

Ḥadīth Forty

Sūrāh Al-Fātiḥah is a ruqyah: therapy, remedy and cure

And We have certainly given you seven of the often repeated [verses] and the great Qurān (15:87).

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَاكَ سَبْعًا مِّنَ الْمَنَائِي وَالْقُرْآنَ الْعَظِيمَ ﴿٨٧﴾

Abū Sa'īd Al-Khudrī reported that some persons amongst the Companions of Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) set out on a journey and they happened to pass by a tribe. They requested hospitality from the members of that tribe, but they were declined. They (tribe) said to them: Is there a Rāqī amongst you, as the chief of the tribe has been stung by a scorpion? A person amongst us said: Yes. So he came to him and did ruqyah on him by reciting Sūrāh Al-Fātiḥah and the person recovered. The Rāqī was given a flock of sheep (as recompense), but he refused to accept that until he enquired with Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ), and if he approves of it [he will accept it]. So we came to Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) and made a mention of that to him and he (that person) said: Allāh's Messenger! By Allāh, I did not do ruqyah but with Sūrāh Al-Fātiḥah of the Book (Qurān). The Prophet smiled and said: How did know that it is a ruqyah? Take the recompense and allocate a share for me along with your share. In a narration: He began reciting Al-Fātiḥah and did spit, and the man recovered.

Recorded in Al-Bukhārī & Muslim.

عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ أَنَّ نَاسًا مِنْ أَصْحَابِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانُوا فِي سَفَرٍ فَمَرُّوا بِحَيٍّ مِنْ أَحْيَاءِ الْعَرَبِ فَاسْتَضَافُوهُمْ فَلَمْ يُضَيُّوهُمْ . فَقَالُوا لَهُمْ هَلْ فِيكُمْ رَاقٍ فَإِنَّ سَيِّدَ الْحَيِّ لَدَيْغٍ أَوْ مُصَابٍ . فَقَالَ رَجُلٌ مِنْهُمْ نَعَمْ فَأَتَاهُ فَرَقَاهُ بِفَاتِحَةِ الْكِتَابِ فَبَرَأَ الرَّجُلُ فَأَعْطِيَ فِطْعًا مِنْ عَنَمٍ فَأَبَى أَنْ يَقْبَلَهَا . وَقَالَ حَتَّى أَذْكَرَ ذَلِكَ لِلنَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ . فَأَتَى النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَذَكَرَ ذَلِكَ لَهُ . فَقَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهِ مَا رَقَيْتُ إِلَّا بِفَاتِحَةِ الْكِتَابِ . فَتَبَسَّمَ وَقَالَ وَمَا أَذْرَاكَ أَنَّهَا رُقِيَّةٌ . ثُمَّ قَالَ خُذُوا مِنْهُمْ وَأَضْرِبُوا لِي بِسَهْمٍ مَعَكُمْ

وفي رواية : فَجَعَلَ يُقْرَأُ أُمَّ الْقُرْآنِ ، وَيَجْمَعُ بُرَاقَهُ وَيَتَمَلَّقُ فَبَرَأَ الرَّجُلُ

Points of benefit:

1. Sūrāh Al-Fātiḥah is the greatest sūrah to be revealed.
2. It is a ruqyah: therapy, remedy and cure.
3. It is the only sūrah the messenger of Allāh (ﷺ) named as 'ruqyah'. That means it is a cure for all illnesses and diseases, even physical pain.
4. If repeated with the intention of cure nothing can withstand its power and means of cure.