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Quran 101

Surah Al Bakarah (the Cow), Ayah 255

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Welcome everyone, happy to see you! Today we will be reading The Verse of The Throne , verse 255 from the 2nd Surah Al Bakarah (the cow)



Allahu laa ilaaha illaa Huwa al-Hayyul Qayyoom; laa ta'khudhuhu sinatun wa laa nawm; lahu maa fissamawati wa maa fil-ard; man dhalladhi yashfa'u 'indahu illaa bi-idhnihi; ya'lamu maa bayna aydeehim wa maa khalfahum; wa laa yuheetoona bishay'im min 'ilmihi illaa bimaa shaa'a; wasi'a kursiyyuhu assamawati wal-ard; wa laa ya'ooduhu hifdhuhumaa; wa Huwa al-'Aliyyul 'Adheem

Allah! There is no god (worthy of worship) except Him, the Ever-Living, All-Sustaining. Neither tiredness nor sleep overtakes Him. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who could possibly intercede with Him without His permission? He knows what is ahead of them and what is behind them, but no one can grasp any of His knowledge, except what He wills. His Seat encompasses the heavens and the earth, and the preservation of both does not tire Him. For He is the Highest, the Greatest. (Surah al-Baqarah 2:255)

Reflections:

This verse highlights several key attributes of Allah:

1. **Oneness of Allah:** It begins by declaring the absolute oneness of God, a central belief in Islam. Allah is the only deity, and there is no other worthy of worship.
2. **His Eternal Nature:** Allah is described as "Al-Hayy" (the Ever-Living) and "Al-Qayyum" (the Sustainer of all existence). These two names emphasize that Allah is independent, and everything in creation relies on Him for its survival.
3. **Knowledge and Power:** Allah's knowledge encompasses everything—past, present, and future. No one can intercede or intervene in His affairs without His permission. The verse also speaks of Allah's Kursi (throne), which symbolizes His power and control over the universe.
4. **Protection and Preservation:** Allah's power is so immense that He maintains the heavens and the earth without any effort. Nothing exhausts Him, and He remains ever-vigilant over His creation.

The Significance of Ayat al-Kursi

Ayat al-Kursi is not only a theological declaration of faith but also a source of immense spiritual protection and peace for those who recite it regularly. Here are some of its key benefits and significance in the life of a Muslim:

1. Divine Protection

Ayat al-Kursi is often recited for safeguarding oneself from harm, particularly before sleep, when one is vulnerable. The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, "Whoever recites it when he rises in the morning will be protected from devils until he retires in the evening, and whoever recites it when retiring in the evening will be protected from them until he rises in the morning." (Al-Hakim 1: 562, Grade: Sahih).

2. A Shield Against Evil

It is widely believed that Ayat al-Kursi serves as a spiritual shield against evil forces, including the whispers of Shaytan (Satan). Many Muslims recite it when they feel anxious or afraid, trusting in Allah's ability to protect them from seen and unseen dangers.

It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah 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 Ash-Shaytan leaves: Ayat Al-Kursi.” (An-Nasa’i and Ibn Hibban).

3. **A Powerful Invocation for Supplication**

Reciting Ayat al-Kursi is an act of worship that brings great reward. It is recommended to recite it after the five daily prayers, as it is believed to enhance the spiritual state of the believer and help maintain the connection to Allah throughout the day.

Concerning the virtue of reciting this verse after each Salah, it was narrated that Abu Umamah 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.)

4. **A Reminder of Allah’s Sovereignty**

Ayat al-Kursi is a beautiful reminder of Allah's dominion over all that exists. For Muslims, it reinforces the idea that every challenge, hardship, and moment of joy is under Allah's control, fostering a sense of trust and submission to His will. This knowledge can bring immense peace, especially in times of uncertainty or difficulty.

Takeaway:

Ayatul Kursi summarizes some of the core beliefs and principles of Islamic monotheism. It introduces the attributes of Allah and the methodology of understanding these attributes. Ayatul Kursi teaches us that there is only one true god, Allah, who alone is worthy of worship. Allah is Perfect in His Names and Attributes. He does not sleep, nor does He get tired. He controls and knows everything, and nothing can happen unless He wills it. There is nothing like Allah, and His Attributes are unique and perfect.

Ayatul Kursi also reminds us that only Allah can protect us from all evil. He is perfect, never sleeps, and controls everything. Therefore, all protection is from Him alone. Ayatul Kursi serves a dual purpose of being an affirmation of the key beliefs of Islam and a protection prayer that we are recommended to recite daily.

Suggested video to watch later:

A Brief Reflection on Ayah Al Kursi (Ayah of The Throne) https://youtu.be/jKSSUV_tQHQ?si=aUxYMeEDus9Wau8p (about 13 minutes)	

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