

Allah's Unparalleled Love for His Servants

I urge the reader to read it in seclusion, so that Allah's love may take root in the heart and bring tears to the eyes. As Allah says in the Qur'an: Tell them, (O Prophet): "My servants who have committed excesses against themselves, do not despair of Allah's Mercy. Surely Allah forgives all sins. He is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. Turn to your Lord and surrender yourselves to Him before the chastisement overtakes you; for then you will receive no help. Follow the best of what has been revealed to you from your Lord before the chastisement suddenly comes upon you without you even being aware of it." Lest a person should say: "Alas for me for neglecting my duty towards Allah and for being among those that scoffed"; and lest a person should say: "If only Allah had guided me, I should have been one of the God-fearing"; or lest he should say, when he sees the chastisement: "O that I might return again, and be among those who do good." Yes indeed! But My Signs came to you, and you rejected them as lies and waxed arrogant and were among those who disbelieved. On the Day of Resurrection, you shall see that the faces of those who had lied against Allah have turned dark. Is Hell not vast enough to provide a room to the vainglorious? But as for the God-fearing, Allah will deliver them on account of their achievements: no harm shall visit them, nor shall they grieve. Allah is the Creator of everything; He is the Guardian over everything. To Him belong the keys of the heavens and the earth. It is those who disbelieve in Allah's Signs who will be the losers (39:53-63).

To truly understand Allah's love, I will share stories of His mercy. They nurture our relationship with Him and fill our hearts with love and hope. When a believer repents but not all sins are covered, Allah commands the angels of His Throne to seek forgiveness for that servant until every sin is washed away. Such is our Most Merciful Lord. Thank you, Allah.

When a child disobeys his mother but returns remorsefully, she eventually forgives him. Yet he must approach her with genuine regret and tearful apology to soften her heart. Conversely, if a servant of Allah spends a lifetime in sin but one day feels sincere remorse, the Prophet said Allah forgives him for that heartfelt regret, even without formal repentance.

Pleasing Allah is easy in this world but impossible in the Hereafter. Abu Huraira said that when a man commits a sin and then says: “O my Lord I have committed a sin, please forgive me”. Allah says, My slave knows he has a Lord who forgives and punishes, so I forgive him. After a while he again commits sin and asks Allah for forgiveness. Allah again says My slave knows he has a Lord who forgives and punishes, so I forgive him. He again commits sin and again repents to Allah. Allah again says my slave knows he has a Lord who forgives and punishes, so I forgive him (Bukhari, vol. 2, hadith 1117). [O Muslims, how can we lose hope in our Merciful Lord, Allah? Return to Him, He awaits us. If we do not turn back, the blame is ours.](#)

Allah is so merciful that if a man touches rock bottom in bad deeds, crossing the limits of sin and drowning in evil, and then realizes his wrongs, and repents with shame, Allah not only forgives his sins, but He also converts them into good deeds. [Subhan-Allah!](#) People may despair, believing their sins are beyond forgiveness. While Allah keeps His hopes that one day His servant will return to Him. He calls out, “O my servant what made you lose hope in My Mercy, I forgive all sins. Come back to Me and I will forgive your sins, even if they covered the earth and the sky”. [O people, our Allah loves us seventy folds more than our mothers. Never lose hope in Him. It is easy to please Him, just repent with sincerity. O Allah, forgive us. Ameen!](#)

A Bedouin asked the Prophet who would hold people to account on the Day of Judgment. The Prophet replied, “Allah.” The Bedouin asked again, “Will Allah take us to

account?" The Prophet said, "Yes." The Bedouin smiled. When the Prophet(SAW) asked why, he replied, "Because Allah is Al-Kareem, so I am no longer worried."

A companion reported: "The Prophet(SAW) came to us while we were laughing and said, 'You laugh while Hellfire draws near.' He forbade us from laughing, and when he left, it felt as if vultures were hovering over us. He then returned and said that Gabriel had come to him, conveying Allah's message: His servants may despair, so tell them He is the Most Merciful, the Forgiving."

Abu Huraira narrated that the Prophet(SAW) said: "Allah divided His mercy into one hundred parts. He kept ninety-nine and sent one to His creation. Because of that single portion, even a horse avoids harming its foal with its hoof. Allah's mercy encompasses everything (Ref#15)."

O believers listen to what Abdullah bin Umar(RA) has to say. He narrates that he heard the Prophet(SAW) say that on the Day of Judgment, Allah will bring the believer closer to Him and then He will hide him in His cover. He will then ask him; does he remember he did such and such sin. The believer will say, yes, my Lord. Allah will keep asking about his other sins that were not repented until he acknowledges all of them. The believer will get scared of the consequences. Allah will say to him that He covered his sins in the world and today He forgives them. Subhan-Allah! He will be handed the book of righteous deed in his right hand. As far as the non-believers are concerned, they will be questioned in front of everyone and will be handed the book of Sijjin in their left hand (Sahih Bukhari, Vol. 1, Hadith 330).

