

Chapter Nine

Concerning seeking forgiveness from Allah Ta'aala and Intercession by of Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam

After discussing the life of Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam, his perfection and exalted status Allamah Busairi (R.A) in this chapter seeks forgiveness from Allah Ta'aala through the intercession and Waseela (agency) of Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam. Allamah Busairi (R.A) says that his life was wasted in sin and disobedience, he regrets his misdeeds and turns towards Allah Ta'aala seeking forgiveness and repentance. He uses this poem as a Waseela (agency) through Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam to gain acceptance in the court of Allah.

1.

خَدَمْتُهُ بِمَدِيحٍ اسْتَقِيلُ بِهِ

I served him with praise, by means of which I ask to be pardoned.

2.

ذُنُوبَ عُمْرٍ مَضَى فِي الشَّعْرِ وَالْخِدْمِ

The sins of a life passed in poetry and serving (other)

3.

إِذْ قَلَّدَانِي مَا تُخْشَى عَوَاقِبُهُ

As these two have garlanded me with that consequences which I fear.

4.

كَأَنَّيَ بِهِمَا هَدْيٌ مِّنَ النَّعْمِ

As though I am due to it (poetry and serving others) a sacrificial animal.

5.

أَطَعْتُ غِيَّ الصَّبَا فِي الْحَالَتَيْنِ وَمَا

I obeyed the misleading passions of youth in both conditions and I did not

6.

حَصَلْتُ إِلَّا عَلَى الْأَثَامِ وَالنَّدَمِ

I achieved but sin and remorse.

7.

فِيَا خَسَارَةَ نَفْسِي فِي تِجَارَتِهَا

the great regret of my soul in its transaction

8.

لَمْ تَشْتَرِ الدِّينَ بِالدُّنْيَا وَلَمْ تَسْمِ

It did not purchase Deen with the world, nor had I negotiated for it.

9.

وَمَنْ يَبِيعُ أَجَلًا مِنْهُ بِعَاجِلِهِ

The person who sells his future for his present.

10.

يَبِينُ لَهُ الْغَبْنُ فِي بَيْعٍ وَفِي سَلَمٍ

His being defrauded in the sale and its negotiation.

11.

وَإِنْ آتِ ذَنْبًا فَمَا عَهْدِي بِمُنْتَقِضٍ

If I had committed any sin my covenant is not (likely to be) violated.

12.

مِّنَ النَّبِيِّ وَلَا حَبْلِي بِمُنْصَرَمٍ

With my Nabi Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wassallam and nor is my rope broken.

13.

فَإِنَّ لِي ذِمَّةً مِنْهُ بِتَسْمِيَّتِي

For verily I have a security from him due to my name.

14.

مُحَمَّدًا وَهُوَ أَوْفَى الْخَلْقِ بِالذِّمَمِ

(Being) Muhammad, while he is the most faithful of mankind in fulfilling his promise.

15.

إِنْ لَّمْ يَكُنْ فِي مَعَادِي أَخِذًا بِبِيَدِي

If at my resurrection, he should not take me by my hand

16.

فَضْلًا وَلَا فَقْلًا يَا زَلَّةَ الْقَدَمِ

Out of kindness, then say O the slipping of my foot.

17.

حَاشَا أَنْ يُحْرَمَ الرَّاجِي مَكَارِمَهُ

I seek the sanctuary (in Allah) that he should deprive one who is hopeful of his graces.

18.

أَوْ يَرْجِعَ الْجَارُ مِنْهُ غَيْرَ مُحْتَرَمٍ

Or that his neighbour (follower) returned from him dishonoured.

19.

وَمُنْذُ أَلْزَمْتُ أَفْكَارِي مَدَائِحَهُ

And since I have devoted my thoughts to his praises.

20.

وَجَدْتُهُ لِحَلَاصِي خَيْرَ مُلْتَزِمٍ

I have found him to be best sanctuary for my salvation.

21.

وَلَنْ يَفُوتَ الْغِنَى مِنْهُ يَدًا تَرَبَّتْ

His bounty will never escape from (my) hand which has been soiled.

22.

إِنَّ الْحَيَا يُنْبِتُ الْأَزْهَارَ فِي الْأَكَمِ

For verily rain causes flowers to bloom on rocks

23.

وَلَمْ أَرِدْ زَهْرَةَ الدُّنْيَا الَّتِي اقْتَطَفْتُ

And I did seek the flowers (wealth) of the world which were plucked.

يَدَا زُهَيْرٍ بِمَا أَثْنَى عَلَى هَرَمٍ

By the hands of Zuhair through his praises of Haram.