

Benefits

Riyadh al-Sāliḥīn

Repentance

Ḥadīth no. 17

1. A proof that Allāh loves repentance.
2. From Allāh’s Generosity is that He accepts repentance, even if it is delayed, but it is obligatory for the servant to repent immediately because death may suddenly come upon him, and thus he dies without repenting.
3. Affirmation of the attribute of Hand for Allāh; and Allāh affirmed for himself two Hands: “Rather, His two Hands are widely outstretched.” (Surah al-Mā’idah: 64) It is not allowed for us to erroneously imagine that they are like our hands because Allāh said: “There is nothing like Him, and He is the All Hearing, All Seeing.” [Al-Shūra: 11]¹

Ḥadīth no. 18

1. Repentance is continuously accepted as long as its door is open, as if it is closed it is rejected.
2. When the sun rises from the West the belief of the disbeliever will not benefit him nor the repentance of the sinner.²

¹ Explanation of Fayṣal b. ‘Abd al-‘Azīz, p. 22.

² Explanation of Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymīn (1/105).

Ḥadīth no. 19

1. It is upon you – O Muslim brother – to hasten to repent to Allāh from your sins.³
2. “And repentance is not [accepted] for those who continue to do evil deeds until death faces one of them and he says: ‘Now I repent.’” [Nisā: 18]

Ḥadīth no. 20

1. The author mentioned this *Ḥadīth* to clarify when repentance will cease to be accepted.
2. Seeking knowledge is a type of Jihad [struggle] in the path of Allah.⁴
3. Respect for knowledge and its people.⁵
4. If you find something confusing [about the religion], you should ask someone with more knowledge, so that this unease does not remain in the heart.

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³ Explanation of Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymīn (1/102-103).

⁴ Explanation of Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymīn (1/108).

⁵ Explanation of Fayṣal b. ‘Abd al-‘Azīz, p. 24.