

REPENTANCE IN ISLAM

WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

In Deen - al - Islam, it is not necessary to confess one's sins in the presence of a priest.

Remember, there is no priesthood in Al-Islam.

A Muslim asks Allah (S.W.T.) for forgiveness.

We are told in Sura Ta-Ha (ch. 20): verse 82:-

"But, without doubt, I am (also) He that forgives again and again, to those who repent, believe, and do right, --- who, in fine, are ready to receive true guidance."

According to the above verse one should beg of his Rabb for forgiveness, because it is only Allah (S.W.T.) who accepts repentance!

The following points are important:-

- 1) When one asks for forgiveness, one should make a sincere intention not to commit that act again.
- 2) One should feel sorry about the wrong done.
- 3) If one has taken the right of others, return it to the rightful owner.

As Muslims we should never despair of the mercy of Allah (S.W.T.).

We read in Sura al- Zumar (ch. 39): verse 54:-

"Turn you to your Rabb (in repentance) and bow to his (will), before the penalty comes to you: after that you shall not be helped."

Allah (S.W.T.) is full of forgiveness as long as we sincerely repent before the punishment comes!

Worksheet

- !) Offer two important points worth considering when repenting?
