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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: Returning to sins after performing the obligatory Hajj is a major setback; because the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² said:

من حج فلم يرفث ولم يفسق رجع كيوم ولدته أمه

Whoever performs the obligatory Hajj and does not commit obscenity or sin, he will return—meaning from his sins—like the day his mother gave birth to him.³

And he (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

الحج المبرور ليس له جزاء إلا الجنة

The accepted Hajj has no reward except for paradise.⁴

Thus if he purifies and cleans his scrolls with this Hajj then it is foolish to blacken the scroll with his evil actions after Hajj. Likewise also, the season of fasting during Ramadhaan, if the person returns to sins then he has suffered a great loss, and a tremendous setback. Thus it is upon him to return to Allaah again, and to seek His forgiveness and to repent. And the one who repents from sin is like the one who has no sin or even more so.

And the person may be in a better situation after sin if he repents to Allaah and seeks His forgiveness than he was before that. Have you not seen Adam (عليه الصلاة والسلام)⁵? Allaah said about him:

وَعَصَى آدَمُ رَبَّهُ فَغَوَى ثُمَّ اجْتَبَاهُ رَبُّهُ فَتَابَ عَلَيْهِ وَهَدَى

[And Adam disobeyed his Lord and erred. Then his Lord chose him, and turned to him with forgiveness, and gave him guidance.]⁶

His being chosen, his repentance, and guidance occurred after the sin. Thus a person may be in a better condition after the sin than he was before the sin if he repents to Allaah and returns, and acknowledges he is in complete need of Allaah the Exalted.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ Saheeh Al-Bukhaaree 1521

⁴ Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim

⁵ (عليه الصلاة والسلام) (alayhi as-Salaat wa Salaam) Upon him prayer and peace

⁶ سورة طه – Soorah Taa Haa [20:121-122]

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