



Laws of Allah (SWT) and Effects of Sins (A)

Laws of Allah (SWT)

There are two types of laws of Allah (SWT).

1. Visible or Instantaneous
2. Invisible or Delayed

Visible or Instantaneous Laws

Visible laws are related to the physical world, e.g. law of gravity, that whatever goes up must come down or whenever we touch fire, it will burn us and also it is impossible to walk on water. These are also called the laws of nature and Allah (SWT).

Invisible or Delayed Laws

There are some laws of Allah (SWT) which are invisible or their response is delayed. We can't see them instantly. E.g. telling lie is like breaking Allah's (SWT) laws, but the response to that violence might not be instantaneous. Similarly, eating haram foods is a forbidden act as well as engaging in haram relationships, the response of such violence of laws of Allah (SWT) may not be instantaneous but it affects the person who commits such violence. So most of the time, we earn our misfortune by ourselves by breaking the laws of Allah (SWT).

Cause of Our Troubles

Allah (SWT) says,

"And whatever misfortune befalls you, it is because of what your hands have earned. And He pardons much." [Surah Ash-Shura:30]

Whenever we do wrong deeds, either we should wait for our punishment or make Tauba (repentance) before the arrival of punishment or difficulties to our way. Because mostly we earn these troubles by our sins. Sooner we make repentance for our sins faster our difficulties or troubles will disappear.

In bad times, we should do sabr (patience) and in good times we should do shukar (thankful) to Allah (SWT). He has given us countless blessings like our eyes, hands, ears, nose, legs and many more, but the question is, are we using His blessings for the right purpose?

Astaghfaar is the key to wipe our sins, thus making our lives easy. Repentance evaporates our sins and difficulties due to those sins.

Prophets of Allah (SWT) don't commit sin, but they can make mistakes as Quran reports the incident of Hazrat Adam (AS) that's how he went near the forbidden tree and How Allah (SWT) took him from Jannah, then Hazrat Adam (AS) realized his mistake and Quran marked his words for the mankind that O Allah (SWT), I have wronged myself and you will not forgive me I will be one of the losers. Similarly, Hazrat Younus (AS) was kept in the belly of a whale for his misjudgment and there he repented.

Importance of Astaghfaar / Repentance

Hasan Al-Basri was one of Ta'abaeen and very righteous man and scholar. Once One of his student Rabi bin Sabi was sitting with him and they saw that four people came to him one by one. The first one complained about the lack of rain in his area and asked about any wazifa for it to end the situation of dry season/drought. Hasan Al-Basri told him to do astaghfaar he said okay and left. The second person came and said that we have poverty and hunger in our area, can you tell me some wazifa to end this situation of hunger. Hasan Al-Basri said that go back and do astaghfaar. He left as well. The third man came and said that I need a son I have a land and I need an heir to take care of my property after me. Hasan Al-Basri asked him that If you want a son, go back and ask astaghfaar. The fourth guy came, he said I have a garden with trees, but they don't bear fruit on them. Hasan Al-Basri also asked him to ask astaghfaar. His student Rabi bin Sabi seated near him was surprised and asked Hasan Al-Basri that why have you asked all four of them the same wazifa to ask astaghfaar for their different problems? Hasan Al-Basri said that I have not said it from my own account, whatever I said is from the book of Allah (SWT) and then he narrated the ayahs from Surah Nooh. When Nooh (AS) said to his people, " Ask forgiveness from your Lord; Verily, He is oft-forgiving. He will send rain to you in abundance. And give you increase in wealth and children, and bestow on you gardens and bestow on you rivers". (while people of Nooh (AS) were committing the sin of shirk which is the biggest zulm (violence), Hazrat Nooh (AS) said that if you make repentance then even this crime will be forgiven by Allah (SWT) and will be bestowed with His blessings).

Hadith of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) from Ibne Maja

This hadith basically explains the 5 causes – effects principles.

- If fornication should become widespread, you should realize that this has never happened without new diseases befalling the people which their forebears never suffered.
- If people should begin to cheat in weighing out goods, you should realize that this has never happened without drought and famine befalling the people, and their rulers oppressing them.
- If people should withhold Zakat, you should realize that this has never happened without the rain being stopped from falling; and was it not for the animals' sake, it would never rain again.

- If people should break their covenant with Allah (SWT) & His Messenger (PBUH), you should realize that he has never happened without Allah (SWT) sending an enemy against them to take some of their possessions by force.
- If the leaders do not govern according to the Book of Allah (SWT), you should realize that this has never happened without Allah (SWT), making them into groups and making them fight one another.

Other Effects of Sins

Allah (SWT) says,

“And thus We set some wrongdoers on some others because of what they used to commit”. [Surah Al-Anaam:129]

So if we have been now caught in a situation where oppressors are ruling on us then it is due to our own deeds.

At other place Allah (SWT) said in the Quran,

“Thus he (Fir’aun) fooled (and misled) his people, and they obeyed him. Verily, they were ever a people who were Fasiqun (sinful & disobedient to Allah).” [Surah Az-Zukhruf:54]

These people were fooled by Fir’aun because those people were also sinners so they were the cause of their own pitiful situation.

Noam Chomsky said that the general population doesn’t know what’s going on in the world and it doesn’t even know that it doesn’t know.

Imam Shafi’i said: "I complained to Wakee about the weakness of my memory. So, he ordered me to abandon sins".

The Secret of Fighting Against Immorality

“Verily, the prayer prevents from immorality (indecent) and evil wicked deeds. And the remembering of Allah is greater indeed”. [Surah Al-Ankaboot:45]