

Accepting the apologies of others

Imaam Ibnul Qayyim (May Allaah have mercy on him)

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

Imaam Ibnul Qayyim, (May Allaah have mercy on him), said:

“...Whosoever wrongs you then comes and apologises for his wrongness then the trait of humbleness obliges upon you to accept his apology whether it be true or false and to leave his hidden affairs to Allaah (*The Most High*), as the Messenger, (May prayer and peace be upon him), did with the hypocrites those who fell behind from joining him in the battle, so when he, (May prayer and peace be upon him), arrived (back) they came to him apologising to him, wherein he accepted their excuses and left their hidden affairs to Allaah (*The Most High*) and from the signs of nobility and humbleness is that if you see deficiency in his apology then do not take him to account for it and do not debate with him rather say perhaps the affair is as you say and if something has been decreed then it will occur and there is no prevention of it...”¹

And as Imaam ash-Shaafi'ee, (May Allaah have mercy on him) said:

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The blood-money of a sin is by apologising

¹ Madaarij as-Saalikeen (333/2)