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## Knowing if your deeds have been accepted

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

**Question:** Noble Shaykh, what are the signs that a deed has been accepted [by Allaah]? And can a person sense this acceptance, can he sense that his action has been accepted?

**Shaykh Saalih bin Fawzaan al-Fawzaan** (حفظه الله)<sup>1</sup>: A person does not know if his deed has been accepted, [knowledge of this] is with Allaah [alone]. That is why the Salaf used to have the utmost fear that their actions might not be accepted.

**[Those who give what they give with their hearts full of fear [whether their works have been accepted or not], for they are surely returning to their Lord [for reckoning].]<sup>2</sup>**

Thus, they would do great righteous deeds, [at the same time] fearing that they would not be accepted. But a Muslim must do good works, act in obedience [to Allaah] and have a good opinion about Allaah (عزوجل)<sup>3</sup>, (hoping in His reward). As for knowing that [deeds] have been accepted, none but Allaah knows this. Thus, some of the Companions have said, "If I knew that Allaah had accepted a mustard seed's [of my deeds], I would wish to die." Because if Allaah accepts from a person, it means he has succeeded. Allaah (تعالى)<sup>4</sup> said:

**[Verily, Allaah accepts only from the muttazeen (those who fear and obey Him).]<sup>5</sup>**

Therefore, one of the causes of deeds being accepted is taqwaa. You must practice taqwaa of Allaah (سبحانه و تعالى)<sup>6</sup>, by doing what He has commanded, leaving what He has forbidden, hastening to obey Him and staying away from disobedience of Him. This is one of the causes for [your deeds] to be accepted.

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<sup>1</sup> (حفظه الله) May Allaah preserve him

<sup>2</sup> Soorah al-Mumenoon [23:60]

<sup>3</sup> (عزوجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

<sup>4</sup> (تعالى) Ta'aala (The Most High)

<sup>5</sup> Soorah al-Ma'eedah [5:27]

<sup>6</sup> (سبحانه و تعالى) Subhana wa Ta'ala May He be glorified and exalted