

268385 - Is al-Mughith (the Helper) one of the names of Allah?

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Are al-Mughith and al-Ghiyath (Helper) among the beautiful names of Allah? Is al-Jawwad (the Most Generous) one of the names of Allah? Please answer with evidence.

Detailed answer

The scholars differed regarding the names al-Mughith and al-Ghiyath, whether they are among the beautiful names of Allah or not. Each view has a group of scholars who favoured it.

Shaykh al-Islam said: The scholars who wrote about the names of Allah, may He be exalted, said: Every accountable person must understand that there is absolutely no one who could help (mughith or ghiyath) at all except Allah, and that all help or aid (ghawth) comes from Him; even if He causes it to come through someone else, in reality the action is His and the other person is just a means.

They said: Among His names are al-Mughith and al-Ghiyath. Al-Mughith is mentioned in the hadith of Abu Hurayrah. They said: And the ummah is unanimously agreed on that.

Abu 'Abdillah al-Halimi said: al-Ghiyath is al-Mughith. What is mostly mentioned [in supplications] is Ghiyath al-mustaghithin (Helper of those who seek help); what is meant is the One Who come to the aid of His slaves at times of hardship, when they call upon Him, and He answers their prayers and saves them from trouble. In the report about the prayer for rain (istisqa') in *as-Sahihayn*, it says: "Allahumma aghithna, Allahumma aghithna (O Allah, grant us aid; O Allah, grant us aid." This name has a meaning similar to the name al-Mujib (the One Who answers prayers). Allah, may He be exalted, says: {when you asked help of your Lord, and He answered you} [al-Anfal 8:9].

See: *Majmu' al-Fatawa* (1/105); *Majmu' al-Fatawa* (1/110 and 11/437).

Ibn al-Qayyim said: He is the Helper (al-Mughith) for His creation ... Similarly, He responds to the prayer of one in desperate need.

Al-Kafiyah ash-Shafiyah (208).

Among those who regarded it as one of the divine names is al-Halimi in *al-Minhaj li Shu'ab al-Iman* (1/204).

Shaykh Muhammad Khalifah at-Tamimi mentioned those who regarded it as being one of the divine names, and said: Their evidence is the hadith, "Allahumma aghithna, Allahumma aghithna (O Allah, grant us aid; O Allah, grant us aid.)"

Those whom he mentioned narrated it via 'Abd al-'Aziz ibn al-Husayn at-Tarjuman. This was referred to by 1. Al-Asbahani; 2. Al-Qurtubi; 3. Ibn al-Qayyim; 4. Ash-Sharbasi. Dr. at-Tamimi did not regard it as being one of the divine names. See: *Mu'taqad Ahl as-Sunnah fi Asma' Allah* (250); and *Juhud Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah fi Bab Asma' Allah al-Husna* (695-697).

With regard to calling upon Allah by saying Ghiyath al-Mustaghithin (Helper of those who seek help), please see the answer to question no. [165867](#) .

In the answer to question no. [89763](#) , we have previously explained that the name al-Jawwad is one of the names of Allah, may He be exalted.

And Allah knows best.