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**Q6: Is Al-Khadir (peace be upon him) a guardian of rivers and deserts and does he help any one who loses his way if they call him?**

**A:** The correct opinion of scholars is that Al-Khadir (peace be upon him) had already died before Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) started to receive Divine Revelation. Allah (may He be Exalted) said: ﴿ [And We granted not to any human being immortality before you \(O Muhammad peace be upon him\): then if you die, would they live forever?](#) ﴾ Even if we assume that he was alive until he met Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), the Sunnah (whatever is reported from the Prophet) provides evidence that he died some time after the death of our Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). The Prophet clarified this in a confirmed narration, when he said: ﴿ [Have you seen this night of yours? At the end of one hundred years after this, no one would survive on the surface of the earth \(from among my Companions\).](#) ﴾ Thus, everything that applies to the dead applies to Al-Khadir; he does not hear any body's call, does not respond to any body's Du`a' (supplication), and does not guide anyone who loses their way. Supposing that he is still alive until today, he is absent and all that applies to other absentees applies to him. Therefore, no one can make Du`a' (supplication) to him or seek his help in times of adversity or prosperity.

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