

Āyatul-Kursī protects a person from even the most powerful shaiṭān

Allāh - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence. Neither drowsiness overtakes Him nor sleep. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is it that can intercede with Him except by His permission? He knows what is [presently] before them and what will be after them, and they encompass not a thing of His knowledge except for what He wills. His kursī extends over the heavens and the earth, and their preservation tires Him not. And He is the Most High, the Most Great (2:255).

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ ۚ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ ۚ لَّهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۗ مَن ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ ۗ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ ۗ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ ۗ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ ۗ وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٢٥٥﴾

Abū Hurairah said: Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) assigned me to protect the donations of zakāt (al-ḥiṭr) of Ramaḍān. A man came and started taking handfuls of the foodstuff (of the zakāt) (stealthily). I took hold of him and said: By Allāh, I will take you to Allāh's Messenger. He said: I am needy and have many dependents, and I am in great need. I released him, and in the morning Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) asked me: What did your prisoner do yesterday? I said: O Allāh's Messenger! The man complained of being needy and of having many dependents, so, I pitied him and let him go. Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) said: Indeed, he told you a lie and he will be coming again.

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قَالَ وَكَلَّنِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِحِفْظِ زَكَاةِ رَمَضَانَ فَأَتَانِي آتٍ فَجَعَلَ يَحْتُمُو مِنَ الطَّعَامِ فَأَخَذْتُهُ وَقُلْتُ وَاللَّهِ لَأَرْفَعَنَّكَ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ إِنِّي مُحْتَاجٌ وَعَلَى عِيَالٍ وَلِي حَاجَةٌ شَدِيدَةٌ قَالَ فَخَلَّيْتُ عَنْهُ فَأَصْبَحْتُ فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ مَا فَعَلَ أَسِيرُكَ الْبَارِحَةَ؟ قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ شَكَا حَاجَةً شَدِيدَةً وَعِيَالًا فَرَحِمْتُهُ فَخَلَّيْتُ سَبِيلَهُ قَالَ أَمَا إِنَّهُ قَدْ كَذَبَكَ وَسَيَعُودُ فَعَرَفْتُ أَنَّهُ سَيَعُودُ لِقَوْلِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِنَّهُ سَيَعُودُ

I believed that he would show up again as Allāh's Messenger had told me that he would return. So, I waited for him watchfully. When he (showed up and) started stealing handfuls of foodstuff, I caught hold of him again and said: I will definitely take you to Allāh's Messenger. He said: Let me go, for I am very needy and have many dependents. I promise I will not come back again. I pitied him and let him go. In the morning Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) asked me: What did your prisoner do? I replied: O Allah's Messenger! He complained of his great need and of too many dependents, so I took pity on him and set him free. Allāh's Apostle said: Verily, he told you a lie and he will return.

فَرَصَدْتُهُ فَنَجَاءَ يَحْتُمُو مِنَ الطَّعَامِ فَأَخَذْتُهُ فَقُلْتُ لَأَرْفَعَنَّكَ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ دَعْنِي فَإِنِّي مُحْتَاجٌ وَعَلَى عِيَالٍ لَا أَعُودُ فَرَحِمْتُهُ فَخَلَّيْتُ سَبِيلَهُ فَأَصْبَحْتُ فَقَالَ لِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ مَا فَعَلَ أَسِيرُكَ؟ قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ شَكَا حَاجَةً شَدِيدَةً وَعِيَالًا فَرَحِمْتُهُ فَخَلَّيْتُ سَبِيلَهُ قَالَ أَمَا إِنَّهُ قَدْ كَذَبَكَ وَسَيَعُودُ

I waited for him attentively for the third time, and when he (came and) started stealing handfuls of the foodstuff, I caught hold of him and said: I will surely take you to Allāh's Messenger as it is the third time you promised not to return, yet you break your promise and came. He said : [Release me and] I will teach you some words with which Allāh will benefit you. I asked: What are they? He replied: Whenever you go to bed, recite "Āyatul-Kursī" – 'Allāhu lā ilāha illā huwa-l-Ḥayy-ul Qayyūm' till you finish the whole verse. (If you do so), Allāh will appoint a guard for you who will stay with you and no devil will come near you till morning. So, I released him.

