



The second question of Fatwa no. 8342

Q 2: I was at the age of thirty when my mother was living with me and I was supporting her and providing everything she asked for. However, she (may Allah be merciful to her) was very short-tempered to the extent that she would always quarrel with me for the slightest reason. Sometimes, I would get angry at her words and her yelling at me that I yelled back at her and said inappropriate things. Although she died around twenty years ago, I still cry and my conscience still pricks me, makes me sleepless, and casts a shadow. I shall cry for the great sin I committed against my mother and atone for it until I die. I have performed Hajj twice on behalf of my mother and a third one for her mother, paid Sadaqah (voluntary charity) on her behalf, and dedicated part of the revenue from my palm-trees for the Sake of Allah, on her behalf. Will my Tawbah (repentance to Allah) be accepted? What other deeds can I do to dedicate to her their Thawab (reward from Allah) and what are the conditions of Tawbah for someone whose parents have died?

A: First: You have done wrong by yelling at your mother and speaking inappropriately to her, because this is an act of undutifulness (impiety) to parents. Allah obligated to be dutiful to parents and forbade impiety towards them in His Book and on the tongue of His Messenger (peace be upon him). You have done right to regret what you did and make Tawbah for it.

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We ask Allah to accept your Tawbah and forgive your sin.

Second: Sincere Tawbah includes regretting your past sins and resolving not to do them again.

Third: You have done well to perform Hajj on behalf of your mother and her mother, and giving Sadaqah on her behalf. We ask Allah to forgive your sins and reward you for this. This will benefit your mother and your grandmother as well. You should also make Du'a' (supplication) to Allah for Him to bestow forgiveness and mercy on them, to let them into Jannah (Paradise), and to save them from Hellfire. May Allah grant us and you success, forgiveness, and mercy.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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