

التَّوَّابُ

"At-Tawwaab"

At-Tawwab is the One who accepts all those who return to Him, who turn to Him, who come back to Him. Pardoning and forgiveness are His permanent qualities - He is never anything but pardoning and forgiving towards His Creation. Whenever we feel far, we can return to Him and He will accept us.

Reflection: Allah tells us that He is At-Tawwaab so that we know that whenever we turn back to Him, no matter how far astray we have been, no matter how many times we have done that sin or made that mistake, the name Tawwaab shows us that He will always accept us. He won't turn us away like a parent who gets tired of the same apology from their child, when they keep doing the same thing. He always accepts. His doors for accepting us are never closed. He is not like a human being who gets tired of forgiving others. Nothing you could ever do, could close those doors to you, because he is At-Tawwaab, he accepts again and again, and no sin could overcome the power of His Mercy and Forgiveness. Doesn't this cause us to love Allah, because He is At Tawwaab? Doesn't this cause us to have so much hope in Him, despite the flawed and imperfect nature of our deeds and despite our many sins and weaknesses? Knowing that He is at-Tawwaab means we never have to think "I have so many sins, how can He forgive me?" Allah accepts our repentance because He is At Tawwaab, not because we are perfect. In reality, the only options we have are to either remain on our sins and be upset, sad and restless; or to repent, leave the sin and come back to Allah willingly, and be happy in our "tawbah" (turning back to Him). So let us all return back to Allah at-Tawwaab, with a sincere turning, away from our sins, away from being neglectful of Allah (ghaflah), and away from not showing ihsaan (excellence and awareness of Him) towards becoming better, wherever we are on our journey.

AFFIRMATIONS

I am deeply grateful to Allah,
at-Tawwaab, for

AYAT

"I turn with my full heart to Allah, at-Tawwaab, knowing that despite my many sins, He will never tire of turning towards me and forgiving me. He loves to forgive, and He loves those who keep turning to Him, so I turn to Him in order to be of those whom He Loves."

Living with this Name: A FORGOTTEN SUNNAH, SALAAT AT-TAWBAH

Abu Bakr al-Siddeeq (RA) said: I heard the Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم say: “There is no one who commits a sin then purifies himself (makes wudu) well and stands and prays two rak’ahs, then asks Allah for forgiveness, but Allah will forgive him.” Then he recited this verse:

وَالَّذِينَ إِذَا فَعَلُوا فَاحِشَةً أَوْ ظَلَمُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ ذَكَرُوا اللَّهَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا لِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَمَنْ يَغْفِرِ اللَّهُ لَهُ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَلَمْ يُصِرُّوا عَلَىٰ مَا فَعَلُوا وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ

‘And those who, when they have committed Faahishah (illegal sexual intercourse) or wronged themselves with evil, remember Allah and ask forgiveness for their sins; — and none can forgive sins but Allah — And do not persist in what (wrong) they have done, while they know. ’ (Imraan:135)” (Saheeh Abi Dawood)

Allah has given us a beautiful gift and act of worship which is one of the best acts of worship that we can do-it means even the worst sinner can draw close to their Lord and have their repentance accepted. We can all live without the mental and spiritual burden of our sins weighing us down, making us feel heavy, and keeping us from becoming better! If you have never prayed this salaah before, make this your best Ramadan by trying it out, if you can. You can combine the intention with your extra night prayer (taraweeh/ qiyaam/ tahajjud) if you like.

ACTION POINTS

Where in your life have you already experienced this name at-Tawwaab, where you felt that Allaah turned your heart towards Him?

Where in your life can you live with this name more? Is there someone you can turn to in forgiveness and acceptance?

DUAS

What dua will you ask Allah for, using His name at-Tawwaab? Is there something in your life that you doubt that Allah, at-Tawwaab has forgiven you for? I invite you know to make a sincere tawbah for it, maybe pray the salaah-at-tawbah, or just turn to Him with this name, at-Tawwaab.