

ISRAA' & MI'RAAJ: MIRACLE FROM THE ALMIGHTY – A TEST OF FAITH



Let us strive to increase our belief in Allah by ensuring that we are fulfilling all of His Commands, and avoiding all of His prohibitions.

Indeed, we truly hope to be among the *muttaqqoon*, in constant remembrance of Him, and ever ready to meet Him.

Today's khutbah intends to remind us that "Israa" and Mi'raaj Is A Miracle From The Almighty As A Test Of Faith."

Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala has bestowed miracles (mu'jizaat) upon His Messengers suitable for their time, in exposing their enemies, while spreading risaalah Islamiyyah to their

ummah. Miracles are extraordinary phenomenon, weird but real, and incapable to be performed by human alone. Mu'jizaat was bestowed by Allah upon His Messengers without the aid

of others whether the jinn, shaytaan, and creations from the Unseen, such as those utilized by magicians, fortune-tellers, and soothsayers. Mu'jizaat occurs without the aid of

devices whether ancient or modern, or with human expertise using sophisticated equipment from any source. The miracles of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala upon His Messengers is actually a

test upon the faith of those witnessing and experiencing such wonders, whether seeing or listening. Mu'jizaat are not intended for dominating or bewitching others in believing

becoming followers of the Messengers by force. Instead, miracles are proofs of messenger ship that was sent by Allah, and evidence for the truthfulness of the teachings of Islam revealed.

Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "But they say, "Why are not signs sent down to him from his Lord?"

Say, "The signs are only with Allah, and I am only a clear warner."

(al-'Ankaboot 29:50)

The incident of Israa' and Mi'raaj is from among the many miracles that was bestowed by Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala to His Messenger sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam.

This special miracle occurred at a time when Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam was faced with various tribulations in his life as the Messenger of Allah such as open

resistance, egotism, ridicule, ostracism, oppression, injustice, slander, and defamation, all committed by his own people while he calls them to Allah.

The miracle of Israa' and Mi'raaj also came at a time when it truly tested the imaan of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and also the imaan of his followers.

This incident manifested the love of Allah by not allowing His Messenger to continue getting pressured by the resistance and vicious onslaught of his people against his da'wah efforts.

Rasulullah was raised up and met with the Messengers that came before him, exposed to the world of rooh (spirits) in al-Lawh al-Mahfoodh, witnessed the angels at Bayt al-Ma'moor, and ended at

Sidrat al-Muntaha. Indeed, such journey cured and healed the grief that he sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam endured. Furthermore, it strengthened his imaan upon the risaalah that he

conveyed. Such is the greatness of the greatest creation, Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, the final messenger that Allah had chosen, that he ascended to areas where no

other creation was granted access to. What Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam had endured and experienced during the night journey is synonymous with the da'wah content during the Makkan

period regarding matters of "ghaybiyyah" (unseen) or "sam 'iyyah' (celestial), which could only be understood through the explanation of al-Qur'an and *Hadeeth*, incapable to be

perceived by the human intellect. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Say, "It is He who has

produced you and made for you hearing and vision and hearts; little are you grateful."" (al-Mulk 67:23)

While in this world our beloved Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam was humiliated and reviled for calling to the Truth, it was actually the total opposite in the heavens,

the world of spirits, the world of angels, and even in Sidrat al-Muntaha. He sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam was received with magnificent honor and admiration for all the da'wah

efforts and upholding the Truth, revealed from Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. The Muslim scholars have unanimously agreed that the great incident of Israa' and Mi'raaj is a mu'jizaat that

could only be heard from the mouth of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, from the revelation of Allah. There was no visual evidence or sightings through the naked eye

mentioned by the Makkans during that night. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in al-Qur'an: "Exalted is He who took His Servant by night from

al-Masjid al-Haraam to al-Masjid al-Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Seeing." (al-Israa' 17:1)

The journey of Israa' and Mi'raaj went through two phases. The first phase was the journey on earth from Masjid al-Haraam crossing over the Sinai Valley where the dialogue between

Nabi Moosa 'alayhissalam and Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala took place, and also the birthplace of Nabi 'Isa 'alayhissalam in Bayt al-Lahm. The second phase was the journey from

Masjid al-Aqsa to the first, second, third heavens, all the way until Sidrat al-Muntaha, where Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala decreed several matters to Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam

including the obligation of five daily prayers.

