

In The Name of Allaah, The Most Merciful,
The Bestower of Mercy

Shaddaad Bin Anas [radiyallaahu-anhu] said that the Prophet [sallal-laahu-alayhi-wasallam] said: The best way to seek the forgiveness of Allaah is to say:

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ خَلَقْتَنِي
وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ وَأَنَا عَلَى عَهْدِكَ وَوَعْدِكَ مَا
اسْتَطَعْتُ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ
أَبُوءُ لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ عَلَيَّ وَأَبُوءُ لَكَ بِذُنُوبِي
فَاغْفِرْ لِي فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

“O Allaah, You are my Lord! There is no one who has the right to be worshipped except you. You created me and I am your slave, and I am (sincere) to my covenant and promise (to You) as much as I am able. I seek refuge with You from the evil I have done. I acknowledge in your presence all the blessings You have granted me, and I confess to You my sins. So forgive me, for indeed none is able to forgive (a slave his) sins, except You.” [Ref 1]

Imaam Abdul Azeez Bin Baaz [rahimahullaah] said regarding the **Messenger's** statement: **"I acknowledge in your presence all the blessings You have granted me, and I confess to you my sins"**; he [sallal-laahu-alayhi-wasallam] combined ~ in this statement ~ a testification to [Allaah's] blessings and a notification of the flaws in one's self and actions.

Imaam Abdul Azeez Bin Baaz [rahimahullaah] also said: The domain of servitude to Allaah is based on two principles and they are its foundation: **Complete and perfect love of Allaah and Complete humility in Allaah's Presence.** The origin of these two principles emanates from those other two previous principles and they are: Attesting to [Allaah's] blessings and this brings about love of Allaah, and to being aware of the flaws in one's self and actions which brings about one's complete humility [in Allaah's presence]. If the slave establishes his path to Allaah based on these two principles, his enemy [i.e. shaytaan] will not defeat him through them, except as a result of unawareness and inattentiveness, and how quickly Allaah makes him recover, notifies him and reaches out to him with His Mercy [i.e. when he falls into error or forgets]. **[Ref 2]**

[Ref 1: Bukhaari Hadeeth Number 6306]

[Ref 2: An Excerpt from 'Sharh Al-Waabil As-Sayyib' page 8'. Slightly paraphrased]

