

time when the new moon of Shawwâl is sighted until the end of the Eid *khufbah*.



﴿وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ ۖ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ ۖ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِلَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ١٨٦)

2:186. When My slaves ask you concerning Me, I am indeed close [to them]; I answer the call of the caller when he calls on Me. So let them respond to Me, and believe in Me, that they may be rightly guided.

This is the answer to a question. Some of his Companions asked the Prophet (ﷺ): O Messenger of Allah, is our Lord close to us so that we may whisper to Him or is He far away so that we should call out to Him? Then the words «When My slaves ask you concerning Me, I am indeed close [to them]» were revealed, because Allah (ﷻ) is Ever-Watchful, Witness (to everything); He can see what is secret and what is yet more hidden; He knows even the most stealthy glance of the eyes and all the secrets that hearts conceal. He is also close to the one who calls upon Him, in the sense that He is quick to respond. Hence He said: «I answer the call of the caller when he calls on Me».

Calling or supplication (*du'â*) is of two types: supplication of worship and supplication of asking. And Allah's closeness is of two types: closeness to all of His creation by His knowledge and closeness to those who worship Him and call upon Him by responding, helping and guiding.

Whoever calls upon his Lord with focus and presence of mind, offering supplication as prescribed in Islam, with no impediment to receiving a response to his supplication – such as consuming haram wealth or haram food, and so on – then Allah has promised to answer