O people, when the night falls, the worldly courts are closed, the palaces are closed, the gates are closed and the guards are posted, because it is after work hours. The rulers of this world are engaged in their own pleasure. They are not ready to listen or entertain anyone. On the other hand, when most of us are sleeping in negligence, Allah in His Majesty and in His Glory descends to the first heaven and calls out in the

last third of the night: “Who is there to call onto Me so that I may respond to him. Who is there, who has some needs, so that I may fulfill his needs. Who is there, who wants something, so that I may grant it to him. Who is there, who wants My forgiveness, so that I may forgive him”. Allah then asks, is there anyone who knocked on My door, and the door was not opened for him. Is there anyone who asked from Me and he was not given” (If He does not give you in this world, He will give you so much in the hereafter that one will wish that none of his prayers were fulfilled in the world) (Sahih Muslim Salat-Al Musafirin, No. 1174, Ref#8).

O people don't ask man, ask the One whose doors are never closed, whose love is un-exhausting and whose storehouses are never empty. The Merciful Allah says, “O my servant when you remember Me, I remember you, and when you forget Me, I still remember you”. [Subhan Allah!](#) Allah says, O son of Adam(AS) if you turn away from Me and spend your days and nights in My disobedience, and if you could know how much love and affection, I have for you, your limbs will split with joy. O son of Adam(AS), if this is My love for those who have broken my commandments, what is My love for those who are obedient to Me”. This is Allah, My Lord and Your Lord. The Loving One, The Merciful, The Forgiver. [O Allah, we cannot match Your love for us. O Allah, embed in us Your love so that we love You with our fullest heart and please You with our utmost effort. Ameen! O Allah, all praises and thanks are for You.](#)

Allah says: O' son of Adam, don't be afraid of any power or sovereignty so long as His sovereignty remains, and His sovereignty never ceases. O son of Adam do not fear tightened sustenance so long as His stores are full; and His stores can never be empty. O son of Adam, He has already set our share of sustenance, so we shouldn't tire ourselves over it (that is, our limbs should work, while our hearts should put their trust in Allah). O son of Adam, He has guaranteed us our sustenance, and He swore by His Glory

and Might that if we are content with what He has allocated for us, He will bring comfort to our hearts and our bodies, and He will praise us. If we are not content with what He has allocated for us, He swore by His Glory and Might that He will set the world loose on us, where we will run just like animals run in the wild, and we will still not get more than what He originally allocated for us. “O son of Adam, He created the seven heavens and earth effortlessly, so would it trouble Him to simply send a loaf of bread our way? O son of Adam don’t ask Me for tomorrow’s sustenance, just like I do not ask you for tomorrow’s deeds. O son of Adam He loves us, so by His rights over us, we should love Him. Thank You O Allah, we love You too. Insha-Allah (God willing).

O Muslims, Gabriel^(AS) told the Prophet that the angels record all the deeds of his Ummah, except their tears. The Prophet asked Gabriel, "why the tears of my Ummah are not recorded" (Allahu Akbar! O Allah, we surrender ourselves to Your mercy)? Gabriel told the Prophet that a single tear from one of his followers can extinguish oceans of Hellfire, which is why angels cannot record the tears of his Ummah.

O Muslims, Allah’s doors of mercy are open. Allah calls out: O son of Adam, O mankind, even if you sin repeatedly until your sins fill the heavens and the earth, then turn back and say, “O Allah, forgive me,” He will forgive you, and your sins will not matter. Such is our Lord’s mercy: He loves us seventy times more than our own mothers. Though Satan has led us astray, it’s never too late, return to the All-Merciful Allah. O’ Allah we have wronged ourselves, please forgive us. Ameen

Allah will take two people out of Hell and ask how it was. They will say, “O Allah, it is the worst place.” Allah will reply that they entered it because of their own deeds and that He did not wrong them, then command them to return to Hell.

When the order comes, one man runs back toward Hell, while the other remains. Allah calls back the one who ran and asks why he hastened to such a dreadful place after admitting how terrible it is. He replies, “My Lord, in my life I always disobeyed Your commands. Realizing my error, I chose at least to hasten to obey this command.” Allah forgives him and admits him to Paradise.

Allah then asks the second man why he did not obey. He answers, “O Allah, I had good hope in You: that since You took me out of Hell, You would not return me to it.” Allah says he too is forgiven and admits him to Paradise (Ref. Jowahir Islami Tarikh, page 649). **Subhan-Allah! This is my Lord and your Lord Allah. O Allah, forgive us. Ameen!**

A person will come whose bad deeds outweigh his good deeds. Yet a command will be given: “O so-and-so, enter Paradise because of your deeds.” He will ask, “How, O Allah, when my bad deeds exceeded my good deeds?” Allah will reply: “On a certain night you could not sleep, you were restless, turning from side to side, and in that state you said, ‘Allah, Allah, Allah,’ then slept and forgot. I neither sleep nor forget. In return for that ‘Allah, Allah, Allah’ on that night, I grant you Paradise.” **O Allah, Your mercy is endless, forgive us too. O Allah, we are standing with hands joined together and our heads bowed down with shame, seeking Your forgiveness. O Allah, please, please forgive us. Ameen!**

I will share true stories from the past that show Allah’s mercy for His servants. It is reported that during the time of MOSES(AS) a severe drought struck. The Israelites said, “O Moses, the children are starving, the elders are suffering, the animals are dying, and the crops have withered. Supplicate to Allah to send rain.” Moses gathered the people in the open desert and prayed: “O Allah, the children are starving, the elders are suffering, the animals are dying, and the vegetation has dried up. Send down rain upon us.”

