

## The Names of Allah Related to Forgiveness

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## 1. Introduction

Forgiveness is a fundamental concept in Islam, reflecting the profound mercy and compassion of Allah. It is intertwined with several names of Allah that highlight His forgiveness, including Al-Ghafoor (الغفور), Al-Ghafar (الغفار), and Al-Afoo (العفو). This report delves into the significance of these names and the associated stories and teachings about forgiveness in Islam.

## 2. Names of Forgiveness

### 2.1 Al-Ghafoor (الغفور)

This name emphasizes that Allah is the Exceedingly and Perfectly Forgiving. He pardons sins, regardless of their size or quantity, and provides protection from the consequences of transgressions.

### 2.2 Al-Ghafar (الغفار)

Al-Ghafar signifies Allah as the Ever-Forgiving. This name emphasizes that Allah forgives repeatedly, even if individuals commit the same sins repeatedly. Furthermore, Al-Ghafar is closely related to the idea of repentance (Tawba).

### 2.3 Al-Afoo (العفو)

Al-Afoo, on the other hand, portrays Allah as the All-Pardoning. This name goes beyond just covering sins; it implies their complete erasure, as if they never existed. Allah's mercy in pardoning is boundless.

### 2.4 Difference between Al-Ghafoor, Al-Ghafar and Al-Afoo

- Al-Afoo means the sins will completely be erased. All witnesses will forget it and it will not be brought up by Allah at all.
- Al-Ghafar is a stronger form of the verb than Al-Ghafoor. It indicates the high frequency of forgiveness. It means Allah will forgive over and over and over again and again. Intensive Ghafoor.

### 2.4 Difference between Mercy and Forgiveness

Mercy means giving benefits. Forgiveness means pardoning sins. Forgiveness is a benefit resulting directly from Allah's mercy. Unlike Al-Rahman, forgiveness is granted only to believers.

### 3. The Story of Al-Zomor (38:53-58)

The story of Al-Zomor (38:53-58) serves as a reminder of Allah's infinite mercy. In this passage, Allah addresses His servants who have transgressed, assuring them not to despair of His mercy, for He forgives all sins. Repentance is encouraged, highlighting the importance of returning to Allah before it is too late.

### 4. The Story of the One Who Killed 99

This compelling story reveals the power of repentance. A man who had killed 99 people sought guidance and forgiveness. A dedicated worshiper of Allah advised him to leave his corrupt town and seek repentance in another place. The man's death during his journey showcased Allah's mercy, as it led to his ultimate forgiveness.

### 5. The Door of Forgiveness

Understanding the concept of the closed door of forgiveness is essential. When the door is permanently closed, it signifies the missed opportunity for forgiveness. Allah's boundless mercy encourages believers to seek forgiveness before it's too late.

### 6. Allah's Happiness When One Repents

The analogy of a lost camel beautifully illustrates Allah's joy when a servant repents. A lost camel in a barren land represents a desperate situation. However, when the camel is miraculously found, the owner, in his excitement, mistakenly says, "O Allah, You are my slave, and I am Your Lord!" This showcases the extent of Allah's happiness upon a sincere repentance.

### 7. The Istigfar (الإستغفار)

Istigfar, the act of seeking forgiveness, is a cornerstone of Islamic practice. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) set an example by seeking forgiveness more than 70 times a day. This practice serves as a reminder of our reliance on Allah's mercy and our need to seek forgiveness continually.

### 8. Forgiveness vs. Unforgivable Sins

In Islam, there are no sins that Allah will never forgive if one sincerely repents. This sets Islam apart from some other faiths, emphasizing the profound concept of Allah's mercy and His readiness to forgive even the gravest of sins.

## 9. Dua'a to the Dead

### 9.1 Is this Shirk or sin?

Calling upon the dead or making Dua'a to them is considered Shirk, associating partners with Allah. It contravenes the foundational principle of Tawheed (monotheism) in Islam, which is the worship of Allah alone.

### 9.2 Who promotes this practice? What are their gains?

The promotion of Dua'a to the dead is often linked to individuals who act as custodians of graves, using this practice to maintain control over religious sites and receive offerings or donations. Their gains are materialistic, which contrasts with the spiritual purity of true worship.

### 9.3 How many graves does Imam Al-Hosain have?

Imam Al-Hosain has several graves, but the exact number can vary depending on different sources and traditions.

## 10. Consequences of Sincere Tawba (Repentance)

The Quran in Al-Forqan (25:68-70) emphasizes that those who sincerely repent, believe, and perform righteous deeds will have their evil deeds replaced with good ones. This verse underlines the transformative power of sincere repentance.

## 11. Repeating Sins After Repentance

### 11.1 What happens when you repeat the sin again and seek forgiveness?

Allah's forgiveness remains accessible, even if one repeats a sin and seeks repentance. Allah encourages us to repent sincerely each time we err.

### 11.2 At what point does Allah stop forgiving you?

Allah ceases to forgive when a person stops seeking repentance or approaches the moment of death. In these instances, the door of forgiveness is closed.

### 11.3 Does Allah take back previous repentance if you repeat a sin?

Allah's forgiveness is not retracted once granted. His mercy is boundless and encompassing, even if a person repeats the same sin.

## 12. Misusing Allah's Forgiveness

### 12.1 Is forgiveness intended to encourage people to do sins?

No, forgiveness is not meant to encourage sin. It's a means of redemption for those who err, provided they genuinely seek forgiveness and mend their ways.

### 12.2 Is forgiveness intended for sinners who have already sinned?

Yes, forgiveness is intended for sinners who genuinely repent and seek Allah's pardon. It's a path to redemption and renewal.

### 12.3 Can one trick Allah and repent in the last minute?

No, one cannot deceive Allah. Sincere repentance must be heartfelt and not delayed until the last moments of life.

### 12.4 Possible scenarios preventing last-minute repentance.

Sudden death, a change of heart, stubbornness, insisting on one's righteousness, and other factors can prevent a last-minute repentance.

### 12.5 Response to someone delaying prayers

Encouraging someone to delay prayers until old age is misguided. Prayers are a cornerstone of Islamic worship and should not be postponed. Delaying them risks missing out on countless rewards.

### 12.6 What does Allah say about last-minute repentance? (Nisa Ayat 4:18)

Allah's acceptance of repentance hinges on its sincerity and timeliness. Allah does not accept insincere or belated repentance.

## 13. The Story of the One Who Watered a Thirsty Dog

This heartwarming story highlights the significance of compassion and kindness to Allah's creatures. A man who quenched a thirsty dog's thirst experienced Allah's mercy as a result. This underscores the importance of acts of kindness and their impact.

## 14. The Meaning of Al-Afoo

Al-Afoo, the All-Pardoning, signifies Allah's complete erasure of sins upon sincere repentance. Allah's mercy in this aspect is profound, emphasizing that He forgives as if the sins never existed.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, the concept of forgiveness in Islam is deeply rooted in the names and attributes of Allah, showcasing His infinite mercy. The stories and teachings related to forgiveness serve as a reminder of the transformative power of repentance and the importance of compassion in one's faith. Seeking Allah's forgiveness and practicing kindness toward His creations are integral parts of a believer's journey in Islam.