

Concerning the Name of Allaah - Al-Khaaliq (The Creator)

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

Question: Is the name “Al-Khaaliq” (The Creator) among the specific names of Allaah? And what is the meaning of Allaah’s word:

الَّتِي لَمْ يُخْلَقْ مِثْلَهَا فِي الْبِلَادِ

[The like of which were not created in the land?]¹

The answer:

All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

The Name “Al-Khaaliq” (The Creator) is specific to Allaah. So, it is forbidden to name people by Allaah’s Names which are specific to Him, except by adding the word `Abd (i.e. servant), because they are not convenient but to Him, Like ar-Rahmaan (The Most Beneficent), al-Qudoos (The Holy) and al-Khaaliq, in addition to the other names such as Shaahanshaah², or the judge of the judges and the like.

As for Allaah’s word:

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It means that tribe from `Ad Al-Oola, which is “Iram”, that had high buildings and whose people were living in Al-Ahqaaf, which is situated between Oman and Hadhramaut. Allaah has not ever created people that are stronger than them or who had huge bodies like them.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah. Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

¹ Soorah al-Fajr [89:8]

² Persian: king of kings.