

Returning to disobedience after Hajj

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

Shaykh al-Uthaymeen (رَجِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹:

Returning to disobedience after the performance of the obligatory Hajj is a great loss; for the Prophet (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² said:

من حج لله فلم يرفث ولم يفسق، رجع كيوم ولدته أمه

“He who performs Hajj and does not behave obscenely nor does he behave evilly, then he will return (i.e., from his sins) just as the day his mother gave birth to him.”³

And he (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

والحج المبرور ليس له جزاء إلا الجنة

“And the accepted Hajj has no reward except Paradise.”⁴

So if the person completes it then from that which would be unfortunate is if the scroll is rolled up upon him committing evil deeds after the Hajj. Similar to this is the season of fasting in Ramadhaan. If the person returns to disobedience (after Ramadhaan) then he has suffered a tremendous loss. It is upon him to return to Allaah all over again; seek forgiveness and repent. The one who repents from a sin is like one who hasn't done the sin, or even better than that. Perhaps a person, after his sin-if he repents to Allaah and seeks forgiveness—will be in a better state than he was before that. Have you not seen Aadam, (عليه الصلاة والسلام)⁵? Allaah, (عز وجل)⁶, said about him:

وَعَصَى آدَمُ رَبَّهُ فَغَوَى ۚ ۱۲۱ ثُمَّ اجْتَبَاهُ رَبُّهُ فَتَابَ عَلَيْهِ وَهَدَى ۚ ۱۲۲

[Thus did Aadam disobey his Lord, so he went astray; then his Lord chose him, and accepted his repentance, and gave him guidance.]⁷

¹ (رَجِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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

³ Saheeh al-Bukhaaree and Saheeh Muslim

⁴ Saheeh al-Bukhaaree and Saheeh Muslim

⁵ (عليه الصلاة والسلام) (Alayhi 'I-salat wa'I-Salam) Upon him prayer and peace

⁶ (عز وجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

⁷ سورة طه - Soorah TaaHaa [20:121-122]

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This act of (Allaah) choosing him, accepting his repentance, and guidance took place after a sin. So perhaps a person will be, after a sin, better than he was before the sin, if he repents to Allaah and returns and displays that he longs for (nearness to) Allaah, (عزوجل).