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Ayat al-Kursi

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

Allah! There is no God but He,

the Living, the Self-subsisting, the Eternal.

No slumber can seize Him, nor sleep.

All things in heaven and earth are His.

Who could intercede in His presence without His permission?

He knows what appears in front of and behind His creatures.

Nor can they encompass any knowledge of Him except what he wills.

His throne extends over the heavens and the earth,

and He feels no fatigue in guarding and preserving them,

for He is the Highest and Most Exalted.

(Al Baqara: 255)

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The prophet [peace be upon him] said, I swear by Him in whose hand my soul is, Ayat Al-Kursi has two lips and a tongue glorifying and praising Allah by the pillar of the Divine Throne [the Arsh].

Ayat Al-Kursi is the most important verse in the Qur'an!

One day the prophet [peace and blessings of Allah be upon him] was at the mosque and there was a man there, his name was *Aba Al-Mundir*, the prophet asked him, what is the greatest verse you have with you from the Qur'an [i.e you memorised], what's the greatest verse you know from the Qur'an? *Aba Al-Mundir* said, Allah and his prophet know best. He repeated that two times and the prophet continued to ask him, what is the greatest verse you have with you from the Qur'an? Two times *Aba Al-Mundir* said, Allah and his prophet knows best, then the third time after he was asked, he replied, *Allahu laa ilaaha illaa huwal hayul qayoom*.

Aba Al-Mundir said, the prophet patted him on his chest and he said, it's always a pleasure to have knowledge, knowledge always be a pleasure to you i.e the prophet was commending him because he knows that verse. *Aba Al-Mundir* knows the greatest verse in the Qur'an is Ayat Al-Kursi.

Ayat Al-Kursi contains the greatest names of Allah:

1. Allah
2. Al Hayy
3. Al Qayoom
4. Al Ali
5. Al Adheem

Most of the scholars believe, from these five are Allah's greatest names. It is a hugely disputed matter as to which one is Allah's greatest name, however, most of the scholars agreed that the greatest name of Allah is contained within this verse.

Majority of the scholars and myself believe Allah is the greatest name. Allah has great names and He has chosen the greatest names for Himself.

If you ask Allah with His greatest name, He will give you, and if you implore Him and supplicate to Him with it, He will grant.

There are five names of Allah all contained within this one verse!

الله
الحي
القيوم
العلي
العظيم

Tawheed

The scholars categorised Tawheed into three, this verse contains all three within it.

Tawheed Ar-Rububiyyah [The oneness of Allah's lordship]

Allah created you. He provides for you, He provides for everyone, He provides for everything on this Earth. He causes life and He causes death, and He resurrects you. Is there anything which you associate as a partner with Allah that can do that? NO! None can do that but Allah, praise be to Allah above all the evil and shortcomings they associate with Him. He is Allah, the One and Only.

There are four things Allah alone can do, none can do it but Him:

1. **Create**

Allah is the one who created you - none can do that but He!

2. **Provide**

Allah provides for you, He provides for all that exists, not only humans but all that exists - none can provide but He!

3. **Cause death**

Then Allah causes death - none can cause death but He!

4. **Resurrect**

Then Allah resurrects from the dead - none can do that but He!

Allah alone is the only one capable of doing these four, Allah has control over these matters alone. Allah causes life and death, He provides and He resurrects.

There's a hadith, when the *Shaaytan* comes to a person he will whisper and cause you to think who created you? You will say Allah created me, but it will continue and go to who created your father and so on, all the way until *Shaaytan* reaches to the point where it's asked, who created Allah? If you reach that point seek refuge in Allah. This is a rule! Allah was there, He was there, nothing was there except Allah, Allah was there before He created anything. He was there. The prophet said in the hadith "a'mah", space, space above Him, space below and space surrounding Him, a'mah means space. In Arabic it means like air, but it doesn't mean air in this hadith, it means space. Then He created things, Allah started creating things.

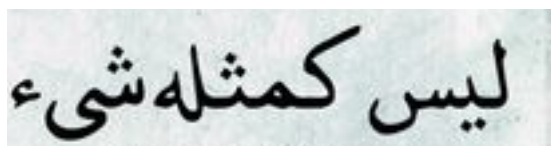
He was there with no one before Him and He was there with no one after Him, no one above Him and no one underneath Him. Allah is there, then He created.

They say the first thing Allah created is the pen, but that's disputed. Allah created the divine throne first.

Rule: whatever comes to your mind about Allah from the 'hows', then it's different, Allah - there is none like unto Him, none comparable unto Him, none co-equal unto Him, we're talking about Allah!

