

The Kursee

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Imaam at-Tahaawee said:

“The `Arsh (Throne) and the Kursee (Footstool) are real.”

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) said:

“Allaah تعالی said about the Kursee:

[His Kursee extends over the heavens and the earth].¹

The Kursee is that which is in front of the `Arsh; and it has been authentically reported that Ibn `Abbaas said: ‘**The Kursee is the place for the two Feet**, and no one can tell how vast the `Arsh is except Allaah تعالی,’ as narrated in my book Mukhtasar Al-`Uluw lith-Thahabi no. 36.²

There isn’t any authentic report ascribable to the Prophet ﷺ regarding the Kursee besides his ﷺ statement: ‘**The seven heavens in comparison to the Kursee are just like a ring thrown in a desert, and the greatness of the `Arsh over the Kursee is like the greatness of that desert over that ring.**’ This is something which also invalidates interpreting the Kursee as ‘knowledge,’ and this interpretation is not an authentic report from Ibn `Abbaas as I clarified in As-Saheehah no. 109.”

¹ Soorah al-Baqarah 2:255

² Aboo Moosa al-Ash'aree also said: “The Kursee is the place for the two Feet, and it creaks like a camel saddle does under heavy load” – Mukhtasar al-`Uluw lith-Thahabi no. 85