11522 - Is it permissible to ask Allah to change His decree?

the question

How correct is this phrase which some people say in their du'aa' – "O Allah, I do not ask You to change Your decree but I do ask for Your help when it comes to pass"?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

This du'aa' is recited by many people, but it is not an appropriate du'aa', because it has been prescribed for us to ask Allah to change His decree if there is something bad in it.

Hence Imaam al-Bukhaari (may Allah have mercy on him) entitled a chapter in his Saheeh "Whoever seeks refuge with Allah from having an evil end to this worldly life and from having a bad fate, and the aayah (interpretation of the meaning): 'Say: I seek refuge with (Allah) the Lord of the daybreak, from the evil of what He has created' [al-Falaq 113:1-2]." Then he quoted the words of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him): "Seek refuge with Allah from the difficulties of severe calamities, from having a bad end and bad fate." (al-Bukhaari, 7/215, Kitaab al-Qadar).