

Chapter: Sins are from ignorance and a sinner is not a disbeliever unless he worships others along with Allah [28]: narrated Abu Dharr radiyAllaahu`anhu:

إِنِّي سَابَبْتُ رَجُلًا، فَعَيَّرْتُهُ بِأَمِّهِ، فَقَالَ لِيَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

" يَا أَبَا ذَرٍّ أَعَيَّرْتَهُ بِأَمِّهِ إِنَّكَ أَمْرٌ فِيكَ جَاهِلِيَّةٌ، إِخْوَانُكُمْ خَوْلُكُمْ، جَعَلَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَحْتَ أَيْدِيكُمْ، فَمَنْ كَانَ أَخُوهُ تَحْتَ يَدِهِ فَلْيُطْعِمَهُ مِمَّا يَأْكُلُ، وَلْيَلْبِسْهُ مِمَّا يَلْبَسُ، وَلَا تُكَلِّفُوهُمْ مَا يَغْلِبُهُمْ، فَإِنْ كَلَّفْتُمُوهُمْ فَاعَيْنُوهُمْ "

At ar-Rabadha I met Abu Dhar who was wearing a cloak, and his slave, too, was wearing a similar one. I asked about the reason for it. He replied, "I abused a person by calling his mother with bad names." The Prophet (ﷺ) said to me, "'O Abu Dhar! Did you abuse him by calling his mother with bad names? You still have some characteristics of ignorance. Your slaves are your brothers and Allah has put them under your command. So whoever has a brother under his command should feed him of what he eats and dress him of what he wears. Do not ask them (slaves) to do things beyond their capacity (power) and if you do so, then help them."

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Chapter: Sins are from 'jaahiliyyah' and a sinner is not ruled upon as a disbeliever unless he commits shirk

Sins weaken eemaan but don't negate it completely.

Refutation of the Khawaarij – who consider people disbelievers on the basis of sin.

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‘Jaahiliyyah’ – from the characteristics of the people of Jaahiliyyah

A Muslim may have a trait of Jaahiliyyah:

أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ أَرْبَعٌ فِي أُمَّتِي مِنْ أَمْرِ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ لَا يَتْرُكُونَهَا الْفَخْرُ فِي الْأَحْسَابِ وَالطَّعْنُ فِي الْأَنْسَابِ
وَالْأَسْتِسْقَاءُ بِالنُّجُومِ وَالنِّيَاحَةُ

“Four traits in my nation are among the affairs of ignorance that they have not abandoned: boasting over status, disparaging over lineage, seeking rain by the stars, and wailing over the dead.” [Muslim 934]

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اِثْنَتَانِ فِي النَّاسِ هُمَا بِهِمْ كُفْرُ الطَّعْنِ فِي النَّسَبِ وَالنِّيَاحَةُ عَلَى الْمَيِّتِ "

Two (things) are found among men which are tantamount to unbelief: slandering one's lineage and lamentation on the dead [Muslim 67]

Kufr doona kufr

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Except for....?

Shirk:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ

Indeed, Allāh does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills. [4:48]

Major sins → risk of (non-permanent) punishment in the Fire

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Great nobility of Abu Dhar (radiyAllaahu`anhu).

Of the truest of people in eemaan. Zaahid.

He reported the whole incident himself:

“O son of a black woman”

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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا يَسْخَرُ قَوْمٌ مِّنْ قَوْمٍ عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُونَ خَيْرًا مِّنْهُمْ وَلَا نِسَاءٌ مِّنْ نِّسَاءٍ عَسَىٰ أَن يَكُنَّ خَيْرًا مِّنْهُنَّ وَلَا تَلْمِزُوا أَنفُسَكُمْ وَلَا تَنَابَزُوا بِالْأَلْقَابِ بِئْسَ الْأَسْمُ الْفُسُوقُ بَعْدَ الْإِيمَانِ ۚ وَمَن لَّمْ يَتُبْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ

O you who have believed, let not a people ridicule [another] people; perhaps they may be better than them; nor let women ridicule [other] women; perhaps they may be better than them. And do not insult one another and do not call each other by [offensive] nicknames. Wretched is the name [i.e., mention] of disobedience after [one's] faith. And whoever does not repent - then it is those who are the wrongdoers.

[49:11]

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The Prophet was told about this – so he checked (ﷺ). (?)

Wanted to corroborate what happened.

“You are someone who still has some characteristics of ignorance.”

Some of the narrations indicated that he didn't realise how serious an issue this is

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Someone of virtue – may still have errors/shortcomings

Reprimanded by the Prophet (ﷺ).

But – he accepted his mistake straight away. He is the one reporting the incident.

His slave was wearing identical clothes to him radiyAllaahu`anhu. So someone queried this.

Other people – slow to respond to a hadith when someone informs them of it.

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“Your slaves are your brothers and Allah has put them under your command”

Blessing from Allaah that someone is there to serve you.

Still have Islamic brotherhood between you and them

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“So whoever has a brother under his command should feed him of what he eats and dress him of what he wears...”

Also don't overburden him. Help him.

Mercy of Islam and depth of brotherhood.

Similarly for those who work for you. (Compare that to what people do nowadays).

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Sins are from Jaahiliyyah – don't declare person a disbeliever.

Someone may have many good qualities, but still have some shortcomings.

But must accept the truth when it reaches him. Must strive to rectify himself.

