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How is repentance going to be a sincere repentance?

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: "May Allaah be good to you. How is my repentance going to be a sincere repentance?"

Shaykh Abdur-Razzaq al-Badr said: "The repentance is going to be a sincere repentance with three conditions, which the people of knowledge have mentioned, and they are:

- to feel remorse over having committed the sin,
- to refrain from it,
- and firm resolve to not go back to it.

Thus if he fulfils these three conditions, his repentance will be sincere. And if the sin he has committed has to do with the rights of other human beings, a fourth condition has to be added to these conditions, which is that:

he rids himself of it to them by restoring the right or asking for pardon and forgiveness."