

AYATAL KURSIY

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The entire proofs, intelligent or otherwise are conducive that,

- Ayatal Kursi is the leader of all verses and
- it has the meanings of leadership that are proofs for it and for others
- it is the proof of prominence.

The prominence of Ayatal Kursi is proven in the sense that its meanings have a great station and this is the essence of Qur'an. It has a great purpose and secret and it is that to which the Supreme Lord invites us and we all will return to Him. This meaning reverts to the material and human creations and the most important tenets are incorporated in it in which some are literal and huge and are reverted to God. It is because they have

- great attributes,
- His great names and deeds and
- some of them are related to Sirat Mustaqim and
- some are the present realization that are divided into three kinds:

Surah Fatiha is the most prominent part of the Qur'an. The Messenger has said that Surah Ikhlas is equal to one third of the Qur'an and Surah Yasin is its heart.

There are Hadiths that describe the prominence of some verses have over others. The Messenger has said that Ayatal Kursi is the leader of all verses.

Among the signs that have been shown some Surahs are highlighted and some verses have been specified for they should be recited regularly for greater rewards in the hereafter. These Hadiths can be found in all sects and most of them refer to the numerous sayings and explanations given by the infallible Imams.

The person who pauses to ponder about some Surahs and verses, after studying the literal meanings and the thoughtful analysis, and feels his conception weaken after studying the difference between Ayatal Kursi and Surah Zariyat. He may not differentiate between Surah Ikhlas that has been revealed for the realization of the Lord and Surah Tabbat Yada, then this person should not enter the realm of deep meditation and realization for it is compulsory that the Mercies of God be hidden from him.

Surah Fatiha describes His attributes that are further explained in Ayatal Kursi.

The same meanings are conveyed in the end of Surah Hashar and the beginning of Surah Hadid that speaks of the names and attributes of God. There is not just one, but numerous verses and when you compare them and their meaning you will realize as the hadith from the Messenger says,

Ayatal Kursi is the leader of all verses in the Qur'an.

The Messenger said,

The house in which Ayatal Kursi is recited regularly will be safe from Shaitan. He will not come near it for thirty days and for forty nights; no magician male or women can trespass into it.

Hazrat Ali is reported to have said, I heard your Messenger speak from the Mimbar,

Nothing will stop the person who recites the Ayatal Kursi from entering Paradise excepting death. No one adheres to it but the truthful ones and the great worshippers. God will declare peace for the person who recites this daily and even to his neighbors and the neighbors of his neighbors.

The Companions of the Messenger were discussing the revealed verses of the Qur'an and Hazrat Ali asked them - What you know about the Ayatal Kursi? The Messenger has said,

O Ali! Adam is the leader of all men; and Muhammad is the leader of all Arabs; and no one has precedence over him. Qur'an is the leader of all revelations, Baqarah is the leader of all Surahs, and O Ali the Ayatal Kursi is the leader within Baqarah, it has fifty sentences and every sentence has fifty graces.

Ibn Abi Ka'ab narrates that the Messenger said - O Abu Manzar! Which is the great verse in the book of God?" I said,

No one has the right to be worshipped but God - The Messenger then put his hands on my chest and said, *You are felicitated for this knowledge. By the one who has the control of my life this verse has a tongue and two lips and the angels recite it in the heavens.*

Tabrisi in Majmaul Bayan has narrated this same Hadith.

Imam Muhammad Baqir is reported to have said,

Whoever recites the Ayatal Kursi once God saves him from one thousand hardships in this world and a thousand in the hereafter. The weakest hardship in this world is poverty and the weakest hardship in the hereafter is the grave.

Abu Abdullah has said,

Everything has a zenith and the zenith of Qur'an is Ayatal Kursi.

This verse contains His names " the ever living" and the "Sustainer" and you will soon realize its divinity and secret. The proof of this is the hadith that says, *The special name of god is contained in the beginning of Ayatal Kursi and Al Imran.*

Hazrat Ali is reported to have said,

On the day of Badr when I went to the Messenger during Jihad to see how he was, I found him in prostration and he was reciting *O Eternal One and O Sustainer*. I went back to Jihad and returned and I found him reciting the same words. I kept coming and going and saw him recite nothing but this till God gave him victory.