Allah, there is none like unto Him

He is the Almighty Allah, He cannot be perceived by the limited mind of the creation - i.e Allah has a hand, Allah has a finger, we have hands and we have fingers also, but it is **not** the same. The bird has a finger, a lot of the things from the creation has a finger, but our finger and their finger is not the same. Likewise nothing is comparable to Allah, the creator! And for Allah is the highest description!



Allah's hands

A Jewish man came to the prophet [may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him], he told him, we found in our Torah that Allah will put the trees on one finger, the rivers on one finger, the mountains on one finger, the rest of the creation on one finger and He will proclaim, 'I am the king, I am the king, where are those who claim to be the king?' When the prophet heard this he laughed [in approval]. Then he recited a verse from the Qur'an, 'the heavens will be grasped in His hand, glory be to Him above all that evil they associate with Him'. - The seven heavens will be folded in His hand.

There's a hadith in Sahih Muslim which mentions the two hands of Allah, we refer to them and say that they are two right hands however, in reality they are not both right, we say that because of the generosity of Allah, in fact Allah has a left and a right hand.

The hadith says, Allah will take/grasp the seven heavens with His right hand and the Earth with His left hand and shake them. In other words, Allah has two hands, a left and a right, but because of the generosity of Allah, we say both

hands are right. The Prophet [may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him] said, both hands of Allah are right because of His generosity.

If all the people Allah created, from the beginning of time to the end of time, all the human beings and jinn all stood in one place, all of them, and they were asked, what do you want? What do you need? Whatever they want, doesn't matter how much and Allah grants them all of their wants and needs, that will not decrease from Allah what He has more than a needle put into the sea. That's the generosity of Allah. Allah gives, when He wants something, He just says 'be' and it is, like the twinkle of the eye it happens, whatever He wants.

It does not affect Allah's generosity, Allah does not have a budget! Who has been spending, feeding and looking after everything since the beginning of time? Allah! He's been giving people since He created the Earth and the heavens, He supplies, He supports, He provides all of His creation!

The Jews said, Allah's hand is cheap, Allah is cheap, He doesn't give. Allah responded to them, 'they're cursed, their hands are cheap!' Both of Allah's hands are full of generosity, both hands are outstretched, Allah's two hands are outstretched i.e he's giving left and right.

Allah said to *Iblis*, what prevented you from prostrating to what I have created with both of my hands, what is preventing you from prostrating to what I have created with both of my hands?! This is evidence for Allah's hands.

Allah is *Al-Qayoom*. The man is qayoom upon the women, he takes care of the women so men are qayoom. But Allah is *AL-Qayoom*, He is the one who sustains and protects, provides and sustains all that exists in the heavens and the Earth, everywhere, the one who sustains and protects everything that exists! Allah alone.

Allah has fingers

The prophet used to say this *duah* frequently, 'O turner of the hearts, make my heart steadfast upon your religion'.

Aisha [may Allah be pleased with her] said, 'you say this duah a lot O messenger of Allah.'

The prophet replied, 'O Aisha, all the hearts of humans are between the two fingers of Allah, He turns them as He wishes, from belief to disbelief.'

Allah has feet

So, Allah has a left hand and a right hand, Allah has fingers, Allah has feet, on the Judgement day hell-fire will complain, Allah will ask hell-fire, are you filled? Hell-fire will say, is there anymore to come [asking for more]? Then Allah will put His foot in it. Some people are narrow minded and they question this, asking how is Allah going to do that? It will burn, that's narrow minded, they put Ibrahim in the fire, the fire did not burn him, right? That's the power of Allah, so imagine Allah Himself. Allah will put His foot in it and then hell-fire will gather from all sides, getting tighter and hell-fire will say '*qatin qatin*,' 'enough enough.' Allah can do whatever He wants to do!

'Our commandment is just like a twinkle of an eye.' Do you know the twinkle of an eye? This is the fastest, see how fast the twinkle of an eye is! Hell-fire will then say enough enough, *qatin qatin*!

Allah is not as some of the scholars took from the name '*As-Samad*' [from surah Ikhlaas] - they took it to mean the one who does not have a hollow i.e no stomach, no heart etc. Allah is not like us, He was the first and He will be the last, Allah is there, He doesn't have a beginning nor an ending like you or anyone else, Allah was there and He is there, no beginning, no end, nothing above Him, nothing underneath Him, He is Allah, Allah is the most powerful, the one who is able to do what He wants. Some people say Allah is able to do what He wills, which is true He can do, Allah is able to do all things.

In addition, Allah has a footstool. The *kursi* is in front of Allah's divine throne but at the level of the feet, it's not exactly before Him, it's at the level of His feet. [We spoke about the footstool previously], His footstool is also an evidence for His feet!

