

# Where is Allaah?

From the Book

*Al-Qawlul Mufeed fee Adillatit-Tawheed*

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## بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Allaah, The Exalted, said:

﴿الرَّحْمَنُ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ اسْتَوَى﴾

The Beneficent rose over the Throne

[Soorah Taa Haa (20): 5]

He, The Exalted, said:

...then He rose over the Throne...in six locations in the Qur'aan and they are:

﴿إِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَى عَلَى الْعَرْشِ يُغْشَى اللَّيْلَ النَّهَارَ يَطْلُبُهُ حَثِيثًا وَالشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ وَالنُّجُومَ مُسَخَّرَاتٍ بِأَمْرِهِ ۗ أَلَا لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ ۗ تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ﴾

Indeed your Lord is Allaah, Who created the heavens and the earth in Six Days, and **then He rose over (Istawa) the Throne** (really in a manner that suits His majesty). He brings the night as a cover over the day seeking it rapidly, and (He created) the sun, the moon, the stars subjected to his command. Surely, His is the Creation and Commandment. Blessed is Allaah, the Lord of the Alameen (mankind, jinn, and all that exists).

[Soorah al-'Araaf (7):54]

﴿إِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَى عَلَى الْعَرْشِ ۗ يُدِيرُ الْأَمْرَ ۗ مَا مِنْ شَفِيعٍ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ إِذْنِهِ ۗ ذَٰلِكُمْ اللَّهُ رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُوهُ ۗ أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ﴾

Surely, your Lord is Allaah Who created the heavens and the earth in six days and **then rose over (Istawa) the Throne** (really in a manner that suits His Majesty), disposing the affair of all things. No intercessor (can plead with Him) except after His Leave. That is Allaah, your Lord; so worship Him (Alone). Then, will you not remember?

[Soorah Yunus (10):3]

﴿ اللَّهُ الَّذِي رَفَعَ السَّمَوَاتِ بِغَيْرِ عَمَدٍ تَرَوْنَهَا ۖ ثُمَّ أَسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ ۖ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ كُلَّهُ  
تَجْرَىٰ لِأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى ۚ يُدَبِّرُ الْأَمْرَ يُفَصِّلُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ بِلِقَاءِ رَبِّكُمْ تُوقِنُونَ ﴿١٣﴾ ﴾

Allaah is He Who raised the heavens without any pillars that you can see. **Then, He rose above (Istawaa) the Throne** (in a manner that suits His Majesty). He has subjected the sun and the moon (to continue going round) each running (its course) for a term appointed. He manages and regulates all affairs; He explains the Ayaat (evidences, proofs, verses, signs, lessons, revelations, etc.) in detail, that you may believe certainty in the Meeting with your Lord.

[Soorah Ar-Ra'd (13):2]

﴿ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ أَسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ ۗ الرَّحْمَنُ فَسَلِّ بِهِ خَبِيرًا ﴾



...Who created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them in Six Days. **Then He rose over (Istawaa) the Throne** (in a manner that suits His Majesty). The Most Gracious (Allaah)! Ask Him (O Prophet Muhammad concerning His Qualities: His rising over His Throne, His creations), as He is al-Khabeer (The All-Knower of everything).

[Soorah Al-Furqaan (25):59]

﴿ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ أَسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ ۗ مَا لَكُمْ مِّنْ  
دُونِهِ ۚ مِن وَّلِيٍّ وَلَا شَفِيعٍ ۗ أَفَلَا تَتَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٣٢﴾ ﴾

Allaah it is He Who has created the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them in six Days. **Then He rose over The Throne** (in a manner that suits His Majesty). You have none, besides Him as a Wali or an intercessor. Will you not then remember?

[Soorah As-Sajdah (32):4]

﴿ هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ أَسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ ۗ يَعْلَمُ مَا يَلْجُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا  
يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا ۗ وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ ۗ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿٥٧﴾ ﴾

He it is Who created the heavens and the earth in Six Days and **then rose over (Istawaa) the Throne** (in a manner that suits His Majesty). He knows what goes into the earth and what comes forth from it, and what descends from the heaven and what ascends thereto. And He is with you (by His Knowledge) wheresoever you may be. And Allaah is the All-

Seer of what you do.