Allah told MOSES(AS), “Among you is a servant who has disobeyed Me for forty years. Tell him to leave the

congregation, and I will send rain.” Moses addressed the people: “Whoever you are, have mercy on the congregation and depart so Allah may send us rain.” The man realized Allah meant him. He knew if he stayed the people would suffer without rain, and if he left, everyone would know he is the disobedient one. Seeing no one else left, and overwhelmed with remorse, he covered his head with his cloak and started weeping. With tears of sincere repentance, he begged Allah for forgiveness and felt mercy for those harmed by him. As his tears touched the ground, Allah forgave him, and rain began to fall.

Moses said, “O Allah, no one has left, why did You send rain?” Allah replied, “Because of the repentance of that very person.” Moses asked to see the repentant servant so they could thank him. Allah said, “For forty years he disobeyed Me, and I concealed his sins. Now that he has repented, do you think I would reveal his identity?” **O Allah, Your mercy has no limits, we can never comprehend it. O Allah, forgive us, make us a good Muslim. Ameen!**

Karoon was a wealthy Israelite. He liked to show off. Ten strong men carried the keys of his hidden treasures. Once he asked Moses(AS), what is the punishment for committing adultery? Moses replied, stoning to death. Karoon asked what if you did it? Moses said the same punishment would apply to me.

Karoon pointed towards a woman and said, tell your story. She said, Moses had committed adultery with her. Moses was shocked and did not know what to say. He fell in prostration and asked Allah for help. Allah told Moses to get up and ask the woman, why she laid the blame on him. Moses got up and asked her what made her put the blame on him. She said that Karoon bribed her to slander you.

Moses raised his hands and asked Allah to punish Karoon. On Allah’s orders Karoon started sinking in the earth. When he sank to his ankles, he started pleading to Moses for forgiveness. Moses was very angry he said sink; you

slandered the prophet of Allah. He sank till his knee and kept repenting for what he had done. Moses was not ready to forgive him. Karoon sunk till his hips. He kept pleading to Moses for forgiveness. Moses did not forgive him. He sunk to his neck. Karoon pleaded with remorse, Moses did not forgive him, and he sunk into the earth with his wealth.

Allah sent a revelation to Moses saying: “O Moses Karoon was my slave, he pleaded to you, you did not forgive him, had he repented once to Me, I would have forgiven him (Ref. Jowahir Islami Tarikh, page 686). Although Karoon slandered His messenger, Allah was ready to forgive Karoon, had he repented to Him. Moses(AS) is one of the five mightiest messengers, and he now resides in the sixth heaven. [This is Allah! How can we lose hope in Him?](#)

A Bedouin sahabi was walking around Kaaba and was reciting “Ya Kareem Ya Kareem”. The Prophet(SAW) was walking behind him; he also started reciting “Ya Kareem Ya Kareem”. The sahabi thought the fellow behind him was mocking him. He turned and said to him that you are mocking me and that he would complain about it to the Prophet. The Prophet(SAW) asked if he had seen the Prophet. He replied that he had not met him. The Prophet(SAW) told him that he himself was the Prophet and explained that he was reciting it because he liked it. The sahabi kissed his hands and tried to kiss his feet. Prophet(SAW) told him to get up and not to kiss his feet, he is not a king.

At that instance Gabriel(AS) descended, gave his and Allah’s salam to the Prophet, and conveyed the message from Allah for the companion. Allah told him to tell the sahabi, that even by calling “Ya Kareem Ya Kareem”; he still would be held accountable. When the Prophet forwarded the message, the sahabi, he got aroused and said, if Allah is going to take me to account, then he too will take Allah to account. The Prophet and all the companions felt uneasy with what that sahabi said.

The Prophet asked the Sahabi; how will you take Allah to account. He said that if Allah takes him to account for his sins, then I will take Allah to account for His mercy, forgiveness etc. Gabriel descended again and told the Prophet to inform the Sahabi that Allah says: "Let him not hold Me to account, nor will I hold him to account." (Jowahir Islami Tarikh, page 603). **This is our merciful Allah. He wanted to tell us that when you have firm belief in Him then accountability does not matter, because He is The Forgiver of all sins. When one has firm belief in Allah, then he will color himself in the attributes of Allah. The ultimate reward for the love of Allah.**

Abu Saeed Khuzri narrates that the Prophet said there was a man from the Israelite who had killed 99 people. One day he was awakened by the fear of Allah. He went to a Rabi to ask him if there was a way for him to repent to Allah. Rabi said there is no forgiveness for him. So he killed the Rabi and completed his hundredth murder.

