

The Kursi of Allaah

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Aboo Dharr al-Ghifaaree (rad iyallaahu `anhu)¹ said that the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)² said: “**The seven heavens in comparison to the Kursi is nothing but like a ring thrown in a desert, and the excellence of the ‘Arsh (Throne of Allaah) over the Kursi is like the excellence of that desert over that ring.**”

Shaykh al-Albaanee (rahimahullaah)³ comments:

“The hadeeth comes forth as an explanation of His (Allaah’s) statement, the Most High: ‘His *Kursi* extends over the heavens and the earth,⁴ and it is clear with regard to the existence of the *Kursi* being the greatest of creations after the Throne (of Allaah), and that **it is an independent, physical entity and not something abstract.** Therefore, there is a refutation in (this hadeeth) against the one who interprets (the *Kursi*) to mean ‘dominion’ and ‘extent of rule,’ as mentioned in some explanations of the Qur’aan. And it was not narrated from Ibn ‘Abbaas (rad iyallaahu `anhu) that (the *Kursi*) is ‘knowledge,’ so it is not correct to attribute it to him because it is from the narration of Ja’far bin Abee I-Mugheera from Sa’eed bin Jubayr from (Ibn ‘Abbaas (rad iyallaahu `anhu)). Ibn Jareer⁵ reported it. Ibn Mandah said: ‘Ibn Abee I-Mugheera is not strong with regard to (narrating from) Ibn Jubayr.’

And know that it is not correct to describe the *Kursi*...as is 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 (صلى الله عليه وسلم), and some of them (the narrations) are more severe in weakness than others.”

Translator’s Note: Shaykh Al-Albaanee (rahimahullaah) after this however, did grade the following narration as authentic:

Aboo Moosaa al-Ash’aree (rad iyallaahu `anhu) said: “**The Kursi is the place of the two Feet** and it has a groaning like that of a camel saddle.”⁶

¹ (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

³ (rahimahullaah) (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) May Allaah have mercy on him

⁴ Soorah Baqarah [2:255]

⁵ Muhammad Ibn Jareer at-Tabaree, the compiler of the famous Tafseer of the Noble Qur’aan called Tafseer at-Tabaree.

⁶ Mukhtasar ul-Ulu no.85, graded Saheeh Mawqoof (attributed to a Companion) by Shaykh al-Albaanee