

1. "I'm not important enough for my prayers to be answered"

- The transcendence of the soul

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ شَهِدْنَا أَن تَقُولُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ

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- When your Lord asked all the offspring of Adam (before their birth), "Am I not your Lord?" All of them testified and bore witness to their testimony that on the Day of Judgment they would not say, "We were not aware of this (fact)," (7:172)

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وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ

فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا إِلَيَّ وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾

- When My servants ask thee concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them): I listen to the prayer of every suppliant when he calleth on Me: Let them also, with a will, Listen to My call, and believe in Me: That they may walk in the right way. (2:186)

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On the authority of Abu Harayrah (RA), who said that the Prophet (PBUH) said: Allah the Almighty said:

- I am as My servant thinks I am.
- **I am with him when he makes mention of Me. If he makes mention of Me to himself, I make mention of him to Myself;**
- and if he makes mention of Me in an assembly, I make mention of him in an assembly greater than it. And if he draws near to Me an arm's length, I draw near to him a fathom's length. **And if he comes to Me walking, I go to him at speed.**

(Buhkari, Muslim, at-Tirmidhi and Ibn-Majah)