He again felt fear of Allah, and started asking people, "is there a way that he may repent to Allah, so that Allah may forgive him?" A scholar advised him to go to a certain town where good people live, live with them and repent to Allah. God willing, Allah will forgive him. He started his journey towards that town, and on the way to the town he died. On his death angels of Heaven and Hell came to collect his soul. A dispute broke out amongst them. **The angel of heaven said that he was going with the intention of repenting; therefore, he is from the people of Paradise.** The angel of Hell said he led a criminal life; he is from the people of Hellfire. Allah ordered the town of evil to distance himself from the dead man and told the town of pious to come closer. He then ordered the angels to measure the distance of the two towns from him if he is nearer to the pious town even by a hand span then he is forgiven (Ref#12). **O Allah, Your Mercy exceeds everything. O Allah, we are frightened and need Your mercy, please forgive us. Ameen!**

In a hadith it is narrated that a man committed excesses against himself by neglecting the commandments of his Lord, and due to his ignorance, he was unaware of the attributes of Allah. When he was on his dying bed, he remembered his past, and fear of Allah gripped him. Terrified of the consequences of his sins, he said to his children, “I am a big sinner, and by Allah if He gets hold of me, He will punish me so severely, likes of which He will not give to anyone in the heavens or the earth”.

He then instructed his children that when he dies, cremate my body to ash, and scatter half on land and half on the sea, so that he may not be resurrected for punishment. When he died, his sons cremated his body and scattered half of the ash in different places on land and half in different places on sea.

Allah Almighty ordered the sea and the land to collect his ashes. All his ashes were presented before Him. Allah resurrected him and asked him why he did this? He said: Lord, you know how I spent my life on earth, I was petrified of You because of the expected consequences of my sins. So, I ordered my body to be burnt to ashes out of fear of You. Allah forgave him by His mercy. *O Allah, we are in the same situation, please forgive us and none can forgive, except You.*

A man reverted to Islam and still would secretly sing foul songs. He had a beautiful voice and lots of people were his fans. His income was high. He had no children, and his wife had also died. During the reign of Umar Bin Khattab he became old and lost his teeth and could sing no more. He lost his source of income. He started borrowing money from friends. They entertained his request for a while, and then they stopped helping him. Having no money he would be without food for days.

He started to recall his times when he was young and handsome and had a beautiful voice; thousands of people were his fans. Today he was struggling, and no one was ready to feed him one meal. He was very depressed because

of his age, weakness and starvation, he started thinking, had he spent his nights in remembrances of Allah, He would not have shunned him. He had lost his youth, beauty and wealth, and he had nothing to present to Allah to please Him? In his thoughts, he entered a cemetery and sat next to a bush near a grave.

Remembering his youth, he started crying and supplicating. "O Compassionate One I have lost my youth and have nothing to present in Your court. I have no teeth, and I am hungry. I am old and walk with a stick. I am losing my eyesight and hearing power. O Lord I am ashamed of what I have done and only have regrets to show. I have come to the graveyard so that I am nearer to my grave when I pass away". He asked Allah to forgive him.

It is said that he went to sleep in that state. When he woke up, he saw a man coming his way. It was Umar^(RA) and was carrying something on his head. He got scared that he might scold him. When Umar came to him, he put down the bundle he was carrying on his head and said to him that he had brought him food and asked him to eat.

The old man was surprised that the leader of the world's only superpower was offering him food. He asked the leader of the believers, why did he bring food for him. Umar said it was noon, and he was resting when in his dream he was delivered a message from Allah that a wali (friend) of his is hungry, so go and feed him. Umar asked his wife to pack whatever food is in the house. She packed all the food and gave it to Him. Umar said to his wife that he was going to meet a friend of Allah. In respect for that friend of Allah he did not carry the food in his hand but placed it on his head.

Umar requested the friend of Allah to eat the food. The old man recalled that moments back he repented to Allah, despite all his sins not only He forgave him, He called him His friend and ordered the caliph Umar to feed him. He called out: "O Allah, You are extremely merciful" and started crying bitterly until he laid his life in front of Umar

(Ref. Jowahir Islami Tarikh, page 337). O Allah, Your mercy is so vast that it encompasses everything. How could we ever lose hope in You. O Allah, we want to be Your friend, please accept us as a friend. Ameen!

A poor companion of the Prophet(saw) saved small amounts from his daily earnings to buy a sacrificial animal for Eid al-Adha. He finally purchased a sheep and eagerly informed the Prophet, exaggerating its qualities so much that the Prophet asked to see it. A while later he came with a sheet wrapped around his shoulder holding something. When he showed the lamb to the Prophet it was skinny, and its age was less than a year. The Prophet got annoyed and told him that Allah is beautiful and accepts beautiful things. He told him to take it away and that he could not sacrifice such an animal.

