyone of you pray, let them pray with **Sitr, veil** or something in front of you because **Shaytan -devil** cannot interrupt your prayer!

Some brothers are praying at the back row without having a veil or Sitr where the front row is free and this causes issues for other brothers and attendees where they need to find a place to pray or to move around avoiding prayers being interrupted. In results of these movements, the person who is in prayers loses concentration which is against the Sunah or tradition of our beloved prophet (PBUH).

The final point is that some brothers are praying where they have worn short cloths and they expose their back (Awra-Private) vividly during the **rukua and sujude** which they really ought to cover themselves as its obligatory to cover the private parts when offering prayers.

Shex Ibn Othiyamen said, if the private part was deliberately exposed during the prayer and not covered properly, it will loss the benefit of the prayer no matter how wide or narrow the part is or how long or short the exposure is. However, if the private part was not deliberately exposed, the person will not lose the benefit of his prayer.

May Allah accept all our deeds and accepts our repentance. May Allah give us the true guidance and strengthen our ability to worship him as much as we possibly can in this month and after. May Allah grant us Janah Paradise - Ameen