The mu'jizat from Israa' and Mi'raaj occurred both upon the body and soul of the Prophet sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, not a dream or

hallucination, where Allah Subhaanahu Wata aala is All-Mighty and All-Able to transport His slave Muhammad sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam in a night that is full of barakah,

showing several hikmah, incidents, and lessons to be conveyed to his ummah. When Rasulullah told such news to the Makkans, many rejected it. But Abu Bakr radiy Allaahu 'anh accepted,

believed, and stated with firmness:

The believe in what Muhammad had said as true and that he is the Messenger of Allah. I believe in him even in

matters that are more peculiar than that. I believe in him regarding news from the heavens that he conveys during the day or night; so how could I not believe him regarding his journey to

Bayt al-Maqdis which is an honor that Allah had bestowed upon him?"

In the journey of Israa', Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala had decreed for Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam to meet with the earlier Messengers 'alayhimussalam in

Bayt al-Magdis beginning with Nabi Ibraaheem 'alayhissalam, then Nabi Moosa 'alayhissalam, Nabi 'Isa 'alayhissalam, and other messengers, where he sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam

was chosen to lead the prayer with all those Messengers. The scholars have opined that this symbolically shows that Muhammad sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam is the

leader for all previous Prophets and Messengers, the handover of worldly authority under his leadership, and the shift of ruling government from Bayt al-Magdis to Baytullah al-

Haraam (Makkah). During the journey of Mi'raaj, Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala had exposed Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam to various incidents.

He was shown a group of people that was bestowed with pleasure and happiness due to their righteous deeds performed while alive such as obligatory prayers, giving charity, giving da'wah,

righteous deeds amongst others, speaking the truth, and others. Similarly, he sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam was shown a group of people that was inundated with torment and regret due to

their own evil deeds and disobedience when they were alive. These are all symbolical to us indicating that good deeds are to be performed and wickedness must be avoided no matter

how small while we are still breathing. Mankind will all be recompensed for all of their actions, whether big or small, when that very time comes. Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala mentions in

al-Qur'an: "So whoever does an atom's weight of good will see it, And whoever does an atom's weight of evil will see it." (al-Zalzalah 99:7-8)

This is the stark reality of life that each one of us should utilize this world as an avenue to increase our authentic Islamic knowledge and practice upon them, increasing our good deeds

while avoiding all form of evil and disobedience. In reality, all the good deeds or evil deeds committed will be compensated for, goodness repaid with pleasure, transgression repaid

torment. This is the reality that we must all accept where there will be a group among us that will continue the legacy in conveying the prophetic message by inviting mankind to having

belief, attaining authentic knowledge and practicing them, while calling them to avoid ignorance and wickedness.

The journey of Mi'raaj ended by being in the presence of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala at Sidrat al-Muntaha where He Subhaanahu Wata 'aala awarded an 'ibaadah namely

the five daily prayers. The scholars explained that this ordainment is symbolic with the creation of mankind that was mentioned by Allah as slaves solely in His servitude.

With the full submission and surrender to "al-Khaaliq" through the five daily prayers, in reality mankind are capable of elevating their status to the best stature, which is those having the

taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala. Narrated Abu Hurayrah radiy Allaahu 'anh, Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

"Do you think that if there was a river by the gate of

one of you, and he bathed in it five times each day that there would remain any filth on him?" They said: "No filth would stay on him."

He said: "That is the parable of the five prayers, Allah wipes out the sins with them." (at-Tirmidhi: saheeh)

There are just too many lessons that we can derive and ponder from the miraculous journey of Israa' and Mi'raaj for the benefit in increasing our imaan and 'amal as slaves of Allah.