There is none like unto Him

Rule: There is none like unto Allah, none comparable unto Allah, none co-equal unto Allah. There is none like unto Him and He is all hearing and all seeing.

Allah created Dajjal with one eye - your lord is not one eyed!

Rule: If they ask if Allah is a male or female, what's the answer? Say, Allah, the one and the only one, begot not nor is He begotten, the eternal, the absolute, there is none like unto Him.

Rule: We negate all forms of weakness from Allah i.e death, sleep, slumbering, and we affirm all goodness in its best for Allah.

Allah is Al-Hayy [The Ever-living]

This is of two kinds:

1. Created, Allah created it, like us, the one Allah created will die.
2. Not created, like Allah, will never die.

Allah does not have negative connotations to Him. We affirm Al-Hayy for Allah and at the same time we negate the opposite for Him, death, Allah never dies.

When the prophet [may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him] passed away, Abu Bakr [may Allah be pleased with him] got up and made a speech, he said, 'O you people, whosoever worships Allah, Allah is ever living, and whosoever worshipped Muhammad, then know Muhammad has died.' Allah doesn't die, we negate that, we negate any form of weakness from Allah i.e slumbering, slumbering is a weakness, like us, we get tired. The Jews claim Allah created the heavens and the Earth in six days and what happened after? He got tired and rested. NO! Allah does not get tired, he is free from all that!

For example, the people plot, Allah also plots - but in reality He's not really plotting, plotting has negative connotations to it which we negate for Allah, in reality Allah is reacting to the plot.

Asking 'how?'

Rule: We affirm what Allah has affirmed for Himself and what His messenger affirmed for Him too, whatever Allah affirmed for Himself about His names and attributes we will affirm. Whatever Allah did not affirm for Himself, same thing we never affirm it.

This is one of the most important rules when it comes to Allah's names and attributes, whatever Allah and His messenger affirmed for Allah, we affirm. Also the opposite, we don't affirm what they didn't affirm for Allah. We don't say that which we do not know. If Allah and His messenger affirmed it, because the prophet knows about Allah, then we affirm it too.

For example, Allah descends down every single night, well here it's night time, in another place it's day time, how does that happen? The answer is the verse in the Qur'an, 'Allah, there is none like unto Him'. On the Judgement day He will judge people all together, everyone will speak and He will listen and He knows, He does not judge like us, we are created, we are the creation of Allah but ***Allah is the creator***, there is none like unto Him, we cannot do that, we don't ask 'how' but we affirm whatever Allah taught us about it. Like on the Judgement day all people will speak at the same time, how? We don't measure it according to the human being standard, Allah is not a human! He is Allah, the One, the only One. There is nothing like unto Him - memorize this and comprehend this! Whatever comes to your mind, whatever you think about Allah, Allah is different than that, there is nothing like unto Allah, none comparable, no co-equal unto Him. We cannot imagine Him!

Allah's footstool, if you put the seven heavens and the seven Earths in it, you will find more capacity...how? We don't know, we stay away from the hows. you cannot measure it the way you know, we are created, Allah created us, but Allah is there, always there, from the beginning, Allah is there, under Him, above Him, on His right, on His left is space. Then He created the divine throne, that's the first thing. Then He created the pen and He asked the pen to write down, the pen said 'O Allah, what would you like me to write down?' He told the pen to write down, everything until the Judgement day.

See, 'Allah, there is none like unto Him!'

Allah has a hand, I have a hand, you have a hand, the donkey has a hand the ant has a hand, the elephant has a hand, but they are all different, they're not the same. Allah told us it's different, He will take everything on one finger and shake them and say, 'who is the king?' no answer will be given, then He will say

'I am the king, where are those who claimed to be king [in the world]? Where are they? I am the king, I am the king, whose is the kingdom on this day?' No one will answer, 'I, Allah am the king!'

Stay away from the hows! Imam Malik was teaching at the prophet's mosque. A man came to him in his *halaqah* and asked him how Allah rose above His divine throne.

Imam Malik looked down and started sweating, why? Because of the weight of this question, you cannot ask a question like this, how does someone dare to ask a question like that, that's why he looked down and started sweating.

Imam Malik responded saying, the ascension is well known, and how is unknown to all, to believe in it is obligatory, to question it is innovation and every innovation is aberration and every aberration is in the Hell Fire.

Not only that, Imam Malik ordered for this man to be expelled out of his halaqah, he said, 'expel this innovator,' and so the man was thrown out of the mosque.

The laughing of Allah and the anger of Allah

On the day of Judgement the prophet [peace and blessings be upon him] will say, Allah today He got angry like He never got angry before!

A man came to the prophet [peace and blessings be upon him], he asked him, 'O prophet of Allah, does Allah laugh?'

