

The Kursī of Allāh

source: silsilat ul-ahādīth us-sahīha ~ the series of authentic narrations ~ hadīth no. 109

Abu Dharr al-Ghifārī ﷺ said that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said: “The seven heavens in comparison to the *Kursī* is nothing but like a ring thrown in a desert, and the excellence of the ‘*Arsh* (Throne of Allāh) over the *Kursī* is like the excellence of that desert over that ring.”

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Shaykh al-Albānī comments:

“The *hadīth* comes forth as an explanation of (Allāh’s) statement, the Most High: ‘His *Kursī* extends over the heavens and the earth,’¹ and it is clear with regard to the existence of the *Kursī* being the greatest of creations after the Throne (of Allāh), and that it is an independent, physical entity and not something abstract. Therefore, there is a refutation in (this *hadīth*) against the one who interprets (the *Kursī*) to mean ‘dominion’ and ‘extent of rule,’ as mentioned in some explanations of the *Qur’ān*. And it was not narrated from *Ibn Abbās* that (the *Kursī*) is ‘knowledge,’ so it is not correct to attribute it to him because it is from the narration of *Ja’far bin Abi l-Mughīra* from *Sa’id bin Jubayr* from (*Ibn ‘Abbās*). *Ibn Jarīr* reported it. *Ibn Mandah* said: ‘*Ibn Abi l-Mughīra* is not strong with regard to (narrating from) *Ibn Jubayr*.’

¹ *Sūrat ul-Baqarah*, 2:255

And know that it is not correct to describe the *Kursī*...as in some narrations that...four angels carry it, each angel having four faces, and their feet are upon the rock that is under the seventh earth, etc. So all of this is not correct in being attributed to the Prophet ﷺ and some of (these narrations) are more severe in weakness than others.”

Translator’s Note: *Shaykh Al-Albānī* after this however, did grade the following narration as authentic:

Abu Mūsā al-Ash‘arī رضي الله عنه said: “The *Kursī* is the place of the two Feet and it has a groaning like that of a camel saddle.”²

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² *Mukhtasar ul-'Ulū* #85, graded *Sahīh Mawqūf* (attributed to a Companion) by *Shaykh al-Albānī*