The believers are those having belief in Allah and the Unseen matters mentioned in al-Qur'an instantaneously without having to wait and see the proofs regarding them.

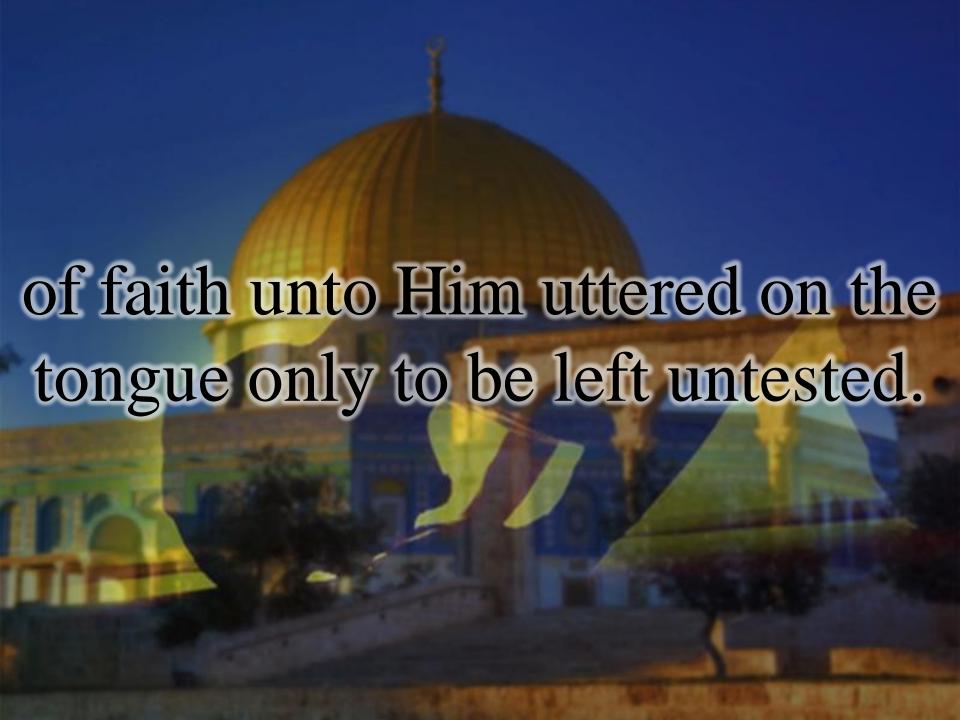
The believers will perform all of Allah's Commands unconditionally while alive, willingly with ikhlaas.

Those were among the essential points regarding the journey of Israa' and Mi'raaj which itself was a miracle from Allah Subhaanahu Wata aala. Is it enough for us to just hear

about this great journey without feeling the urge to ponder and contemplate upon the struggle of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam and his Companions radiy Allaahu

'anhum ajma 'een in spreading the message of Islam? Let us all partake in the jihaad and struggle in restoring the true teachings of Islam and the Truth from being abused and stomped

by the enemies of Islam from among the disbelievers, Jews, and Christians. Verily, we truly hope that our names will be recorded amongst the martyrs. Take heed, for Allah will not allow our testimony



"Alif, Lam, Meem. Do the people think that they will be left to say, "We believe" and they will not be tried?" (al-'Ankaboot 29:1-2)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بمًا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاثِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتُقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُوْلُ قُولِيْ هَذَا وَ أَسْتَغْفِرُ ۖ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَ الْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَ الأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ .

O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.

We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our imaan, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful akhlaaq, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

O Allah, we implore upon you, keep us steadfast upon the methodology of Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah, and protect us from 'ageedah and practices that are misguided and deviated such as extreme Shee'ism, Qaadiyani, and others.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, to fulfill their zakaat obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their zakaat obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

and also those that have given away and endowed (waqf) their wealth to the Selangor Islamic Development Trust Fund (Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor) with eternal rewards until the Hereafter.

Purify their wealth and soul so that they will live according to that which pleases You. Protect the poor and needy from disbelief and everlasting poverty. Allaahummaa ameen



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