This broke his heart; he picked up the lamb with one hand and put the other hand on his chest. As soon as he started to walk, the Throne of Allah shook. He sent Gabriel to tell the Prophet to tell the companion not only that the sacrifice of his animal is acceptable, but also its reward exceeded the collective reward of all sacrifices made by the people of Madinah. The sahabi asked, is this relaxation in law for everyone, or is it specific to me. The Prophet said no it is only for you (ref. Jowahir Islami Tarikh, page 226). Oh Allah!!! Your Compassion is matchless and infinite...!!! Please send a shower of Your mercy our way. Ameen!

The most beloved actions to Allah are the ones that are performed consistently even though they are very little. This is a story from a book written by Imam Al Jawzi about Imam Hamble(ra). Imam Ahmed Bin Hambal was the most famous man in the Muslim Ummah of his time. He was so popular that without media and fast transport, his funeral ceremony (janaza) was the largest that took place. He died, and was buried on the same day, and in a matter of few hours 1.3 million people gathered to pray funeral prayer for him.

Imam Ahmed used to go around seeking knowledge. He was a humble person; he would wrap his face so that people would not recognize him and put him on a pulpit. One day he was travelling to Sham (Syria), and he tells this story. He walked into a mosque to spend the night. The guard in the mosque refused to allow him to spend the night there and started locking the mosque. So, Imam Ahmed picked his stuff and laid down on the steps of the mosque. The guard came and said that he cannot sleep here. Imam Ahmed said he has nowhere to go. The guard pulled Imam Ahmed by his legs and dragged him to the middle of the street.

A baker who owned a bakery right across the street witnessed this. He came to Imam Ahmed and offered him that he could sleep in his bakery while he worked. Imam Ahmed laid down in his bakery. He observed that the entire night the man while working continuously recited Subhan-Allah, Alhamd-do-lillah, La-ilaha-illallah, Allahu Akbar. Imam Ahmed was shocked because usually people get tired after a few minutes. Imam Ahmed_(ra) asked him, for how long he had been reciting this. The baker said that he had been doing it for his entire life.

Imam Ahmed asked what he had seen from Allah because of his recitation, other than Paradise. He said he never made a supplication to Allah for anything except that He gave it to him. Imam Ahmed said Subhan-Allah; you never made a supplication to Allah except He gave it to you. He said yes, he paused and said, except for one. Imam Ahmed_(ra) asked what that was, he said he wished to see Imam Ahmed in person.

Imam Ahmed burst into tears and embraced him, he then said, here is Ahmed Bin Hambal, who was thrown out of the mosque and pulled by his legs and thrown at your doorstep for you to meet. O Allah... This is Allah. O Allah, make us Your friend, we are pleased with You, O Allah, be pleased with us. Ameen!

In Bani Israel there was a man named Kifl, who was engrossed in promiscuity. He saw a very beautiful woman and offered her sixty Dinar to have sex with him, she agreed. When he approached her, she started trembling. Kifl asked had he forced her for this. She replied no, the real reason was that she had not done this before, but poverty and starvation had forced her to do this, her three siblings had not eaten for three days. Kifl said you were forced to do this because of poverty. Kifl said, “go and take the sixty Dinars with you”. Kifl said to himself that he will never disobey Allah again. Kifl died the same night after repenting. In the morning it was written on his front door “Allah has forgiven Kifl” (Ref#5).

O Allah, Forgive us too.

Hassan Basri^(ra) had a female student; she would attend his circle of teaching. She had a young son, who was engrossed in sin. She asked Hassan Basri what she should do. He told her to advise him in such and such manner, but to no avail. Often her mother would ask Hassan Basri to make supplication for her son that Allah may guide him. Hassan Basri kept praying for the young man for a very long time, until he lost hope, and thought that the boy would never mend his ways.

One day the boy got sick, and his sickness got worse with passage of time. Seeing death near, he called his mother and said that he had little time left and he could not go to Hassan Basri himself, and neither could she carry him. He asked her to go to Hassan Basri and ask him to come and visit him and tell him how to repent, and when he dies to pray over his funeral. She went running to the Shaykh and told him that her son’s condition is deteriorating and that he wants to see you so that he could learn how to repent, and he asked her to ask you to lead his funeral prayers.

Hassan Basri was teaching hadith and answering questions. He thought he would never mend his ways. He told his mother to tell her son that he could not come, and to find someone else to pray for his funeral prayers. When the

young man heard this from his mother, he felt hurt and realized that he was so bad that people of the likes of Hassan Basri had given up on him.

The young man said to his mother, if Hassan Basri is not ready to lead my funeral prayers, then listen to my will. She asked what your will is. He said mother when my soul departs from my body, put your head covering around my neck and pull me on the ground so that people can see that one who is disobedient to Allah, he is pulled by his neck. He said mother, maybe Allah might forgive him because of this act.