The prophet replied, yes!

The man said, 'We will never have difficulty with a Lord who laughs!'

Tawheed Al Uloohiyyah [the oneness of Allah's worship]

Allah is One, the only One, begot not, nor is He begotten, the Eternal, the Absolute, there is none like unto Him, there is none comparable unto Him, there is none co-equal unto Him.

There is none like unto Him! He is the all hearing, the all seeing, Allah can hear, He can hear and see everything! The prophet [may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him] when he recited this verse, when the prophet said *Sami'* he pointed his hands towards his ear, and when he said *Al-Baseer* he pointed his hands towards his eyes.

Laa ilaha ilAllah, Allah is the One, the Only One, begot not nor is He begotten, the Eternal, the Absolute.

Negation and affirmation [Tawheed]

Within laa ilaha ilAllah there is negation and affirmation.

- Negation of ALL worship to anyone besides Allah, negation of all worship offered to other than Allah.

Worship is only for Allah - everyone must worship Allah alone. Even the prophet's of Allah were sent to worship Allah alone and convey this message. Worship to anyone, whether it be to the prophet or any famous man/saint, whatever it is, it's *shirk* - there must be negation of all worship offered to other than Allah, it doesn't matter who, *Allah will not allow anyone to share with Him His command!* That's it.

- Affirmation that all worship, all forms of worship is due rightfully to Allah alone, nobody else, no one else, Allah alone who has no peer nor partner.

laa ilaha = negation of all forms of worship offered to other than Allah - there is no Deity, no God, nothing to worship besides Allah, this is negation.

ilAllah = affirmation, that all forms of worship is to Allah alone, only Allah, this is affirmation.

'Say O Muhammad, my prayer, supplication, sacrifice, all my life and my death is for the Lord of all of mankind.' There is no partner with Him and Allah commanded us to do that.

- Tawheed is the forbiddance of shirk in all of its manifestations, it is to single out Allah alone in worship.

Shirk

Shirk has two categories:

1. Minor - i.e elements of showing off, gaining praise, seeking fame, swearing by anyone else other than Allah etc.

This will lead to punishment but not indefinitely in hell fire.

2. Major [great *shirk*] - Associating partners with Allah.

Allah will never forgive this one. This will lead you to be in hell-fire forever.

You must forbid *shirk* in all of its manifestations, *shirk* - none of it is acceptable to Allah, Allah will forgive whatever except *shirk*. There are two categories, great *shirk* is committed by the one who associates partners with Allah and will be in hell-fire for eternity if he dies upon it, it does not matter who he is.

Allah will not forgive the great *shirk* whatsoever and He will forgive anything besides that, whatever the person does besides *shirk*, Allah will forgive whom He wills, but *shirk* will not get forgiven as He said!

Allah will not allow anyone whatsoever to be associated with Him, even the prophet Muhammad [may Allah's peace and blessings be upon Him], Muhammad the most honourable of the prophets, the greatest man Allah created, he said, '*do not raise me above my status which i have been raised, say the slave of Allah and the messenger of Allah*', and his name has been mentioned in the *Qur'an* so many times as the slave of Allah - we're talking about the greatest man Allah created and the most beloved person to Him, the intimate friend of Allah! Allah will not accept anyone to be associated with Him, it does not matter who he is! It is all the creation of Allah, everything, humans are all slaves of Allah, the best among them are the ones who are best in good deeds. 'He created life and death to test you, which one of you is better in good deeds.' Allah only looks at good deeds and the heart, nothing else.

'O my slave, it is but your deeds I reckon up for you and recompense you on the Judgement day. Whosoever finds good, let him praise Allah, and whosoever

finds other than that, blame no one but himself' - because he was negligent in this life.

There is minor shirk too, like showing off, seeking fame etc. - these the person can get punished for it but then can get out of the fire.

While there is no element of showing off, gaining praise or fame, the good deeds will be accepted, but if there is any of these, like showing off etc. Allah will not accept it. He wants it to be for Him sincerely, one-hundred percent. Even if it's ninety-nine point nine percent for Allah and zero point one percent for someone/something else - He will not accept it, it must be one hundred percent for Him alone!

Glory be to Allah and praise be to Him above all that evil they associate with Him.

Taking oaths

All forms of worship goes to Allah alone, you cannot say I swear by my mother's grave, that's shirk! Taking oaths by other than Allah is shirk, because an oath is a form of worship, you cannot swear by other than Allah, Allah on the other hand can swear by whatever He wants, He can do that - Allah cannot be asked about what He does, but we will be asked and held to account! When you swear by someone, it's a form of respect and honour, that's why you swear by them, this can only be for Allah alone.

