



“THE GREAT EVENT OF ISRAA’ AND MI’RAAJ”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا الَّذِي بَرَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ ﴿١﴾

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أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَتَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain prosperity in this world and the Hereafter.

The *khutbah* that I intend to deliver today is titled “**THE GREAT EVENT OF ISRAA’ AND MI’RAAJ.**”

Blessed audience,

In conjunction with the noble month of Rajab, let us internalize upon a very great and historical event namely *al-Israa’* and *al-Mi’raaj*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had decreed for a noble journey to be undertaken by His slave, Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, from Makkah to Bayt al-Maqdis in Palestine, then ascending up the heavens to Sidr al-Muntaha, and then to a place known as Mustawa where he was conferred with a very important command, which is the *‘ibaadah* of *salaah*. This event is mentioned in the first verse of soorah *al-Israa’* that was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*:

“Exalted is He who took His Servant by night from al-Masjid al-Haram to al-Masjid al-Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Seeing.”

The amazing event of *Israa’* is a journey from Makkah to Bayt al-Maqdis that would normally take two long months for a round trip. But in this particular journey, it took place overnight and by the time of Fajr, the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم had already arrived in Makkah.

¹ al-Israa’ 17:1



This great event was vehemently denied by the Quraysh including Muslims having weak *imaan* (faith), but it was firmly believed by the Prophet's companion, Abu Bakr, such that he was known as "*as-Siddeeq*", which means one who firmly believes.

This great event has many lessons and morals for the Muslim *ummah* in increasing its *imaan*, including lessons that truly manifest the greatness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

According to a narration collected by at-Tabraani and al-Bazaar, Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم had traversed through various groups of people whose lives were filled with disobedience. Among them are those that were lazy in performing their prayers, refusing to fulfill *zakaat*, indulging in *riba*, backbiting, spreading *fitnah*, committing *zina* (adultery), arrogant, and betraying their promises. These illustrate the severity of the punishment that awaits the *ummah* of Muhammad if they commit such disobedience and transgress against the commands of Allah.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was also taken to see a valley that is cool and cozy, with a breeze that carries sweet smelling fragrance of musk, and cheerful sounds of happiness heard all around. When Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم inquired about this, Jibreel quickly responded stating that it is the voice of Paradise, begging Allah to fulfill all of the rewards that He had promised. Even though its dwellers are enjoying countless bounties, Paradise still pleads for greater bounties in rewarding those with belief and performed righteous deeds. Such are great rewards upon the *ummah* of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم whom strictly adheres to His Commands.

After that, Jibreel '*alayhissalaam* brought the Prophet to a place where loud noises are heard and its air filled with foul odor. Jibreel '*alayhissalaam* stated that it is the voice of the Hellfire, asking for the torments promised to be further increased even though it is already crowded with chains, shackles, raging flames, hot boiling water. Despite all that, Hellfire still requests for more torment and punishment upon those that committed shirk with Allah and committed disobedience.

Dear blessed Muslims,

According to the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Maalik *radiallaahu 'anh*, after Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم had arrived in Bayt al-Maqdis by riding the animal known as *Buraaq*, he entered inside Masjid al-Aqsa and prayed two *raka'ah*. According to ibn Mas'ood *radiallaahu 'anh*, Jibreel '*alayhissalaam* took the Prophet to the front and made him the *imaam* in leading the Messengers in prayer. This was an indication that Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was sent with a *Sharee'ah*, which indirectly overrides the *Sharee'ah* of previous messengers.

During the journey of *al-Mi'raaj*, Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم paid a courtesy visit to Prophet Adam '*alayhissalaam* as the father of mankind. This teaches us that whenever we undertake a journey or performing a great task, it behoove us to first visit our parents or the elders of the family and request for their *du'aa* so that we will be able to perform our



tasks well and safely. Then, it was resumed with visitations to other messengers until the seventh heaven.

According to Tafseer al-Maraaghi, verily this event gave a meaningful indication that though all Messengers are of different ethnicities, era, language, and culture, but yet they greatly respect one another. This matter should be taken as a valuable lesson for the *ummah* of Muhammad, in always establishing brotherhood, affection, mutual respect with one another, avoiding matters that can lead to disunity and disputes amongst each other.

