

The Kursī of Allāh

source: silsilat ul-ahādīth us-sahīha ~ the series of authentic narrations ~

hadīth no. 109

Abu Dharr al-Ghifārī said that the Messenger of Allāh (صلى الله عليه وسلم) 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 I-Mughīra from Sa’īd bin Jubayr from (Ibn ‘Abbās). Ibn Jarīr reported it. Ibn Mandah said: ‘Ibn Abi I-Mughīra is not strong with regard to (narrating from) Ibn Jubayr.’

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 (صلى الله عليه وسلم) 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 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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[1] Sūrat ul-Baqarah, 2:255

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

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