Sikh Perspective on Forgiveness
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All faiths preach forgiveness by God to their congregations as a message to fill the voids created by worldly vices in congregants’ hearts. But the turning point in human life is when we start feeling the voids in our hearts while trying to achieve worldly goals in our lives.

Failures and achievers in worldly lives both feel emptiness in their hearts at some point in their lives.

If the aim of life does not change in these situations, and the person still pursues worldly happiness, the message of forgiveness does not touch the person’s heart.

Courage to change one’s path of life is the turning point towards seeking forgiveness. As soon as one realizes that worldly achievement is not the purpose of life, God starts taking care of our path towards the real purpose of life, which is to find God in our consciousness. At the end of this path, we are not merely bodies anymore, we find our self as a part of a higher power: God.

Forgiveness of vile behavior starts as soon as we change our path to the real purpose of life. Forgiveness is not too far from us. We just need to gather courage to seek it.

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