In the morning, Allāh's Apostle asked: What did your prisoner do yesterday? I replied: He claimed that he would teach me some words by which Allāh will benefit me, so I let him go. Allāh's Messenger (ﷺ) asked: What are they? He said to me: Whenever you go to bed, recite Āyatul-Kursī. (If you do so), Allāh will appoint a guard for you who will stay with you, and no devil will come near you till morning. (Abū Huraira or another sub-narrator) added that they (the companions) were very keen to do good deeds. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: He really spoke the truth, although he is an absolute liar. Do you know whom you were talking to, these three nights, O Abū Huraira? Abu Huraira said: No. He said: It was a devil.

Recorded in Al-Bukhārī.

فَرَصَدْتُهُ الثَّلَاثَةَ فَجَاءَ يَحْتَوِي مِنَ الطَّعَامِ فَأَخَذْتُهُ فَقُلْتُ
لَأَرْفَعَنَّكَ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَهَذَا آخِرُ
ثَلَاثَ مَرَّاتٍ أَنْتَ تَزْعُمُ لَا تَعُودُ ثُمَّ تَعُودُ قَالَ دَعْنِي أَعْلَمُكَ
كَلِمَاتٍ يَنْفَعُكَ اللَّهُ بِهَا قُلْتُ مَا هُوَ قَالَ إِذَا أَوَيْتَ إِلَى
فِرَاشِكَ فَاقْرَأْ آيَةَ الْكُرْسِيِّ { اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ
{ حَتَّى تَحْتِمَ الْآيَةَ فَإِنَّكَ لَنْ يَزَالَ عَلَيْكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ حَافِظٌ وَلَا
يَقْرَبُكَ شَيْطَانٌ حَتَّى تُصْبِحَ فَخَلَّيْتُ سَبِيلَهُ

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أَسِيرُكَ الْبَارِحَةَ؟ قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ زَعَمَ أَنَّهُ يُعَلِّمُنِي كَلِمَاتٍ
يَنْفَعُنِي اللَّهُ بِهَا ، فَخَلَّيْتُ سَبِيلَهُ قَالَ مَا هِيَ؟ قُلْتُ قَالَ لِي
إِذَا أَوَيْتَ إِلَى فِرَاشِكَ فَاقْرَأْ آيَةَ الْكُرْسِيِّ مِنْ أَوَّلِهَا حَتَّى
تَحْتِمَ { اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ } وَقَالَ لِي لَنْ يَزَالَ
عَلَيْكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ حَافِظٌ وَلَا يَقْرَبُكَ شَيْطَانٌ حَتَّى تُصْبِحَ وَكَانُوا
أَحْرَصَ شَيْءٍ عَلَى الْخَيْرِ فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَمَا
إِنَّهُ قَدْ صَدَقَكَ وَهُوَ كَذُوبٌ تَعْلَمُ مَنْ تُخَاطِبُ مُنْذُ ثَلَاثِ
قَالَ لَا قَالَ ذَلِكَ شَيْطَانٌ لَيْالٍ يَا أَبَا هُرَيْرَةَ؟

Points of benefit:

1. Jinn and shayāṭīn can take form as humans and communicate with us just like humans.
2. They can eat and drink our food, especially if we don't mention the Name of Allāh.
3. When they enter into our material realm they are susceptible to the cause and effect of our physical world.
4. The shayāṭīn attempt to attack us when we are asleep.
5. The jinn and shayāṭīn may speak the truth when they communicate during ruqyah, especially when they become Muslim and swear by the Name(s) of Allāh.
6. Recitation of Āyatul-Kursī before sleep causes an angel to be sent down protect us.

7. Recitation of Āyatul-Kursī whenever protects us from the shayāṭīn.
8. There are more manifestations of the power of recitations, dhikr and duā upon the jinn and shayāṭīn than on us human beings.
9. If one is inflicted with siḥr or evil eye, or shayāṭīn then the constant repeated recitations of Āyatul-Kursī will weaken them and eventually can destroy and kill them.