
Seeking refuge with Allaah before reciting Faatihah in each rak'ah

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

Questioner: A question about the validity of seeking refuge with Allaah in every rak'ah, [saying], "A'uthubillaahi minash-Shaitaanir-Rajeem?"

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹: There is no express text about seeking refuge with Allaah in every rak'ah, it is something about which there is a dispute. I do not hold that a person should be bigoted to either one of the two opinions, but should rather take what he feels comfortable with and opens up to.

What is apparent to me is that seeking refuge with Allaah before every [recital] of Al-Faatihah in each rak'ah is the stronger opinion due to The Most High's Statement, [**"So when you want to recite the Qur'aan, seek refuge with Allaah from Satan, the accursed."**]², but there is no forthright hadeeth suggesting this opinion, it is only a deduction and argument based on the aayah as a whole.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² سورة النحل - Soorah an-Nahl [16:98]