There's a hadith which says, 'whosoever swore by anyone other than Allah has committed shirk.'

Tawheed Al-Asmaa Was-Sifaat [the oneness of Allah's names and attributes]

The names of Allah

Allah has the most magnificent names and sublime perfect attributes, ask Him by it.

The greatest name of Allah, if you ask Him by it, Allah will grant you whatever you want.

Allah has names, there's a *sahih* Hadith which mentions Allah has ninety-nine names, whosoever memorizes them and learns them will enter paradise.

However, we know Allah has more names than that, more names than ninety-nine. Some names Allah kept with Himself, some names He taught them to some people and some names He revealed them in the books.

One of the hadiths of the prophet [may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him], the prophet would ask Allah, I ask you by each name you have,' [there is more than ninety-nine names], there are names of Allah which we do not know, I ask you by all your names you named yourself, you called yourself, or you sent in one of the books, inspired it in one of the books, or you taught it some people [the righteous people, He taught a name], you taught one of your worshippers, or you kept it with you, you concealed it with you and you didn't teach it to anybody.

'I ask you by all Your names You named Yourself, all the names You called Yourself, all of the names You taught to someone of your righteous believer, or You kept it with Yourself which we do not know, all the names You revealed in the Qur'an or Your books.'

This is proof Allah has more than ninety-nine names!

When the prophet [may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him] asked the nation for *sadaqah*, the prophet asked Abu Bakr what he got, Abu Bakr [may Allah be pleased with him] replied, all my money, all what I have [he has more but it's not there, he got all that was available to him at that time]. Same thing, Allah has ninety-nine names, it's right, an authentic hadith but He has more than that, some names He kept with Him, some names He sent down and some names He taught them to some special righteous people.

The attributes of Allah

The attributes of Allah cannot be counted, there's a lot of attributes.

Verily, Allah has the most magnificent names and sublime perfect attributes, so supplicate to Him with them.

Allah's qualities are divided into two categories:

1. Self quality - This is something pertaining to Allah. For example, His hearing, His seeing, His knowledge, His speech etc.
2. This is the effective quality, His actions, everything He does. For example, He rose over His divine throne, He descends every single night etc.

Allah is All Hearing & All Seeing

Sami' Al-Baseer, Allah can hear everything, He is the most hearing, the all seeing. The prophet [may Allah be pleased with him] when he recited this verse, when he said Sami' he pointed his hands to his ear, and when he said Al-Baseer he put his hands to his eyes.

The miracle of Dawood [may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him] was the tone of his voice, Allah gave him seventy tones of the voice in his vocal cord. When he used to recite the *Zaboor*, the holy book at that time, his voice was different and so beautiful, the birds, the mountains, everything used to listen to him and repeat with him.

The birds asked Allah and He gave the birds permission to repeat with Dawood [may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him] first. The mountains got jealous, so they asked Allah for permission, then the mountain on each side used to read with him. When the mountains started repeating, he wasn't able to hear his voice anymore and he was complaining to Allah, 'the mountain's voices are too loud, I want you to hear my voice when I recite.'

Then Allah sent Jibreel and he took Dawood to a mountain that used to recite with them, this mountain is a very very high mountain. Jibreel said, 'O Dawood, follow me', Dawood followed. Jibreel busted the mountain and he went to the bottom of the mountain. What you see of the mountain is only one tenth of the mountain, the rest of the mountain is under the ground, so they went right to the bottom of the mountain and they found small rocks, Jibreel told Dawood to look at a rock, then Jibreel smashed it, from it came out a worm

with green leaves in its mouth. Jibreel asked Dawood, 'can you hear this worm?' Dawood said, 'no!' Jibreel replied, 'Allah told me, He can hear this worm in the bottom of a mountain and feed it too! Allah can hear it from the depth of the mountain, so imagine you above the mountain!'

Allah is all hearing, He provides and sustains all!

Ayat Al-Kursi is a protection

Sahih hadith in Bukhari, Abu Hurayrah [may Allah be pleased with him] was guarding the house where the treasures of the Muslims are kept i.e *zak'ah*, the dates, raisins, wheat etc. One night all of a sudden he saw a man who was taking some of the dates and Abu Hurayrah ran to him, he held him by the hand and told him, 'I have to take you to the prophet!' The man said 'I have family and I have no money, please let me go.' Abu Hurayrah felt pity on him and let him go. The prophet [may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him] asked Abu Hurayrah, 'what did your captive say to you last night O Abu Hurayrah?' Abu Hurayrah replied, 'he promised me he won't come back', the prophet said, 'no he will come back.' This happened again, every night same thing - Abu Hurayrah would say 'I'm going to take you to the prophet', and the man would reply 'I have a family please let me go.' Then Abu Hurayrah would feel sorry for him and let him go. This had already been inspired to the prophet, that's why he used to ask Abu Hurayrah before, 'what did your captive say?' And Abu Hurayrah would reply each time, 'he's not going to come back O prophet of Allah.' The prophet would say, 'no he's going to come back.' This happened again a third night, the man came and Abu Hurayrah said 'I have to take you to the prophet tonight!' The man said, 'no, I'm going to tell you something, teach you something, if you do it you will be protected, during the night if you say it you will be protected until the morning.' What is it? He said Ayat Al-Kursi. The prophet asked Abu Hurayrah the next morning 'what did your captive say to you last night O Abu Hurayrah?' Abu Hurayrah said, he said this, 'if you recite Ayat Al-Kursi you'll be protected all night long until morning.'

