

Seeking ruqyah from other people

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Taken from the works of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)

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With regards to the statement of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)¹ about the 70, 000 people who will enter Paradise without reckoning or punishment that they are people who “do not seek ruqyah”, Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)² states:

So if someone comes to a person who will perform ruqyah upon him, and he does not prevent him (from performing ruqyah on him) then this does not oppose his (صلى الله عليه وسلم) saying:

And they do not seek ruqyah.

Because there are three levels.

The first level: that (the person) seeks for someone to perform ruqyah (upon him) - and this person has missed out on kamaal (completeness).

The second level: that he does not stop someone from performing ruqyah (upon him); and this person has not missed out on completeness because he did not seek ruqyah nor request it.

The third level: that he prevents the one who is to perform ruqyah upon him, and this is in opposition to the Sunnah. For the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) did not prevent 'Aishah from performing ruqyah upon him. And likewise the Companions did not prevent anyone from performing ruqyah upon them because this does not affect (a person's) tawakkul (reliance upon Allaah).

(al qawl ul mufeed of Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al 'Uthaymeen (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ), quoted in Mu'jam at Ta'reefaat p205)

¹ (صلى الله عليه وسلم) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

² (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him