

AYATAL KURSIY

Al-Janabadhi (AR)

“None but He has the right to be worshipped” are the beginning of this revelation and is unconnected with the previous verse. It is the beginning of His Tawhid.

His creativity and His control is depicted in the words “None but He”. It shows Him as the Lord of all creations to whom we plead; or relates to His power to the creation and for His other attributes. It says, that what will be the situation if there was no other creator? Or it is being said why is there no other creator but Him?

Whatever is said about reciting the Ayatal Kursi says that it has great relevance and value and should be recited after compulsory prayers. In a Hadith the Messenger was asked which was the greatest verse in the Qur’an. The narrator says,

I said, *None has the right to be worshipped.* On hearing this the messenger put his hand on my chest and said; *Congratulations. By the entity that has my soul under His command verily this verse has a tongue and two lips and its speaks the truth of the Arsh.*

A Hadith of the Messenger is recorded in Al Majma with good authority to have said,

Whoever recites the Ayatal Kursi after the compulsory prayers his soul will be taken by God Himself and he will be included among those who died fighting the Jihad under the Prophets of God.

There is a Hadith from Ali Ibn Abi Talib who said,

I have heard your Prophet say, *Any person who recites the Ayatal Kursi after compulsory prayers will not be obstructed from entering Paradise. No one does so regularly except the Truthful and righteous ones. God will be kind to the one who recites it when he dies even his neighbors will be protected by God.*

There is another Hadith in which Hazrat Ali says,

I have heard the Messenger say, Ya Ali, the leader of all mankind is Adam; the best among the books is Qur’an; and best Surah in the Qur’an is the Baqarah; and the Best in Baqarah is Ayatal Kursi. Ya Ali, in it are fifty sayings and each one of them has five graces.

There is a Hadith from Abu Jafar,

God will save the person who recites the Ayatal Kursi once from a thousand hardships and save him from a hundred torments in the hereafter. The smallest hardship in this world is poverty and the weakest punishment in the hereafter is the punishment in the grave.

There is a hadith from Abu Abdullah that says,

Everything has its peak and the zenith of Qur'an is the Ayatal Kursi, and the secret is that it contains the attributes and their causes and the centers of His omnipotence.

Al Haiyyu is the news after news like *The ever living* and after it is the praise and the life, the realization, the decision, the determination the omnipotence and the activeness with other Godly attributes.

Al Qayyum is an attribute and also news or news after news and is one of the special names of God. This means His power to create and sustain them in their needs. This is a composite attribute among all His attributes. Things will be chaotic if a non-god does them.

Slumber and sleep have been denied and this is the refutation of the idea of the Jews and others who say, God is resting after creating things or that He is lying on His back, then their assumption is refuted by saying *to Him belong all that are in the heavens and on earth and in between them.*

“ Who is he that can intercede with Him without His permission?” This re highlights the attributes the omnipotence of God.

“ Except by His permission”

“ He knows that happens to them in this world and what will happen to them in the hereafter”

This re-highlights His omnipotence for He is all knowledge and has the supreme authority. His authority encompasses both the worlds in totality.

“They will never encompass” the knowledge that He has.

Knowledge means the manifestation of the truth in comparison with something else. What we see overtly is the manifest meaning what we acquire through knowledge is the hidden meaning but there is no manifestation of the unseen. Here. the knowledge and the known are both united and whatever has been said is the truth.

Knowledge for God is like information and here knowledge and information are united. We know that all that we discern in our souls is the knowledge from God and this is the point of glory for mankind. He will be resurrected with His knowledge whether it is bestowed by God or gained by him. Knowledge too, has a span of life and everything that has limited life comes after God. The only knowledge that is eternal is with God.

The Book says, “ And they will never encompass anything of His knowledge except that which He wills.”

Know one will know except when He wants them to know. It is like the sentence where He says, “ His Kursi extends over the heavens and the earth.”

- For God, it is Arsh and for mankind it is Kursi.
- The eight layers of heavens is symbolized as Kursi and the heavens beyond it is the Arsh.
- All the attributes are centered on Him.
- It is permissible for Kursi to be taken as knowledge and Arsh to be taken as the entire creation.
- The knowledge that is news comes from understanding both.

This is why the Messenger said,

The seven heavens and the seven layers of earth are like a wrinkle on the dune of a vast desert. The prominence that Arsh has over Kursi is like the sand dune in a desert.

Imam Jafar Sadiq is reported to have said when he was asked about Kursi and Arsh,

Arsh means the entire creation and Kursi is its container. In another view Arsh is the knowledge from which God has ordained his Prophets and His chosen ones and Kursi is the knowledge that God has not given to His Prophets and chosen ones. . It is no burden for Him to protect both. He is the most elevated and the omnipotent.