Do you know what the Prophet said? He said, 'he told you the truth but he is a habitual liar.'

Ayat Al-Kursi is a protection for you!

Your way to paradise!

The prophet [may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him] said, 'whosoever recites Ayat Al-Kursi after each obligatory prayer, there will be nothing between him and paradise except death!'

A deeper understanding

We have to elevate Allah above any faults and shortcomings. There's a rule in Tawheed, negation and affirmation, same thing applies here.



This includes within it, negation and affirmation. Affirmation of all worship belonging to Allah, His oneness, His Greatness.

(لَا إِلَهَ) → Negation of all worship to other than Allah, negation of all weaknesses and evil associated to Him. He is free from all that evil and shortcomings they associate with Him!

الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ

الْقَيُّومُ → The one who is needed by everyone, everyone needs Allah, the ants needs Him, the dear needs Him, the humans need Him, everything and everyone needs Allah but He does not need anything or anyone!

He feeds people but no one feeds Him. In other words, the creation have to eat, drink, sleep etc. but Allah is free from all those needs, Allah does not sleep because if He sleeps the world would be filled with destruction. Or you'll be making duah but you have to wait for Allah to answer you when He gets up - that's not Allah, He is free from all those shortcomings!

Elevate Allah above all forms of shortcomings which the creation have.

Aisha [May Allah be pleased with her] said once, a lady [Khawlah bint Tha'labah] came to complain to the prophet [may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him] about her husband, it's called the hujrah [the house of the prophet/a small room, it's where his grave is now], she came and she was complaining about her husband. The lady was sitting there and Aisha was there too, it's a very small room, like 6ft by 6ft, maybe a little more than that and that's it. The woman was complaining about her husband to the prophet, he's been oppressing her etc. and he left her without anything. Then Allah revealed a verse, Allah heard that lady who came to you O Muhammad to dispute/

complain about her husband...' the surah was revealed, Aisha said subhanAllah, mashaAllah tabaarakAllah about the hearing of Allah, listen to what she said, he heard her from above the seven heavens and i'm sitting here in the same room, there's nothing between her and I and I swear by Allah I didn't hear her! Look at that, see how Allah hears all things, there's nothing hidden from Allah, He is the creator!

'Doesn't He who created all things know them better?!' Of course Allah knows them better!

See that's the hearing of Allah, it's not like our hearing, we're talking about Allah! We elevate Him above any defaults, Allah is perfect, no beginning to Him and no end to Him, no one above Him, no one under Him, He is there, He knows everything, He hears everything, He feeds everybody, everyone needs Him but He is in no need of anyone! This is Allah!

Umar [peace be upon him] was walking in the streets one day with a group of companions. A lady [Khawlah] stopped him and she held him up for a while. He returned to the companions and they said, that lady held you for a long time. You know what Umar's reply was? He said, you don't know who that lady is? They said no. Umar said, that's the lady Allah heard her voice from above seven heavens [revealed a verse regarding].

Guidance and praising Allah

There is nothing but it praises and glorifies Allah, nothing! Not a thing, the ant, grass, animal, humans, trees, everything glorifies Allah, just name it, they glorify Allah, why? Because Allah guided them to glorify Him. You should be appreciative when you offer prayer or do good deeds because a lot of people don't offer prayer, but praise be to Allah, Allah guided us to offer prayer, glorify Him, this is the greatest bounty in the world, Allah guided you to offer prayer, praise Allah, fast and so on, that's a bounty from Allah. If Allah does not want that to happen He'd never give it to you. A lot of people, they don't offer the prayer, they wake up in the morning and they don't offer prayer, they never fast, never go to Makkah, you doing all these acts of worship is a guidance from Allah, not just a guidance but also a bounty from Him! Allah bestowed upon the good people His bounty [the good deeds to do], if it wasn't for Allah, we'd never have been guided.