[Soorah Al-Hadeed (57):4]

And Allaah, The Exalted, has said:

﴿ وَهُوَ الْقَاهِرُ فَوْقَ عِبَادِهِ ﴾

**And He is The Irresistible above his servants...**

[Soorah al-An'aam (6): 18 & 61]

And He, The Exalted, has said:

﴿ تَخَافُونَ رَبَّهُمْ مِّنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ ﴾

**“They fear Allaah above them, and they do what they are ordered”**

[Soorah an-Nahl (16): 50]

And He, The Exalted, said:

﴿ إِلَيْهِ يَصْعَدُ الْكَلِمُ الطَّيِّبُ ﴾

**“...To Him ascend the goodly words and the righteous deeds exalt it”**

[Soorah Faatir (35): 10]

And on the authority of Aboo Hurayrah ؓ that he said: The Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said: When Allaah created the creation, He wrote in His book, and it was with Him above His Throne, My mercy precedes My anger.<sup>1</sup>

And on the authority of Mu'aawiyah bin al-Hakam as-Sulamee, ؓ that he said:

وَكَانَتْ لِي جَارِيَةٌ تَرْعَى غَنَمًا لِي قَبْلَ (أَحَدٍ وَالْجَوَانِيَةِ) فَاطْضَلَعْتُ ذَاتَ يَوْمٍ فَإِذَا بِالذِّئْبِ  
قَدْ ذَهَبَ بِشَاةٍ مِنْ غَنَمِيهَا، وَأَنَا رَجُلٌ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ آسَفٌ كَمَا يَأْسِفُونَ لِكُنِّي صَكَكْتُهَا صَكَةً،  
فَعْتَيْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَعَظَّمِ ذَلِكَ عَلَيَّ، قُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، أَفَلَا أُعْتِقْتُهَا؟  
قَالَ: أَتَيْتَنِي بِهَا، فَقَالَ هَا: أَيْنَ اللَّهُ؟ قَالَتْ فِي السَّهَاءِ، قَالَ مَنْ أَنَا؟ قَالَتْ: أَنْتَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ،  
قَالَ: أُعْتِقْتُهَا فَإِنَّهَا مُؤَمِّنَةٌ (رواه مسلم وأبو داود)

...I had a slave girl that would pasture my sheep between Uhud and al-Jawaaniyah. One day a wolf ran off with a sheep from the livestock, and I am a man from the sons of Aadam. I am regretful as they regret, but I slapped her. So I went to the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ. He portrayed my action as

<sup>1</sup> Related by Imaam al-Bukhaaree in the *Beginning of the Creation* #3,022 and *Tawheed*# 6969, 6986 and by Imaam Muslim in *Tawbah* (4/2,107) # 2751

being a major thing. I said: O Messenger of Allaah, shall I free her? He said: Bring her to me. I brought her to him and he said to her: Where is Allaah? She said: Above the heavens. He said: Who am I? She said: You are the Messenger of Allaah. He said: Free her for surely she is a believer.<sup>2</sup>

And on the authority of Aboo Sa'eed al-Khudree ؓ that he said: The Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said: Do you not believe me and I am the trustworthy one of He Who is above the heavens? He brings me revelation morning and evening...<sup>3</sup>

I say: The verses and Ahaadeeth concerning this subject are very many. Ibn Abee 'Izz has even stated:<sup>4</sup> If these types of evidences were specified and singled out, they would reach approximately one thousand evidences.

I say: Due to the importance of this issue a group from the people of knowledge has specified writing about it in past and current times. From them is Imaam adh-Dhahabee in his book al-'Uluw lil 'Alee al-Ghaffaar. Refer to its abridgement by the Imaam, the Muhaddith, Muhammad Naasir ad-Deen al-Albaanee ؓ.



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<sup>2</sup> Related by Imaam Muslim: Masaajid and Places of Prayer (1/382) #537

<sup>3</sup> Related by Imaam Bukhaaree #4,094 and Imaam Muslim #1,064

<sup>4</sup> Ibn Abee 'Izz's explanation of al-'Aqeedatut-Tahaawiyyah page 288