

AYATAL KURSIY al-Qummi (AR)

There is a very lengthy Hadith from Imam Muhammad Baqir about the verse, *Verily we have revealed it (Qur'an) in the night of Qadr (power)* in which the Imam has said,

- The angels have been mentioned with the revelation so if the people say that there is no one who goes from one part of the heavens to another and goes from obedience to disbelief.
- If some people say that among those who live on this earth there are more dependents, then you tell them it is necessary that He issues decrees for them.
- If they say that undoubtedly it is the Khalifa who rules them then you say, “ On my life there is no representative of God between the earth and the heavens excepting him and he is confirmed. Who ever has not acknowledged him is the enemy of God and he stands humiliated. “
- It is imperative that His decrees descend from the heavens through which He rules the creatures of earth and it is esq. dually so that he must have a Wali on earth.

My father quoted Hasan bin Khalid about the manner in which Imam Ridha (AS) recited Ayatal Kursi, *None has the right to be worshipped but He, the Ever Living, the one who sustains and protects all that exists. Neither slumber nor sleep over takes Him. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and on earth. Who is there to intercede with Him but with His permission?*

He says, *He knows what happens to them*, tells us about the past and, *what will happen to them* about what will come later. *Except that which He wills* the revelations sent to them. *He feels no fatigue*, means the management of the universe is no burden for Him.

In verse 256 He says, *There is no compulsion in religion* means that after clearing the right from the wrong there is no compulsion on religion. Whoever disbelieves in the Taghut (Satan) and this means those who usurp the rights of the Ahlul bait.

Then he has grasped the most trust worthy handhold - and this is the succession of the Messenger. He will never break - means he will never be the loser and this refers to Hazrat Ali and his infallible progeny, the Imams.

In verse 257 He says, God is the protector of those who believe - and this refers to the followers of the progeny of the Messenger. But those who believe in Taghut - are the oppressors of the progeny of the Messenger. They bring them out from light into darkness - are the residents of Hell and they will abide therein forever.

Zurara has quoted Ibn Abdullah about the words *He created the Kursi and the heavens and the earth*. He says, I asked him which is more vast the Kursi, the heavens or the earth? The Imam replied,

Kursi is greater than the heavens and the earth and greater than everything that God has created under the Kursi.

My father has quoted Asbagh bin Nabata that Hazrat Ali said, after he was asked about the creation of the Kursi, heavens and the earth,

- All creatures in the heavens and on earth are under the Kursi.
- Four angels with the permission of God raise the Kursi.

- The first angel has the form of a human being and this existence is respected in the eyes of God.
- This angel asks God for the forgiveness, cure and sustenance for mankind.

- The second angel is in the form of a vulture, the king of the birds, and it asks for forgiveness and sustenance for all creatures that fly.

- The third angel has the form of a Bull and he is the king of all animals. He pleads for forgiveness of all animals and for their sustenance.

- The fourth angel is in the form of a Lion and he is the king of the beasts and he asks for the forgiveness and sustenance of all beasts.

- The best looking among them is the bull.

- The people of Bani Israel declared the calf to be God and then they revered and worshipped it.
- The angel who was in the shape of a bull was ashamed before God so he bowed his head that they were not worshipping God but something else that looks like him.
- He was afraid that the punishment might be imposed.

- The Imam then said that all the trees are not supposed to be chopped down, even though it is taken to be the son of the Merciful, but God is far exalted from what they say.
- The heavens will split before He can be connected with any son, the earth may be rent asunder and the mountains may turn to dust, thorns come out of the trees in fear of the punishment.

What will be the end of those who have changed the Sunnah of the Messenger and denied the right of Hazrat Ali to succeed? Are they not afraid of seeing the punishment descend on them?

The Imam then recited the words, *Those who exchange graces of God for disbelief* and then he said, *We are the great grace of God that He has bestowed upon His believers. It is through us that everyone who is successful shall be successful.*