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Taken from the works of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)

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With regards to the types of as Sam' (Allaah's Hearing), the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)<sup>1</sup> comments:

And the Sam' (Hearing) which Allaah has affirmed for Himself is of two types:

- 1) The Sam' which is perceiving the one who is being heard
- 2) The Sam' which is responding to the one being heard.

And there is a distinction between perceiving and responding. Allaah, the Most High, stated:

**And do not be like those who say, "Sami'naa (we have heard)" and laa yasma'oon (they do not hear).**

[Soorah al Anfaal (the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter) aayah 21]

"Sami'naa (we have heard)" – meaning the sam' of perceiving

and la yasma'oon (they do not hear) – the sam' of responding and complying.

The Sam' of Allaah, the Mighty and Majestic, contains the sam' of perceiving and the sam' of responding.

So in His statement, He the Most High -

**Indeed Allaah has heard the statement of the woman who disputes with you...**

[Soorah al Mujaadilah (the 58<sup>th</sup> chapter) aayah 1]

- (this is) the Sam' of perceiving.

And in His statement, He the Most High:

**Indeed my Lord is the Samee' (literally 'the Hearer') of supplications.**

[Soorah Ibraaheem (the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter) aayah 39]

- (this is) the Sam' of responding.

<sup>1</sup> (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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And in the statement of the praying person:

Sami' Allaahu liman hamidahu

(Allaah hears the one who praises Him)

is the hearing of both types, together – meaning, He hears and He responds with reward to the one who praises Him.

**(The explanation of al 'aqeedah as safaareeniyyah p149 to 150)**