In the following series of event, Jibreel *'alayhissalaam* brought two types of drinks, namely intoxicant and milk. The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم then chose milk, to which Jibreel *'alayhissalaam* stated that the Prophet had chosen his *fitrah* (natural disposition). Milk symbolizes purity. While intoxicant is the root of all evil. Allah cursed those that consume, sell, give, transport, carry, and trade intoxicants.

Beloved audience,

The peak of the historical event of *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* was when Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* legislated the *'ibaadah* of *salaah* 50 times daily, day and night. But after several pleadings were made, Allah finally decreed that only 5 daily prayers, but its rewards are equivalent to 50 prayers.

Salaah is a major *'ibaadah* that is akin to the pillar in a building. In the *hadeeth* of 'Umar bin al-Khattaab *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

الصَّلَاةُ عِمَادُ الدِّينِ فَمَنْ أَقَامَهَا فَقَدْ أَقَامَ الدِّينَ وَمَنْ تَرَكَهَا فَقَدْ هَدَمَ
الدِّينَ

"Salaah is the pillar of the deen. Whoever establishes it has established the deen and whoever neglects and destroys it has destroyed the deen."

(*al-Bayhaqi*)

Salaah is the link between us and Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. With that, it is only appropriate that *salaah* is performed with perfection, focusing entirely on the glory of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* Alone.

According to Dr 'Abdul Haleem Mahmood in his book *al-Israa' wal-Mi'raaj*, he stated that among the lessons from *Israa' Mi'raaj* is that Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم as the seal to the rays of light sent from Allah to this universe so that his believing *ummah* will be raised in their *darajah* (rank). Also, Prophet Muhammad was chosen by Allah as the closest human being to Him. This is as mentioned in verse 9 of soorah an-Najm:

فَكَانَ قَابَ قَوْسَيْنِ أَوْ أَدْنَىٰ

"And was at a distance of two bow lengths or nearer."



Dearest audience,

After the event of *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* took place, Rasulullah ﷺ became more diligent in his *da'wah* efforts, even though he was faced with multitudes of challenges and obstacles from the enemies around him. However, he remained determined to continue his *da'wah* across the Arabian Peninsula. This gives a valuable lesson for us that in pursuing charitable work, it must be accompanied by solid fighting spirit, full dedication, and responsibility, as well as being always prepared to face whatever challenges and tribulations that may arise.

Blessed audience,

To end this *khutbah*, let us ponder and internalize upon the following recommendations;

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have *imaan* and certainty with full conviction regarding the actual occurrence of *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* with Prophet Muhammad ﷺ
2. The Muslim *ummah* must commemorate *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* by studying and deriving teachings and lessons from such significant event.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must ensure that they and their families are not neglecting the five daily prayers wherever they may be, so as to ensure salvation in this world and the Hereafter.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that every good deeds will be rewarded with Paradise and violation of Allah's Commands will incur severe punishment in the Hellfire.
5. The Muslim *ummah* is reminded to remain *istiqamah* (steadfast) in performing charitable and righteous deeds so as to reap the rewards from Allah in the Hereafter.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَلَقَدْ رَءَاهُ نَزْلَةً أُخْرَى ﴿١٣﴾ عِنْدَ سِدْرَةِ الْمُنْتَهَى ﴿١٤﴾ عِنْدَهَا جَنَّةُ الْمَأْوَى ﴿١٥﴾

“And he certainly saw him in another descent. At the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary (Sidrat al-Muntaha). Near it is the Garden of Refuge (Jannat al-Ma'wa).”
(an-Najm 53:13-15)

بَارِكْ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.



أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

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THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ، وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى



يَوْمَ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us always increase our *salawaat* and *salaam* upon our Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:

"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace."

(al-Ahzaab 33:56)

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمَّرِ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَأَنْصِرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاعُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاعُورِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ، ابْنِ



السُّلْطَانُ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ
يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ،
وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah*, as an advanced state, prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our *imaan* and creed according to that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, accept our righteous deeds, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani*, deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. O Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily prayers, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board), making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor *Waqf* Corporation), and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.
