

If the one who is possessed suffers and cannot find any cure for his problem, and he bears that with patience, then he will have a great reward with Allah. In *Ṣaḥeeḥ al-Bukhaari* it is narrated that ‘Aṭaa’ ibn Abi Rabaah said: “Ibn ‘Abbaas said to me, ‘Shall I not tell you about one of the women of Paradise?’ I said, ‘Yes.’ He said, ‘This black woman came to the Prophet ﷺ and said, ‘I suffer from seizures and I become uncovered; pray to Allah for me.’ He said, ‘If you wish you may bear it with patience and Paradise will be yours, or if you wish I will pray to Allah to heal you.’ She said, ‘I will be patient.’ Then she said, ‘But I become uncovered; pray to Allah that I will not be uncovered.’ So he prayed for her.”

Muhammad narrated to us that Mukhallad told us from Ibn Jurayj (who said) ‘Aṭaa’ told me that he saw Umm Zafar, that tall black woman, clinging to the curtain of the Ka’bah.⁷ Ibn Hajar mentioned that this woman said: “I am afraid that this evil one (i.e., the devil who was possessing her) may cause me to become uncovered.”⁸

The Messenger ﷺ expelled jinn by means of commands, prohibitions and curses, but these are not enough on their own. Strength of faith, certainty of belief and a good relationship with Allah also play major role in that, as will be clear from the following report:

Imam Aḥmad commands a jinni to leave and it responds to him

It is narrated that Imam Aḥmad was sitting in his mosque, when a companion of his came to him from the *khaleefah* Al-Mutawakkil, and said,

“In the house of the *Ameer al-Mu’mineen* there is a slave woman who is possessed. I have been sent to you so that you may pray to Allah to heal her.”

Imam Aḥmad gave him a pair of wooden slippers and said to him,

⁷ *Ṣaḥeeḥ al-Bukhaari*, 10/114, no. 5652.

⁸ *Fath al-Baari*, 10/115.

“Go to the house of the *Ameer al-Mu'mineen*, and sit by the woman's head, and say to the jinni, 'Aḥmad says to you, which would you like better, to leave this slave woman or to be struck with these slippers seventy times?'”

The man went to the slave woman with the slippers, and sat by her head, and repeated what Imam Aḥmad had told him to say.

The *maarid* (jinni) said, speaking through the woman's lips, 'Aḥmad is to be heard and obeyed. If he told us to leave Iraq we would do so, because he obeys Allah, and whoever obeys Allah, everything will obey him.' Then he left the slave woman, and she calmed down and later bore children.

When Imaam Aḥmad died, the *maarid* came back to her. The ruler asked one of the companions of Aḥmad to pray for her. He came, bringing those shoes with him, and said, 'Come out, or I will hit you with these shoes.'

* // The *maarid* said: 'I will not obey you and I will not come out, but Aḥmad ibn Ḥanbal obeyed Allah, so we were instructed to obey him.'”

What kind of person should the one who treats this condition be?

The one who treats this condition should have strong faith in Allah and be dependent on Him. He should have confidence in the effects of *dhikr* and Qur'an recitation. The stronger his faith and the more he puts his trust in Allah, the stronger the effect will be. He may be stronger than the jinni, so he will expel him, or the jinni may be stronger so he will not leave. The one who is trying to expel the jinni may be weak, so the jinni may intend to harm him, so he has to make a lot of *du'aa'* and seek the help of Allah against him, and recite Qur'an, especially *Aayat al-Kursiy*.

***Ruqyah* and seeking refuge with Allah**

Ibn Taymiyah⁹ (may Allah have mercy on him) said: “Treating the one who is possessed by jinn by means of *ruqyah* or seeking refuge with Allah falls into two categories:

⁹ *Majmoo' al-Fataawa*, 24/277.