I swear by Allah, if it wasn't for the guidance of Allah we'd have never been guided! Also we could never give charity but only by Allah's will, His help, His guidance, by the grace and bounty of Allah we are able to. So everything is

praising Allah, not a thing but it's praising and glorifying Allah. Not a thing except that it glorifies and praises Allah, not a thing. Nothing happens on this Earth without Allah's will, what Allah wills will take place, that which Allah does not will won't take place.

A lot of people are not guided, we are guided, we should be glorifying Allah, praising Him because of the guidance He bestowed upon us.

There is a verse in the Qur'an, O Muhammad, they said to you we are doing you a favour Muhammad because we believe with you, then Allah revealed a verse, no no don't take that, don't be like you're doing Me a favour, Allah is doing you a favour because He guided you, without Allah's guidance we'd never have been guided. Whatever Allah wills will take place, whatever He doesn't will is never going to take place.

لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ

This is negation, the most important thing about Allah is to elevate Him above any faults, shortcomings or weaknesses i.e people die but He never dies, people they need Allah but Allah does not need anyone or anything.

Musa [May Allah's peace and blessings be upon him] asked Allah, 'do you sleep?' Allah didn't answer him. Allah told Musa to not sleep for three days, then He told Musa to take two bottles and hold them up with his hands all night long, which Musa did. Musa didn't sleep for three days, then took two bottles in each hand and raised his hands up. Do you know what happened during the night to Musa? He fell asleep and the bottles fell down and broke. Allah said to Musa, if I slept then the heavens and Earths will become just like that!

Allah does not sleep, if He sleeps and we are making duah, will we wait until He wakes up to answer them?! That's why Allah does not sleep, He takes care of EVERYTHING - not just the humans but all of creation, the seas, the heavens, the ants, everything Allah created He is taking care of, no one is taking care of it but He is taking care of it, Allah does not get tired, slumbering is a kind of weakness, it's negative, this does not belong to Allah! We negate such negative characteristics and weaknesses from Allah, Allah does not sleep, He does not slumber!

Allah does not sleep, slumber does not seize him, the Jews say He created the heavens and Earths in six days and then He took a rest, relaxation day, He got

tired on the Saturday and He rested - Allah is free from all that evil which is associated with Him!

لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ

To Him belongs what's in the heavens and what's on Earth and what's between them and what's under the soil. Everything belongs to Him, even that which is under the soil, everything belongs to Allah! What's in the heavens and what's on Earth, everyone and everything belongs to Allah.

There is neither might nor power except by Allah!

A treasure from paradise

One of the companions came to the prophet [may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him] and his son was a captive, he's an old man, his name is Awf Ibn Malik Al Ashja'ee , he complained to the prophet saying, my son is captive and I have no income, it's difficult on me. Then the prophet told Awf Ibn Malik [may Allah be pleased with him], 'O Awf, do you want me to tell you about a treasure from the treasures of paradise?' He said, yes O prophet of Allah!' 'Then Allah will change your status and solve your situation'. He said 'yes O prophet of Allah!' Then the prophet told him, 'لا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله', there is neither might nor power except by Allah, this is a treasure from paradise.' Awf said it and he continued to do so, one day he was at home and suddenly he heard his son, his son came with a heard of sheep! What happened was he escaped from his captivity, the prison he was in, on his way out he found a heard of sheep and he guided them and took it. His father was overwhelmed because of what happened, indeed, a treasure from the treasures of paradise!

This is Allah!

مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ

Intercession

No one can intercede with Him without His approval!
Allah will not accept it!

Intercession means to go to someone and ask him for something on behalf of someone else.

No one can intercede with Allah without His approval, He must approve of it. The prophet [may peace and blessings be upon him] will intercede on behalf of all the people on the Judgement Day, all the people, including the disbelievers! On the Judgment Day the people will go to Adam [peace and blessings be upon him] and say, O Adam go intercede with Allah to relieve us from the suffering and pass His Judgement, Adam will say I cannot do that, I sinned... then they go to another prophet, Nuh [peace and blessings be upon him] , he will reply I cannot, I made duah against my people, they will go from one prophet to another prophet, however everyone will decline their request and give an excuse i.e. I did this and that. Eventually they'll come to Isa Ibn Maryam [may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him] and Isa will reply, go to Muhammad. Everyone refuses to intercede before Allah - but Isa wont say anything but he will direct the people to go ask Muhammad. Then the people will go there and ask Muhammad to intercede before Allah on behalf of the people. The prophet said, 'everyone on the Judgement day Allah created is in need of me, even my father Ibrahim'. This is what they call the greatest intercession, this intercession is for everyone, for the people to be judged, to send the people to their destination i.e paradise or hell-fire.

The prophet will say, I am fit I am fit I am fit for that!

