

يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَلَا يَئُودُهُ
حِفْظُهُمَا وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٢٥٥﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٢٥٥)

2:255. Allah: there is no god but He, the Ever-Living, the Self-Sustaining and All-Sustaining. Neither slumber nor sleep overtake Him. To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and on earth. Who is there that can intercede with Him except by His leave? He knows what was before them and what will be after them, while they encompass nothing of His knowledge except what He wills. His *Kursi*¹⁸ extends over the heavens and the earth, and the preservation of both does not weary Him, for He is the Most High, the Most Great.

This verse is the greatest, best and most sublime verse in the Qur'an, because of what it points to of important matters and divine attributes. Hence there are many hadiths that recommend reciting it regularly at different times, morning and evening, when going to sleep and following the prescribed prayers. In it, Allah tells us about Himself that «there is no god but He» that is, there is none deserving of worship except Him, for He is the true God to Whom all types of worship, obedience and devotion should be directed, because of His perfection, the perfection of His attributes and His great blessings. And it is befitting that the human being should be a slave to his Lord, following His commands and heeding His prohibitions. Everything other than Allah (ﷻ) is false and worship of anything other than Him is false, because everything other than Allah is created, imperfect, under His control and dependent (on Him) in all ways, so it does not deserve to be worshipped in any way.

¹⁸ The Kursi is the footstool of the Most Merciful, according to the most correct scholarly opinion. It is something other than the 'Arsh (Throne), which is the greatest of all things that Allah has created, over which our Lord rose in a manner that befits His Majesty.