

An Invocation for a Pain in the Belly

Al-Husayn b. Bistam narrated from Muhammad b. Khalaf from al-Washsha' from 'Abd Allah b. Sinan from Ja'far b. Muhammad, peace be upon him, from his grandfather, peace be upon him, who said: A man complained to the Prophet, blessings and peace be on him and his family, and said: "O Messenger of Allah, I have a brother who has a complaint of the belly." The Prophet replied: "Tell your brother to take a drink of honey with hot water." The man returned to him the next day and said: "O Messenger of Allah, I gave him the drink but he did not benefit from it." The Messenger of Allah said: "Allah has said the truth, and the belly of your brother has lied. Go, and give your brother the drink of honey and invoke for him the sura *al-Fatiha* (1) seven times." When the man left, the Prophet said: "O 'Ali, the brother of this man is a hypocrite. Whosoever is such, the drink will not benefit him."

A man complained to Amir al-Mu'minin, peace be upon him, of pain in the belly. He instructed him to drink hot water and say:

"O Allah, O Allah, O Allah, O Merciful, O Compassionate, O Lord of the lords. O God of the gods, O King of the kings, O Master of the masters. Heal me with Your cures from every disease and illness, for I am Your servant and the son of Your servant; I turn about in Your grasp."

Abu 'Abd Allah al-Khawatimi narrated from Ibn Yaqtin from Hassan al-Sayqal from Abu Basir, who said: A man complained to Abu 'Abd Allah al-Sadiq, peace be upon him, of pain of the navel (*al-surra*). Al-Sadiq told him: "Go, and put your hand on the painful area and say three times:

Surely it is a Book Sublime. Falsehood comes not to it from before it nor from behind it. A revelation from One All-wise, All-laudable (41:41-2).

You will be cured, Allah willing."

Abu 'Abd Allah, peace be upon him, said: "There is not one among the believers who complains of any illness and recites with sincere intention, while passing his hand over the area of the illness:

We send down of the Qu'ran that which is a cure and a mercy to the believers. The unbelievers it increases not except in loss (17:82),

but that he is cured of that illness, whatever it may be. The truth of that is confirmed in the verse, where it says, ***a cure and a mercy to the believers.***”

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