

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

السَّمِيعُ

AS-SAMEE'

Meaning Explained By

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I wish to invite you to reflect upon
another attribute of Allah the Almighty; that is

AS-SAMEE'

meaning: Allah is the All-Hearing

Conceptually, we should know that Allah's Almighty All-Hearing nature transcends all distance, space and time. His ability to hear is so vast beyond our reckoning and He hears every supplication of His creation, whether through expressed words or secret yearnings kept deep within our hearts.

Let us reflect together on the words of Allah Almighty in surah Al-Maa'idah verse 76:

قُلْ أَتَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مَا لَا يَمْلِكُ لَكُمْ ضَرًّا وَلَا نَفْعًا وَاللَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

"Say (in a rhetorical question): "Will you worship, besides Allah, what has no power either to harm or benefit you? And Allah Himself Hears and Knows all things."

Getting a better understanding of Allah's attribute of *As-Samee'*, must lead us to develop a deep consciousness within, to always exercise caution before uttering anything. This is to ensure that what we say will always be good and beneficial.

Apart from providing us with a sense of consciousness, the appreciation of *As-Sami'* is also aimed at equipping us with the strength and self-confidence that we require in facing life's daily challenges. By realizing that Allah Almighty is always listening to our supplications, we will understand that Allah is closer to us. We will also be more confident that Allah's help is always near. In fact, we will never feel abandoned as long as we are constantly in remembrance of Allah Almighty.

Let us ponder upon the affirmation and comfort that Allah Almighty provided to Prophet Moses and Prophet Haroon, alayhem assalatu wassalam, when they were about to face Pharaoh. Allah Almighty says in surah Taha, verse 46:

قَالَ لَا تَخَافَا إِنِّي مَعَكُمَا أَسْمَعُ وَأَرَى

"He (Allah) said: "Fear not: for I am with you: I hear and see (everything)."



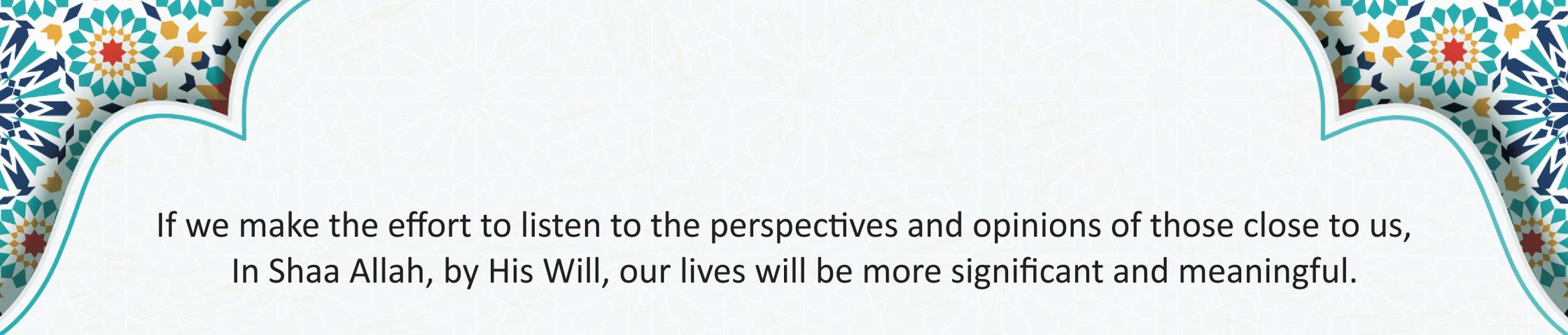
Clearly, Allah's All-Hearing attribute extends to providing support and assistance to the lament of every person who is in a state of difficulty and hardship. This is simply attributable to the infinite love of Allah Almighty for His creation.

Let us not be shy or be negligent in asking from Allah Almighty because verily, He hears all of our hopes and aspirations. Supplicate and seek forgiveness from Him, because Allah Almighty will never get tired of hearing our prayers or our lamentations. Rasulullah sallallaahu 'alaihi wasallam said:

“Supplicate to Allah as much as you can, for verily Allah Almighty never grows tired of them until you yourself are tired from them.”

Hadith narrated by Imam Bukhari.

This is an attribute that we must also learn to adopt into our lives within our human limitations. We must give time to those around us to hear their genuine concerns and see if we can help.



If we make the effort to listen to the perspectives and opinions of those close to us,
In Shaa Allah, by His Will, our lives will be more significant and meaningful.

Listening attentively to our family members and friends will develop a deeper sense of understanding and a greater love for each other.

When we show care to our family and friends and give due attention to the opinions and perspectives of our colleagues or school friends, our relationships will become stronger, our mutual trust will grow and their self-confidence will improve.

May our appreciation of the attribute of As-Samii' in our lives bring us closer to Allah Almighty and heighten our love for Him, may this appreciation also strengthen our relationships with other people. In shaa Allah, this will lead us to obtain Allah's mercy in this world and place us in His paradise in the hereafter. Ameen.

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