I would like to remind you about this order that remembrance and knowledge follow this declaration. And, the best declaration and knowledge belong to God, for He is above all things and cannot be compared to anything or elevated, for this can be done only when things are equal. The verses all disrobe His uniqueness and glory. Now you have reached the end of realization towards which I was taking you and it has been proved.

Before we enter the discussion whether it is due to these specialties that Ayatal Kursi is the leader of the verses in the Qur'an in the composite form of all verses and that it contains all the meaning that are secreted in the Qur'an regarding the names and attributes of God; and are not found in other verses. These words of God are about Wajub and charity and these are personal attributes the Word "Ilahiya" benefits others.

The words,

- *None but he*, refers to the Unity of God and denies that any partners can be connected with Him.
- *The Ever Living and Sustainer*, tells us about His divine glory, it contains the meaning of life, power and all things that are connected to them.
- *The ever living*, is that entity that knows and acts.
- *Qayyum*, denies every possibility of discrepancy and mistake. It means He who is all controlling and all things exist because of Him. He is not in existence because of anything. He is the center of all good attributes and glory. This is His omnipotence.

The words,

- *Neither sleep nor slumber over takes Him*. This describes His ever knowing capacity and this also describes that His pure and devoid of any weakness.
- *To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever there is on earth*. This refers to the creation and all other activity that sustains the universe. All actions and orders start from Him and everything will ultimately return to Him also.
- *Who is it that can intercede with Him without His permission?* This is about His unique existence and His Oneness. Everything will be destroyed excepting Him. Whoever is given the right to intercede has been given the power to do so by God.

This is about the ones who will be the intermediaries between mankind and God for they hear his words in their hearts. When he says, "Kun" and His decree enter the realm of activity and existence. *All things pay heed to it and obey it.*

God says in verse 38 of Surah Naba, *The day that the Archangel and other angels will stand in a row. None shall speak excepting him whom the most Beneficent allows. And he will speak what is right.*

He knows what will happen to them in this world and what will happen to them in the hereafter.

This points towards His ultimate knowledge of the past, present and future. It denies that any knowledge can emanate from any other but Him and can be bestowed only by His permission.

His Kursi extends over the earth and the heavens. This is about His omnipotence, for His rule exists over all that which is created whether manifest or hidden. This statement is full of secrets and it will soon be clear to you. We discuss the vastness of the heavens and earth when we discuss the Kursi.

And He feels no fatigue in guarding them. He protects and then takes the things out of darkness towards light and this is His divine glory.

He is the Most High and the Most Great. This is about His names and attributes and we will soon discuss it. He who ponders on the meanings of Tawhid, Divinity, Beauty, glory, prominence, vastness, control, rule and kingdom will be chosen as the intermediary between those who seek God, Who bestows all graces. It will be through such people that men will seek the solutions to their problems and reach their destiny.

We are discussing the meanings and interpretations as per the grace of knowledge that God has bestowed upon us and as per our capacity. We now open the discussion with the permission of God.

The first Issue

The thing that is connected to the name of God, Allah.

- Like in all His names, the alphabet “Lam” is used to describe Him.
- If you take away Hamza, then only the word “Alah” remains.
- In Surah Fath, God says, “ And to God belong the hosts of the heavens and the earth”. If you take the “ Lam” away then the word that remains is Allah like in Surah Ikhlas, “ Say O Muhammad Allah is One or alone”.

We should now look at the piety, purity and omnipotence of this name.

It is said that the Pharaoh claimed to be god, but before that, he had the words “In the name of Allah” written on the main gate of his palace. When he claimed godship and Musa was sent to deal with him but to no avail. So Musa told God, “ How many times have I invited him to the true path but I do not see any wellbeing in him. “ God answered,

O Musa Do you want him dead? You see his disbelief and I see the “ Bismillah” written on his main gate.

The point here is that whoever writes these words on the Main gate of his house is safe from punishment even though he may be a disbeliever. So, what will be the fate of the person who writes these words on his hearts and guards it throughout his life?