

Reciting al-Fatihah repeatedly as Ruqyah

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: "...about the virtue of reciting al-Fatihah over the afflicted. Is it sufficient and can it be recited more than once?"

Shaykh Saalih bin Fawzaan al-Fawzaan [May Allaah preserve him]: "Yes, al-Fatihah is Ruqyah (reciting Qur'aan and saying supplications over the sick seeking healing) and that is the reason why it is called ar-Ruqyah. It is a beneficial Ruqyah which is recited over the sick and the afflicted, because that is from the means of cure. And in it (al-Fatihah) is Du'aa (supplication). All of it is Du'aa. Du'aa 'Ibaadah (Du'aa relating to worship)¹ and Du'aa mas-alah (Du'aa of request)². All of it is Du'aa. There is no problem in reciting it repeatedly over the sick and the afflicted. And in that is benefit for the sick because Allaah cures him by way of it (i.e. al-Fatihah)."

السؤال

عن فضل قراءة الفاتحة على المصاب وهل تكفي وهل تتردد أكثر من مرة؟

الجواب: نعم، الفاتحة رقية ولذلك تسمى بالرقية، هي رقية نافعة تقرأ على المريض والمصاب، لأن ذلك من أسباب الشفاء وفيها دعاء كلها دعاء، دعاء عبادة ودعاء مسألة وكلها دعاء، وترديدها على المريض والمصاب، لا بأس به وفيه فائدة للمريض، لأن الله يشفيه بها

¹ Du'aa 'Ibaadah is to praise and extol Allaah, the Perfect and Most High, just as occurs at the beginning of Soorah al-Fatihah

² Du'aa mas-alah is to request something from Allaah, the Mighty and the Majestic, such as requesting guidance and seeking provision and requesting knowledge from Allaah and requesting tawfeeq (being granted success in obtaining what is correct)