As soon as he said this, his soul departed from his body. His mother was crying and thinking about what her son had requested her to do. A short while later someone knocked on her door. When she opened the door, she saw Hassan Basri standing there. She asked the scholar what brought him here. He told her that when she left, he went to sleep. As soon as he went to sleep, he received a message, Allah said to him that you claim to be My friend and yet refuse to lead the funeral prayers of My friend”. I woke up and realized that your son has been forgiven. *Oh Allah, Your mercy engulfs everything. O Allah, forgive us. We have no one besides You.*

O son of Adam, whosoever has taqwa (fear) of Allah, and is always conscious of Allah, Allah will make his situation easy for him. If someone has family problems, Allah will make it easy for him. If someone has financial problems, Allah will make it easy for him. *Allah says, “love Me and remember Me and fear Me, and I will solve all your problems, I will make a way out for you, and I will provide you from means you did not anticipate” (65:2-3).*

There was a person Hatim Al-Asam, one day he came to his family and said that he wants to go for (Haj) pilgrimage (it took months in those days), and he doesn't have enough provision for them, so what do you say. The wife told him to do it later when he has the means. His daughter was special; she said *“Dad, Allah is the sustainer who has the*

utmost power, go, Allah will provide for us”. So, the person took heart from this and went for Haj.

A few weeks later, the provision ran out. The girl’s mother and her siblings said, “you and your big mouth, what now”? The little girl went to the back room and raised her hand and said “O Allah, You said and Your word is true. Whosoever fears Allah and has Allah’s consciousness, You will find a way out, and you will provide from means unanticipated”.

Her hands were up for Supplication when someone knocked the door. She went and opened the door, a man stood there who was a guard from the entourage of the governor. He tells her that the governor is thirsty, can she get some water for him. She went and got water and made it nice presentable. The man took the water to the governor. The governor drank the water and found in it delight or Allah put delight in it. This made the governor think where this water came from.

He asked the guard where he got this water from. He said from the house of Hatim. That same famous Hatim! The governor said we must go and say salaam to him. They told him that he had gone for Haj. The governor said then it is our duty to look after his family. He reached for his sack of gold coins and chucked it into the house of Hatim. But Allah wanted to increase this, so the governor looked at his entourage and said whoever loves me should do the same. They all took their sacks of gold coins and chucked them into the house of Hatim. Soon the gold coins were loitering around on the floor, and the little girl started to cry. Her mom said, “woe is unto you, we were poor and dying, you were happy, now money has come, you are crying”. The little girl said, “O Allah; You are the Lord of the seven heavens, You do what You will, when You looked at us for an instant with Your mercy and look what happened”. O Allah, Your mercy encompasses everything. O Allah, bless us with Your mercy. O Allah, forgive us. Ameen!

A scholar went for pilgrimage with a young man. After wrapping themselves in the white cloth (Ihram), the scholar recited “Labaik Allahhuma Labaik” (I am present at your service, O Allah, I am present at your service). A voice from heaven was heard which said that your presence is not accepted and your services are not needed. The young man asked the scholar if he heard what he just heard. The scholar replied that he had been hearing it for the past forty years. The young man asked him then why he was tiring himself. The scholar started to cry and said, “where can he go; there is no other door besides His door”. As soon as the scholar said this a voice from heaven said, “your presence is accepted, your service is accepted” (Ref#6). This is my Allah, your Allah Whose Mercy engulfs everything. O Allah, the Hell is the worst place to be in, we are petrified and in need of Your mercy. O Allah, we greedily look forward to Your never ever ending mercy, O Allah, forgive us, accept our repentance, You are our only hope of salvation. Ameen!

There was a young man that lived during the era of MOSES(AS). He would sin after his repentance. Allah told Moses to tell that young man to keep his promise otherwise He will be angry with him and will not accept his repentance, and He will punish him. Moses conveyed Allah’s message to him. He stopped sinning for a few months and then sinned again. Allah told MOSES(AS) to tell that young man that He was angry with him. When Moses conveyed Allah’s message to him, that young man went deep inside a desert and called out to Allah: “O Allah, what is this message conveyed to me by Moses, have Your treasures of forgiveness depleted, or has my sins exceeded Your limit of Mercy. How will You not forgive me, when Karam is one of Your attributes. O Allah, if You let Your servants lose hope in You, then where can they knock. If You pushed them out, where can they go. O Allah, if Your mercy has depleted for Your servants, then punish me alone, put everybody’s sins on me, O Allah, I am ready for punishment on their behalf, forgive all others”. Allah told

MOSES(AS) to tell the young man that if his sins filled the earth and the heavens after this supplication, He would forgive them. He understood My Mercy and Forgiveness. **O Rehman, O Raheem, O Kareem! One glance of Your mercy on us please, please, please. Ameen!**

Once the Prophet said that no one's deeds can give salvation except with the compassion and mercy of Allah. One of the companions asked, "O Prophet even you?" He said yes, even my deeds are not enough for me until He takes me in His veil of mercy (Ref#16). In the books of hadith an event is mentioned regarding a person from the previous Ummah, who went to an island where no one lived. He wanted to save himself from hypocrisy so that his worship would be solely for Allah. Abu Huraira said that the Prophet(SAW) came to us and said that his friend Gabriel(AS) came to him and said by Allah Who sent you with truth, there was a person who worshiped his Lord for five hundred years on a mountain top on a small island surrounded by water for hundreds of miles. Allah started a fountain of sweet water for him from the mountain, and the pomegranate tree on the island would bear fruit for him daily. He would come down in the evening, do ablution, eat pomegranate, and stand up for prayers. He prayed to Allah, that his death comes in state of prostration. Allah accepted his supplication, and he died while prostrating.

