



Cloud of Thought – Deeds not accepted

- We need to understand 'what are the buried secrets for deeds not being accepted?'. As we go to the top, we don't want to be told 'you took the wrong path or you climbed the wrong mountain'.
- What is the reason for something not being accepted? When there's a share of the self in it, astaghfar Allah. To feel happy or enjoy the deed is a result of the deed and that's fine, but it's while doing the deed.
- Sometimes we rely on our deeds to go up but it's about Allah (ﷺ) accepting our deeds. **Surah Fatir 10: (إِنَّهُ يَصْنَعُ الْكَلِمَ الطَّيِّبَ وَالْعَمَلُ الصَّالِحُ يَرْفَعُهُ)** (To Him ascend (all) the goodly words, and the righteous deeds exalt it).
- The conditions for acceptable deeds are:
 - Iklhas
 - Following the Sunnah
- It's important to be pure while going up because it's not only about being making the right moves or planning ahead.
- We should be a receiver with Allah (ﷺ) and not a partner with Him, astaghfar Allah. When we perform our deeds sincerely for Allah (ﷺ) then we will receive the reward, but when we're not sincere then we're making a partnership with Allah (ﷺ) and this is shirk.
- As we go up, we need to ask ourselves, 'for Whom are we doing it? And why are we doing it?'. Al Hasan said 'may Allah have mercy on a slave who stops and thinks about his concern.'. If a person's concern is for Allah (ﷺ) then he will proceed with the deed. But when it's not for Him then he will delay it, subhan Allah.
- When we're working on any projects, we need to ask ourselves, 'for whom are we doing it?'. If it's for Allah (ﷺ) then we should continue, and if not then we need to reassess. **Hadith Qudsi:** **عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ "قَالَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى أَنَا أَعْنَى الشُّرُكَاءَ عَنِ الشُّرُكَ مَنْ عَمِلَ عَمَلاً أَشْرَكَ فِيهِ مَعِي" (Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) as stating that Allah the Most High and Exalted said: I am the One, One Who does not stand in need of a partner. If anyone**



does anything in which he associates anyone else with Me, I shall abandon him with one whom he associates with Allah.) - Sahih Muslim 2985

- Allah (ﷻ) is The Most Rich of our deeds, but we're in need of it. And He will not accept deeds which are not pure.

How do we apply what we learned and change for the better?

- Be sincere and pure to Allah (ﷻ)
- Ask Allah (ﷻ) to protect you from shirk

May Allah (ﷻ) make us mukhliseen. Ameen.