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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

“Allaah says: ‘I am as My slave thinks of Me’”¹

Shaykh ‘Abdul-Muhsin al-‘Abbaad (حفظه الله)² comments:³

“Meaning, a person should think good of his Lord, and he hopes and expects from Allaah that He will make his wish come true for him; and he should not be heedless or negligent or say ‘I called upon Him but He did not answer me,’ but rather he should have good thoughts of Allaah (عزوجل)⁴, and be persistent in supplicating to Him; he should not be lazy nor heedless. And Allaah (تعالى)⁵ loves for His slaves to supplicate to Him, because du‘aa is worship.

Thinking good of Allaah (عزوجل), is that a person asks Allaah (عزوجل), while hoping and expecting that Allaah (عزوجل), will answer him. So when he asks Allaah (عزوجل), he has good thoughts of Him (سبحانه وتعالى)⁶. It does not come to his mind that He will not answer him, that He will not fulfil his wish; but rather, he should be sincere in his request and know that Allaah will be as His slave's good thoughts of Him. So a person should ask Allaah (عزوجل), and be sincere and firm in asking; and he does not become doubtful or say ‘I will not be forgiven,’ but rather he should hope and expect that Allaah (عزوجل) will forgive him. And he should ask with sincerity and know that Allaah (تعالى) responds to the supplication of the supplicant when he calls upon Him, and that He forgives the one who seeks His forgiveness. So he asks Allaah (عزوجل), persistently, and he has good thoughts of Allaah (سبحانه وتعالى).”

¹ Saheeh al-Bukhaaree #7405

² (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

³ Source: Sunan at-Tirmidhee, Kitaabu z-Zuhd & Kitaabu d-Da'waat; tape no. 259/19 & tape no. 393/14

⁴ (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

⁵ (تعالى) Ta'aala (He, The Most High)

⁶ (سبحانه وتعالى) (Subhanahu wa-ta'ala) Glory be to Him, The Most High