Gabriel said he always found him in prostration. When he is resurrected and presented to Allah, Allah will order that he be put in Paradise due to His mercy. He will say no, due to his accumulated acts of worship. Allah will order the scale to be set up. The blessings of the eye will outweigh his five hundred years of worship. It will be ordered that he be put in the Hellfire. When he is being taken towards the Hellfire, he will cry out to Allah that he seeks the intercession of His mercy and requests Him to put him in His Paradise.

Allah will call him back and ask him, when he was nothing, who created him. He will say, You my Lord. He then asks,

was it because of your deeds or My mercy. He will say “because of Your mercy”. He will ask, who gave you the endurance to worship Him for 500 years. He will say, “You my Lord”. Who started the fountain from which you drank sweet water and who made the pomegranate tree bear fruit every day although they give fruit once a year. He will say “You my Lord”. Allah will say, you asked Me to take your soul while prostrating, it was taken while you were prostrating. Who did all this; he will say, “You my Lord”. This all is due to My mercy and with My mercy; I am sending You to Paradise.

Gabriel then said, “everything is due to His mercy”. O believers he worshipped Allah with sincerity, I know my prayers they have no weight in my eyes, the worldly gods would give my prayers negative marks; Allah knows where I was in my prayers, nothing is hidden from Him. It is His mercy that we depend on. *O Allah, Your mercy far exceeds our sins, it is Your mercy that we seek not the compensation for our deeds. O Allah, forgive us.*

There was a rogue person in the Israelites; there was no sin that he did not commit. The entire community was disgusted and fed up with him. They kicked him out of the city and forbade him from re-entering it. He started living in a deserted place. His food was tree leaves. Once he became seriously ill, and he was very upset because there was no doctor, no medicine, no food, no one to take care of him, no friend and no one to listen to his grief. He was all alone and was dying. He started calling Allah, and looked at the sky and said, *“O Allah, Your kingdom will not increase if You punish me, and neither will it decrease if You forgive me. You can see that everyone has abandoned me, because I am a big sinner. O Allah, You listen to sinner’s prayers, You have announced that sinners should not lose hope in You and that You are All-Forgiving, All-Merciful, and that You forgive all sins. O Allah, with Your compassion, forgive me*

and cover my sins. O Allah, I have no supporter except You. O Allah don't disappoint this sinful slave".

He repented with such grief that his soul left his body, and he died. Allah sent a revelation to Moses(AS), that one of His friends has died, so go there and wash him and lead his funeral prayer and bury him so that He may reward him. Allah also said to make an announcement amongst the people that whosoever has lots of sins should attend his funeral prayer, He will forgive him. People rushed out of their houses to go and bury the wali (friend) of Allah. A very large crowd gathered there.

When they all reached the place where the wali of Allah had died, they immediately recognized him, it was the same person whom they drove out of the city. They said to Moses, he is the same rogue person, whom we drove out of the city. Moses was astonished too, for him Allah sent His revelation that he was His friend. Allah again sent a revelation to Moses and told him that when he was in his state of helplessness, he sincerely turned towards Him and repented to Him in such a way that it aroused My Mercy. Allah also said, O Moses he turned out to be a miser, if he had prayed for all his people I would have forgiven them (Ref. Jowahir Islami Tarikh, page 335). O Allah.... How can we ever lose hope in You? O Allah, we need Your mercy, please shower us with Your Rehma and forgive us. Ameen!

There was a man amongst the companions; they would see him talking and smiling and suddenly he would burst in tears and faint. The companions told the Prophet about him, and asked for something from the Qur'an that they could recite over him. The Prophet called that man and took him aside and asked, what happened? The man said to him, O messenger of Allah he was never going to tell anyone now that you have asked him, he must tell. He said before he embraced Islam, he had a daughter. When she was born, he wanted to bury her as per their tradition. Because of cultural ideology he was afraid that she would bring shame to his

family, by getting married to someone. He could not bury her, his love for his daughter overpowered his ideology. Years and Years went by, he saw his daughter grow, and one day she reached the age of puberty, and she was about to become a lady. He said that the pain of cultural tradition came back, he started having nightmares, desperation and felt distress. Day by day he wanted to do something, but her love stopped him. Until he no longer could handle it. O Prophet of Allah, one day I told her mother to dress her up in neat clothes, brush her hair and decorate her face nicely and tell her that her father is taking her out to party. The mother understood, when she was dressing her, she was crying. The daughter asked her mother what's wrong and she replied nothing (she was afraid that he will beat her and even kill her). In the evening, he came to take his daughter, my wife grabbed my hand and whispered "Don't lose her trust, your daughter is your trust" this made my heart shiver. He said that he took his daughter and left the house. She kept playing around me thinking that I loved her. He said, when we reached a deep well which had sharp rocks at the bottom, suddenly the agony of our culture overpowered me, I grabbed her and threw her in the well. As she was falling, she cried, daddy don't lose the trust until her tiny voice died. With his beard soaked in tears the Prophet(SAW) looked at him and said, if Allah was to allow me to punish anyone for the killing and murder before Islam, I would have started with you (Ref#17). Allah has forgiven all past sins. [O Allah... what about us, please forgive us. Ameen!](#)

