

Introduction

In the name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all the worlds. May Allah bestow His peace and blessings upon His Servant and Messenger Muhammad and upon all of his family and Companions. Ameen.

I hope that the beloved readers will find benefit from this little booklet. If I achieve this goal, then it is solely through the grace of Allah (Ta'ala). I ask Allah (Ta'ala) to accept my endeavor and make it sincerely done to seek His Pleasure. Ameen.

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Virtues of reciting Ayat al-Kursi

1. Asma' bint Yazid (may Allah be pleased with her) reported, 'I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) say about these two following Ayahs, i.e, verses: "Allah! There is no god but He - the Living, The Self-subsisting, Eternal. [2:255], And, Alif Lam Mim, Allah! There is no god but He - the Living, The Self-subsisting, Eternal [3:1-2], That they contain Allah's Greatest Name."

[Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal in his Musnad]

2. It was narrated that Abu Umamah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "Whoever recites Ayat Al-Kursi immediately after each prescribed Prayer, there will be nothing standing between him and his entering Paradise except death."

[an-Nasa'i and Ibn Hibban]

- 3. It was narrated from Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "In Surat Al-Baqarah there is a verse which is the best of all the verses of the Qur'an. It is never recited in a house but Shaitan leaves: Ayat Al-Kursi."
- 4. Abu Umamah Al-Bahili (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "The one who recites it after each of the obligatory prayers, then death will be the only thing preventing him from entering Paradise." [ibn Sunni, at-Tabarani, ibn Hibban Sahih]
- 5. Ubayy bin Ka'b (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

"Abu Mundhir! Do you know which Ayah in Allah's Book is the greatest? I said: 'Allah and His messenger know best.'

He (peace and blessings be upon him) again said: 'Do you know which Ayah in Allah's Book, according to you, is the greatest?' I (Abu Mundhir) replied: 'It is 'Allah la ilaha illa Huwal-Hayyul-Qayyum'.[2:255]. Thereupon he (peace be upon him) patted me in the chest and said, 'Rejoice by your knowledge, O Abu Mundhir! (i.e, may this knowledge be a source of respect, honour and benefit to you)'."

[Muslim]

6. Abu Dhar (may Allah be pleased with him) said; O Messenger of Allah, what is the greatest thing that has been revealed to you?' He said, Ayat al-Kursi, 'Allah! La ilaha illa Huwa'

[an-Nasa'i]

- 7. When you lie down in your bed, recite ayat al-Kursi, Allah! La ilaha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He), the Ever Living, the One Who sustains and protects all that exists... [al-Baraqah 2:255] until the end of the ayah, then you will have a protector from Allah and no shaytan (devil) will come near you until morning comes. [Sahih al-Bukhari]
- 8. Everything has its pinnacle and the pinnacle of the Qur'an is Surah al-Baqarah. In it there is an ayah which is the greatest in the Qur'an: Ayat al-Kursi [at-Tirmidhi]
- 9. It is reported by way of Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) that someone used to come upon him and take from the charity which the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) had made him guardian over night after night, so on the third night, he said: "I will report you to the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him), the man said: 'Let me teach you some phrases with which Allah will cause you benefit' they were very eager for good so he said: 'When you go to, read 'Ayat alkursi (Verse 255 of Surah Al-Baqarah) completely, for there is still upon you from Allah a guardian, and no shaytan can get close to you until you enter upon morning.' Then he (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "He told you the truth and he is a liar, (that was a shaitan)."

[Sahih Al-Bukhari]

10. It is reported from Anas (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) asked a certain companion if he was married. He replied. "I do not have so much money as to get married." RasulAllah (peace and blessings be upon him) said "Do you know Suratul-Ikhlas?" He replied: "Yes". RasulAllah (peace and blessings be upon him) remarked: "That equals to a quarter of the Holy Qur'an. Do you know Suratul-Kafirun?" He replied: "Yes." RasulAllah (peace and blessings be upon him) said "it equals to a quarter of the Holy Qur'an". He further asked "do you know Suratul-Zilzal?" He replied, "yes." RasulAllah (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "That equals to a quarter of the Holy Qur'an. Do you know Suratul-Fath?" He replied: "Yes". RasulAllah (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "That equals to a quarter of the Holy Qur'an. Do you know Ayat-al Kursi?" He replied: "Yes". RasulAllah (peace and blessings be upon him) said: "That equals to a quarter of the Holy Qur'an. Do you know Ayat-al Kursi?" He replied: "Yes". RasulAllah (peace and

blessings be upon him) said: "That equals to a quarter of the Holy Qur'an. Get married, get married, get married!"

11. It is reported by at-Tabarani that the Prophet (Peace and blessings be upon him) said: "The one who recites Ayat-al kursi after the conclusion of an obligatory prayer, he is under the Care of Allah until the next prayer commences."

[at-Tabaraani's At Targheeb wat-Tarheeb (2:435)]

Ayat al-Kursi

الله لاَ إِلَّ هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ لاَ تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَةٌ وَلاَ نَوْمٌ لَّهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الأَرْضِ مَن ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلاَّ بِإِذْنِه يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدَيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلاَ يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءَ مِّنْ عَلْمَهُ إِلاَّ بِمَا مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدَيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلاَ يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنْ عَلْمَهُ إِلاَّ بِمَا شَاء وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالأَرْضَ وَلاَ يَؤُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا وَهُو شَاء وَسَعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالأَرْضَ وَلاَ يَؤُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا وَهُو الْعَظِيمُ

Allahu la ilaha illa huwa, Al -Haiyul-Qaiyum
La ta'khudhuhu sinatun wa la nawm
lahu ma fi as-samawati wa ma fil-'ard
Man dhal-ladhi yashfa'u 'indahu illa bi-idhnihi
Ya'lamu ma bayna aydihim wa ma khalfahum
wa la yuhituna bi shai'in min 'ilmihi illa bima sha'a
Wasi'a kursiyuhus-samawati wal ard
wa la ya'uduhu hifdhuhuma wa Hu wal 'Aliyul-Adheem

Allah! There is no god but He - the Living, The Self-subsisting, Eternal.

No slumber can seize Him Nor Sleep.

His are all things In the heavens and on earth.

Who is there can intercede In His presence except As he permitteth? He knoweth What (appeareth to His creatures As) Before or After or Behind them.

Nor shall they compass Aught of his knowledge Except as He willeth. His throne doth extend Over the heavens And on earth, and He feeleth No fatigue in guarding And preserving them, For He is the Most High. The Supreme (in glory).