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Allâh forgives Mistakes and Sins

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Publisher's Note

As it is said 'to err is human', we are liable to indulge in sins and make mistakes throughout our daily routines of life. We are aware of some of these sins and mistakes but we find it hard to avoid them. There are also some mistakes and sins which we commit and of which we are not aware.

Another fact is that the good acts we perform are nullified by some kinds of sins and mistakes which we make. Therefore, the only way to save our good deeds is to ask Allāh for forgiveness.

In this regard consideration should be made that no one is liable to attain success and enter Paradise on account of his good deeds, unless Allāh bestows His mercy upon him. Because the blessings of Allāh and His favours upon us are so numerous that we can never thank Allāh or perform the acts of worship to equal them from our side.

So, it is another blessing of Allāh upon us that He forgives us our sins if we repent and ask His forgiveness. The more we remember Allāh and regret our mistakes and sins, the more we get His mercy and His favours.

In this book the same explanation has been produced which is clear to the understanding of the children. All the parents should consider providing this book to their children so that they may make a habit of asking forgiveness from Allāh on a regular basis.

May Allāh guide us all and help us stay firm on the path of righteousness.

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Allah forgives Mistakes and Sins

Allāh said,

﴿وَمَنْ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ﴾

“And none can forgive sins but Allāh.” (3:135)

Dear son and daughter! Have you ever made a mistake, such as lying to your father or bothering your brother then realized your error and felt sorry for it? Have you ever thought that you disobeyed Allāh when you annoyed your father or mother and got yourself in trouble? You should always remember that by making errors and committing sins, you expose yourself to Allāh’s punishment in this life and the next life. This is why you should feel sorry for making mistakes and wish that you had not made them. Then, when you wish to end your feelings of guilt and sorrow, know that Allāh forgives sins. So, always ask Him to forgive your mistakes and errors, and know that He promised to accept the supplication from you.

Allāh Forgives Sins

Allāh is the only One Who forgives sins and mistakes. He is also the Most Generous, because He does not expose the believers who commit sins in front of His creation. He also saves them from the punishment for these mistakes if they ask for His forgiveness. Allāh said,

﴿وَمَنْ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ﴾

“And none can forgive sins but Allāh.” (3:135)

None has a greater forgiveness than Allāh and His mercy embraces all things. No one can give mercy to those who make mistakes except Allāh. Only Allāh, our Lord, forgives sins.

Meaning of *Istighfaar*

You might ask about the meaning of the word '*Istighfaar*'. Know, dear son and daughter that *Istighfaar* means to ask Allāh to forgive you for a sin or mistake that you have made. This is so that He hides your mistake from people and does not punish you for it. People make many mistakes, and this is why they should always ask Allāh to forgive them so that He will give them His mercy.

Allāh said,

﴿وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ سُوءًا﴾

“And whoever does evil...” (4:110)

Meaning, whoever makes a mistake that harmed other people,

﴿أَوْ يَظْلِمُ نَفْسَهُ﴾

“Or wrongs himself...” (4:110)

Meaning he makes a mistake that did not bother other people,

﴿ثُمَّ يَسْتَغْفِرِ اللَّهُ يَجِدِ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا﴾

“...but afterwards seeks Allāh's forgiveness; he will find Allāh Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.” (4:110)