A man used to sit drunk on a pathway every night, hurling insults at people heading to the mosque for dawn prayers. Then one night everything changed. At dawn he appeared in the mosque, and people thought he'd lost his way. The next night he came again. The Shaykh went to him and asked him to tell his story. The man said, "Last night, as I watched people walk to the mosque, I heard the muezzin call, 'Allah is the greatest, Allah is the greatest.' It pierced my heart. Ashamed of my state, I ran home, locked myself in my

room, and fell in humble prostration before the Lord of the universe.” I wept humbly before Him, raised my hands to the heavens, and said, “O my Lord, there is a barrier between us that I cannot break, but I know You can break it.” As soon as I said this the barrier broke, I felt the mercy of Allah in my heart, and I was in mosque at dawn. Subhan-Allah! O Allah, make us among Your repentant servants and forgive us. Ameen!

If, after these stories, someone still loses hope in Allah, he has no one to blame except himself. Our Lord is calling us and waiting for our return because He loves us. O people, O Muslims, come back to Him. He loves us and will forgive us; all He wants is our sincere repentance.

In short: Umar^(RA) once saw a young man weeping bitterly and asked what was wrong. The young man said he had committed a heinous sin and feared Allah’s wrath. Distressed, he asked Umar to intercede for him with the Prophet^(SAW). Umar came to the Prophet with tearful eyes. The Prophet asked why he was crying. He replied, “O beloved of Allah, I was on my way to visit you when I saw a young man weeping bitterly, and I could not hold back my tears.”

The Prophet^(SAW) allowed Umar to admit the young man, who entered and started weeping bitterly. The Prophet took him aside and asked what had happened. The young man said he had committed a heinous sin. The Prophet asked, “Is your sin greater than the heavens of Allah?” He replied, “Yes, my sin is greater.” The Prophet then asked, “Is your sin greater than the Throne of Allah?” He answered, “Yes, my sin is greater.” The Prophet asked if he had committed polytheism. He replied, “he did not commit polytheism.” The Prophet asked if he had killed anyone. He replied, “he did not kill anyone.” The Prophet then asked what sin he had committed. He said, “O Prophet of Allah, his crime is grave. For years he stole shrouds from the dead to survive. A few days ago, a young woman from the Ansar died. As usual, he

went to steal her shroud. After stripping her body, he was about to leave when Satan tempted him, and he committed a sexual act with the corpse. As he was leaving, he heard a voice say, ‘You left me naked before the dead, and on the Day of Judgment I will stand filthy, unwashed, before Allah.’ This shook me deeply, and I fear Allah’s wrath.” When the Prophet heard this, he became angry and said he had indeed committed a grave sin by violating the dead girl. The man left the Prophet’s presence in tears. Fearing in anger the Prophet’s might say something that would ruin him, he withdrew to a mountain. For forty days he wept, prayed, prostrated, and repented to Allah, saying, “O Allah, I went to the Prophet, and he too said I committed a grave sin. O Allah, where can I go? I have only You. Forgive me.”

On the fortieth day, Gabriel came to the Prophet, conveyed his and Allah’s salaam, and said: “Allah asks, O My beloved, did you create the creatures, or did He?” The Prophet(SAW) replied, “He created me and all creatures.” Gabriel asked, “Who sustains creation, you or Allah?” The Prophet said, “Allah is my Sustainer and the Sustainer of all creation.” Gabriel asked, “Who forgives sins, you or Allah?” The Prophet replied, “Allah forgives all sins.”

Gabriel then conveyed Allah’s message: “O My beloved, there is a servant of Mine who has wept and repented so much that I have forgiven him.” The Prophet sent a companion to give the young man the glad tidings of Allah’s forgiveness. Oh Allah... Your mercy has no bounds, we are anxious, please forgive us. O Allah, how can we ever lose hope in Your mercy. Ameen!

In Surah Buruj, the Qur’an tells the story of a monotheistic Christian community in Yemen who were forced to convert by a polytheist ruler. When they refused, he ordered trenches to be dug, set them on fire, and threw their men, women, children, and the elderly in the trenches, killing them all. This cruelty was a terrible crime against humanity and against God’s faithful servants. Yet Allah, in His mercy,

declared that those who committed this crime would face the punishment of Hell if they did not repent (85:1-10), keeping the doors of mercy open even for those who burned His devotees. This is Allah, my Lord and your Lord. Oh, Allah I am speechless, there is no way we can encompass Your mercy. O Allah, forgive me, my parents, my family, relatives, friends and all believing Muslims. O Allah, my book of Sijjin is blackened with my sins. O Allah, whitewash our books of Sijjin with Your mercy and convert them into good deeds. Ameen!