

## FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO MOSQUE

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### REPENTANCE FROM OUR SING

Dear Mumins!

Repentance is a process when we realize our sins and ask for forgiveness to Allah (swt). We must make sure that we do not commit the same sins again. The sins weaken the special connection we have between Allah (swt) and us. When we repent Allah (swt) re-establishes ties with us, and helps us recover spiritually. Almighty Allah (swt) granted us the opportunity to repent. This alone shows us how merciful Allah (swt) is. Allah (swt) does not want to punish people who commit sins. Allah (swt) leaves the door open for us to ask for forgiveness by repenting from our sins. Another name for Almighty Allah (swt) is "Tewwab" (very forgiving).

Allah (swt) always keeps the door open for repentance. He always has mercy on us, and always forgives when we repent sincerely. Our Holy Book the Quran has many verses about sins and repentance. The Quran invites us to repent because Allah (swt) states that "O you who believe! Turn to Allah with sincere repentance! It may be that your Lord will expiate from you

your sins, and admit you into Gardens under which rivers flow (Paradise) the day that



Allah will not disgrace the Prophet and those who believe with him. Their Light will run forward before them and in their right hands. They will say Our Lord! Keep perfect our Light for us safely and Grant us

forgiveness. Verily, You are able to do all things." [1]

Our beloved prophet (pbuh) said that "the sinners who repent sincerely can earn the mercy of Allah (swt)." [2] Almighty Allah (swt) waits for people who commit sins in the morning to repent by night and people who commit sins at night to repent in the morning. This will continue until the Day of Judgment. [3] Our beloved prophet (pbuh) himself repented and also asked for forgiveness at least hundred times a day. That is why he (pbuh) asked us to repent daily. He (pbuh) stated that "O people! Repent and ask forgiveness to Allah (swt). I do it hundred times a day." [4]

There are a number of conditions to the repentance process. They are mainly:

\* To stop committing the sin immediately.

\* To regret the committed sin and to decide not to commit the same sin again.

\* If the sin was related to an other person's property, the sinner must ask for the victim's forgiveness.

\* To ask Allah (swt) for forgiveness.

Let's sincerely repent from our sins before the death. We should not miss this opportunity and it could be so late. Let's continue focusing on good deeds. Almighty Allah (swt) accepts the sincere repentance.

Allah (swt) states that "And of no effect is the repentance of those who continue to do evil deeds until death faces one of them and he says 'I repent' nor of those who die

while they are disbelievers. For them We have prepared a painful torment." [5]

[1] Tahrem, 66/8

[2] Tirmizi, Qiyamat, 50, H.No:2501

[3] Muslim, Tawba, 32, H.No:2760

[4] Bukhari, 11/85; Muslim, H.No:2702 [5] Nisa,4/18