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

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With regards to supplications to idols seemingly being answered, the Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹ comments on the aayah:

(And who is more astray that the person who calls upon other than Allaah, calling upon one) who cannot reply to him until the Day of Judgment?

[Soorah al Ahqaaf (the 46th chapter) aayah 5]

So if it is the case that everyone other than Allaah cannot reply until the Day of Judgment, then how is it befitting for you that you seek deliverance with it (the false object of worship), to the exclusion of Allaah?

Therefore the attachment that those worshippers had to their objects of worship was rendered null and void.

So the (person) who goes to al Badawee or ad Dasooqee in Egypt, then says, "(Grant me help, help!" or "Aid me!", then it will not benefit them at all.

However it may be that he (this person) is afflicted with a tribulation, then help comes to him at the time of this matter (of them calling upon their false god) occurring – and not because of this matter.

And there is a difference between what occurs due to a matter and what occurs at the (same) time as a matter.

An example of that: a woman supplicates to al Badawee that she (the woman) falls pregnant. So when her husband has sexual intercourse with her, she falls pregnant. And she could not fall pregnant previously.

So we say here: for certain, the pregnancy did not occur due to the supplication to al Badawee. It only occurred at the time of it (this supplication being made) - in accordance with His statement, He the Most High:

... who cannot reply to him until the Day of Judgment?

[Soorah al Ahqaaf (the 46th chapter) aayah 5]

(Al qawl ul mufeed (1/272) of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ))

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him