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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

**Question:** What is the ruling if I see a person committing a sin and I do not advise him with the excuse that he knows the ruling (that what he is doing is haraam)?

**Shaykh ibn Baaz** (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)<sup>1</sup>: The person commits a sin while he knows, but this is from the ignorance of man. Thus the ignorance dominates his heart during the time he practices the sin. Therefore he forgets the punishment of Allaah, and he forgets the threat of Allaah. Allaah the Exalted said:

إِنَّمَا التَّوْبَةُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لِلَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ السُّوءَ بِجَهَالَةٍ

[The repentance accepted by Allaah is only for those who do wrong in ignorance]<sup>2</sup>

Thus He described them with ignorance even if they were aware of it, but during the time he engages in the sin and falls into it ignorance overcomes his heart. Thus he forgets the greatness of Allaah, and the complete and perfect knowledge of Allaah, and that Allaah is observing him, and that Allaah sees him, and He knows his secrets and that which he does openly. But the situations caused him to forget everything.

Therefore it is a must that he is advised, and warned from the Anger of Allaah, so that you can perform the obligation which is upon you by calling him to Allaah. And whoever from amongst you sees an evil then let him change it with his hand, and if he is not able then let him change it with his tongue, and if he is not able, then with his heart; and that is the weakest of faith.

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<sup>1</sup> (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

<sup>2</sup> سورة النساء - Soorah an-Nisaa [4:17]

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