

The Forgiveness of the Bani Israeel.

When Hazrat Moosa anger abated, he picked up the slates of the Taurat and turned to Allaah Ta'ala. He enquired as to what form of punishment should be meted out to the sinners. The reply received was that those people who had resorted to idolatry had to give up their lives. It is mentioned in a tradition of Nasai Shareef that Hazrat Moosa told the Bani Israeel:

“Your repentance (Towbah) is only possible in this way that; the sinners should end their lives in this manner that, that relative who is the most beloved should kill him with his own hands.”

Meaning that the father should kill the son; the son, the father; and the brother had to kill his brother. The Bani Israeel did not have any alternative but to surrender to this command. In this manner, many of the Bani Israeel were killed. When the situation came to this extreme Hazrat Moosa prostrated himself to Allaah Ta'ala, and begged the Divine Master: “Oh Allaah! Now have mercy on them and forgive them.”

This prayer of Hazrat Moosa was accepted and Allaah Ta'ala said:

“We have forgiven both the killer and the one who has been killed. We have also forgiven those sinners who are still alive. But let be known that in future they should not even go near idolatry.”