

# The 10 Series

## Ten ways to attain Ten Jewels

### Day 6 - Ten Ten barriers between the slave and his Lord

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#### Introduction:

In the Quran Allah tells us about the barriers in Surah Mutaffifeen.

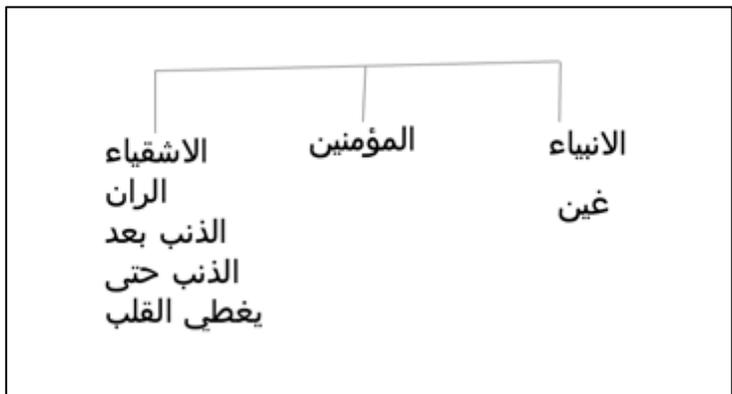
83:14	كَلَّا بَلْ رَانَ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿١٤﴾
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🔊 🔇	No! Rather, the stain has covered their hearts of that which they were earning.
83:15	كَلَّا إِنَّهُمْ عَنْ رَبِّهِمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ لَمَحْجُورُونَ ﴿١٥﴾
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🔊 🔇	No! Indeed, from their Lord, that Day, they will be partitioned.
83:16	ثُمَّ إِنَّهُمْ لَصَالُوا الْجَحِيمِ ﴿١٦﴾
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Ibn Al Qayyim said the worse of barriers is “raan” when sins after sins cover the heart. A person can earn sins by expecting more than what’s he’s giving. And this barrier can cause a barrier between him and Allah

In this life we have time and we need to compete with our desires to do the good and to move forward. Dhul Hijjah is blessed month and we are coming towards the end of the year so we must make the most of these last ten days.

Ibn Qayyim said the barrier between the slave and the lord can be very thin or very thick. The very thin barrier is called “Ghain” which happens to the Prophets and the messengers.

The second barriers is thicker and is for the believers and the third barrier is real and is for the miserable ones called “Raan”. Ibn Abbas said “Raan” is sins after the sins till it covers the heart.



**Repentance and Seeking Forgiveness**

(12) Chapter: It Is Recommend To Pray For Forgiveness A Great Deal      (12) باب استجاب الاستغفار والاستغفار منه

Al-Agharr al-Muzani, who was one amongst the Companions (of the Holy Prophet) reported that Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said:

There is (at times) some sort of shade upon my heart, and I seek forgiveness from Allah a hundred times a day.

حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى بْنُ يَحْيَى، وَقَتَيْبَةُ بْنُ سَعِيدٍ، وَأَبُو الزُّبَيْرِ الْعَتَكِيُّ، جَمِيعًا عَنْ حَمَّادٍ، قَالَ يَحْيَى أَخْبَرَنَا حَمَّادُ بْنُ زَيْدٍ، عَنْ ثَابِتٍ، عَنْ أَبِي بُرَيْدَةَ، عَنِ الْأَعْرَابِيِّ الْمُزَنِيِّ، - وَكَانَتْ لَهُ صُحْبَةٌ - أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " إِنَّهُ لَيَغَانُ عَلَى قَلْبِي وَإِنِّي لَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ فِي الْيَوْمِ مِائَةً مَرَّةً " .

**Reference** : Sahih Muslim 2702 a  
 In-book reference : Book 48, Hadith 52  
 USC-MSA web (English) reference : Book 35, Hadith 6522  
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# Jewel No 6: Ten Barriers between the Slave and the Lord

1. **Barrier of disabling Names and Attributes of Allah:** This is the worst of the barrier. When a person disables the names and attributes of Allah then he is not ready to change at all because of the thick barrier between him and Allah. This person is not prepared to know Allah so how can he perform worship. Such a person cannot be elevated. We need to attribute Allah with all the perfection and with all that he attributes himself. We do not disable any of his names and attributes.
2. **Barrier of Shirk** This is the next worst barrier. Such a person does not enjoy talking to Allah, worshiping to Allah. We need to deal with Allah with our heart. When a person's heart is attached to other than Allah or is devoting or directing his actions to other than Him then it's shirk. Shirk creates a barrier in the heart.
3. **Barrier of verbal innovation:** The next barrier is when a person is verbally innovating in deen e.g. saying Allah is everywhere or that Allah does not have hands. We cannot innovate in religion and cannot say things about Allah which He did not say about himself.
4. **Barrier of Physical Innovation:** This barrier is when a person is doing physical Bida'a and a person practically does things that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) did not do himself e.g. reading Surah Yaseen a particular number of times in a day.
5. **Barrier of Inner major sins:** The next barrier if of major sins (inner) e.g. arrogance, pride, showing off, boasting. This is worse than the major outer sins.
6. **Barrier of outer major sins:** The outer major sins are also a barrier e.g. Adultery, drinking alcohol etc. but this barrier is lesser than the barrier of the inner major sins. Those who commit outer major sins repent more easily than those having hidden major sins. The one who is arrogant has a worst heart than the who drinks.

7. **Barrier of minor sins:** The minor sins also cause a barrier between the slave and the lord.
8. **Barrier of excessiveness in lawful matters:** The excess in lawful matters e.g. extra sleeping, eating and socializing then it can also cause a barrier. When a person exceeds then it will lead to the sin because he has gone beyond what is needed.
9. **Barrier of Heedlessness:** Being heedless and doing things as routine also is a barrier because the person is not remembering Allah much.
10. **Barrier of the hard workers:** A person may be working hard towards Allah and pushing himself but still have a barrier and this is the barrier of the believers.