Then Muhammad [peace be upon him] will go to Allah and he will prostrate under the divine throne, the Earth will be down then, it will be a different Earth. Earth will not be the same Earth, it is a different Earth. It will be wide and there will be nothing on it, there is not a thing on it! He will go there and he will prostrate before Allah under the divine throne. Allah will tell him, O Muhammad raise your head. Say whatever you want, we will listen to you, and intercede on behalf of anyone, we will approve your intercession.

Then the prophet said during that prostration, I will say something, I don't know what but Allah will inspire it to me what to say then.

That's intercession, to go to someone and intercede on behalf of someone else. But intercession on the Judgement day cannot be accepted until Allah accepts it.

There are are so many angels, their intercession will avail nothing until Allah gives leave/permission/acceptance to whom He wills and is happy with the intercessory [the one who is going to intercede on his behalf].

Allah has to be happy with both:

- The one who intercedes &
- The one who is being interceded on behalf of

This is intercession. No one can intercede on behalf of anyone until Allah gives leave to him or permits him to intercede on behalf of whom He likes. You must have the permission from Allah.

يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ

He knows what's before the creation and after the creation, what's in the world and what's in the hereafter i.e Judgement Day, the hereafter etc. Allah knows what's today and what's tomorrow, what's before and after.

There is an angel to protect each person, before him and after him, and on their right and on their left. Everyone has that.

أَيْدِيهِمْ = before

خَلْفَهُمْ = after, i.e behind their backs

وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ

No one encompasses any knowledge but Allah already knows it, Allah knows everything. 'People they don't know until I [Allah] teach them.'

There's a story of Musa and Khidr [two prophets, may Allah be pleased with them both]. Musa one time was giving a lecture to his people, the people asked him 'who's the most knowledgeable person on this Earth?' He said, 'nobody but me, I am the one.' Then Allah inspired to him, He said there is one person who is more knowledgeable than you! Musa asked, 'who is he?! I will go there and learn from him.' Allah is talking about Al-Khidr. Musa travelled a lot and finally found khidr by where the two seas meet, he walked all that distance to learn from him.

Some time later Musa and Al-Khidr one day were riding on the boat in the sea, a bird came, the bird put his beak in the water and took some sips of water, not much. Then Khidr asked Musa, 'did you see that bird Musa?' Musa said, 'yes', then he said, 'did you see how many drops of water he took? **My knowledge, your knowledge and everyone's knowledge on this Earth in comparison to Allah's knowledge is like what that bird took from the sea!**'

What does that tell you? We don't know anything, Allah knows everything!

*If all the heavens and all the Earths and the seas, trees, **everything**, if they were ink for Allah to write, that would not finish Allah's word to write down His knowledge.*

Your Lord's word does not end, endless word, Allah is the most knowledgeable!

The bird took some sips, see that bird, what he took from the sea is like everyone's knowledge in comparison to Allah's knowledge!

People, they don't know. They cannot obtain knowledge, Allah will teach this and that. Allah teaches people, He guides people, everything is in Allah's hand, everything. Whatever Allah wills will take place. You're never going to get any knowledge except by Allah's will, He teaches some people and guides some people, some people have more knowledge than others. That's Allah!

وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ

His chair extends over the seven heavens and Earths.

The seven heavens and the seven Earths in comparison to Allah's divine footstool, is no more than a ring thrown in a desert. And the footstool in comparison to the divine throne is also like a ring thrown in the desert. See how gigantic the divine throne is and how large the footstool is!!

وَلَا يَؤُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا

Allah never gets tired or has fatigue, He doesn't rest like some claim, Allah has no fatigue. Tiredness or fatigue does not touch Allah! Allah does not get tired, He doesn't get tired from taking care of everything, He's not just taking care of the humans but every little thing in the heavens and the Earths. He does not get tired by taking care of everything, everything we're talking about. He does not get tired of taking care of everything, everywhere!

يُؤَدُّهُ - He feels no fatigue - He is guarding, feeding, taking care of, protecting, take care of everything.

There was a boxer once, he used to call himself the greatest. You know I heard him once talking. Did you ever see his state before he died? He was so sick, shaking, he couldn't move, he was the strongest once and now he was shaking, couldn't move at all, everything, his face, his head was swollen. They asked him, 'what happened to you?' He replied, 'my condition is because I called myself the greatest.' The greatest is only Allah, nobody else!

وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ

الْعَلِيُّ - The most high. Not only the most high by height but most high in everything, by height, status, prestige and everything, He is the highest in everything!

الْعَظِيمُ - The greatest. There is none greater than Allah, He is the greatest. He is the greatest in everything, status, power, everything!

He is the most high, the most greatest!