



"ISRAA' AND MI'RAAJ: ITS LESSONS AND A TEST OF FAITH"

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

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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 وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوْصِيْكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا 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 salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

I sincerely invite fellow audience to ponder upon a *khutbah* today titled "**ISRAA' AND MI'RAAJ: ITS LESSONS AND A TEST OF FAITH.**"

Dear blessed audience,

Israa' and Mi'raaj, which took place in the month of Rajab as we know, refers to the miraculous journey of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم from Masjid al-Haraam to Masjid al-Aqsa, which then further ascends to Sidrat al-Muntaha. The great event of Israa' and Mi'raaj is one of the greatest honor bestowed upon Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم in spreading *da'wah Islaamiyyah*, which took place after he صلى الله عليه وسلم had lost his uncle Abu Talib and his beloved wife Sayyidatina Khadijah binti Khuwaylid. Israa' and Mi'raaj is also one of the *mu'jizah* (miracles) of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and as proof of loyalty of the Companions whom stood firm with the Prophet and further strengthened the *imaan* (faith) within them.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in the first verse of soorah al-Israa':

"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."

When the incident of Israa' and Mi'raaj was conveyed by Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم to the people of Makkah, many had rejected it. However, Sayyidina Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq *radiyAllaahu 'anh* believed it and declared with full conviction and firmness:

¹ al-Israa' 17:1.



"I believe what Muhammad mentioned is true and that he is the messenger of Allah. I believe him in matters that are even more extraordinary than that, of which news from the heaven comes to him in the morning or in the evening. So, how could I not believe regarding his night journey to Jerusalem, which is an honor bestowed by Allah upon him?"

Dear blessed Muslims,

Israa' and Mi'raaj is not just a story that gets repeated every time the month of Rajab dawn upon us. More than that, it implores the Muslim *ummah* to strengthen its 'aqeedah and derive significant lessons from the incidents that were revealed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to the Prophet ﷺ during the journey of Israa' and Mi'raaj.

Blessed audience,

Among the incidents that he witnessed throughout the journey of Israa' and Mi'raaj, which manifested the signs of the greatness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* were:

1. A group of people would be planting crops and straightaway harvests its yield. When harvesting, its yield (fruits) would re-emerge again as if it has yet to be harvested. This would repeat for several times. Rasulullah ﷺ was informed by Jibreel: Such is the similitude of those that would give their wealth in the path of Allah that gets multiplied in its rewards up to 700 times and even much more than that.

2. A group of people that would break their heads. Every time they would break it, their heads would heal and return to normal, and then they would break it again. This keeps on repeating over and over. Jibreel explained: Such is the punishment for those that were lazy in performing their prayers.

3. A group of people that would conceal their private parts with a piece of cloth. They were driven away like livestock. They would devour hot ember and stone from the Hellfire. Jibreel mentioned it was the depiction of those that did not fulfill their *zakaat*.

4. A group of people, men and women, whom would eat rotten flesh while cooked meat was available next to it. Jibreel mentioned: That is the torment for men and women that had committed adultery while they were themselves married.

5. A man was drowning in a river of blood and every time he sought for help, he would be pelted with stone. Jibreel said: That is the depiction of the torment for those that usurped *riba'*.

6. A man would carry a bunch of woods even though he is incapable of carrying all of it, and yet he would add more woods onto it. Jibreel explained: That is a person who is unable to fulfill the *amaanah* (trust) and yet he was willing to accept even more *amaanah*.

7. The Prophet ﷺ was shown a group of people that would cut off their tongues and lips repeatedly, as a reminder upon those that like to slander, spreading false news, and as a reminder for those inviting others to do good but they themselves do not practice what they preach.



These are among the incidents that were depicted as lessons and guidance for all of us.

Respected audience,

The highlight of the journey of Israa' and Mi'raaj is when Allah legislated the obligatory prayers 50 times daily, which was further reduced to only 5, just as how we are performing them now, without diminishing the reward of 50 prayers. Hence, it becomes our very responsibility as a Muslim to adhere to all of His Commands, just like in the ordainment for the 5 daily prayers, even though some may feel that it is heavy or difficult. Moreover, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 45 of soorah al-Baqarah:

وَأَسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَإِنَّهَا لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا عَلَى الْخَاشِعِينَ ﴿٤٥﴾

“And seek help through patience and prayer, and indeed, it is difficult except for the humbly submissive [to Allah].”

Dear blessed audience,

Verily, the miraculous journey of Israa' and Mi'raaj expounds to us various forms of valuable teachings and lessons, among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty and belief that Israa' and Mi'raaj actually happened for it was mentioned in al-Qur'an and authentic *ahaadeeth*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must avoid dispraised and despicable characteristics, as well as prohibited matters, so as to avoid severe torment from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Instead, to compete in performing as many good deeds in this world.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must reject those that only subscribe to their intellect (*'aql*) just to deny the *wahy* (revelation) from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, such as disputing the authenticity of Israa' and Mi'raaj.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must have great concern regarding the fulfillment of the 5 daily prayers and ensure that all family members adhere and obey to such command regardless of the location and circumstances.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَأَخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لَآيَاتٍ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ





"Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding."

(Aal-'Imraan 3:190)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.



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

Dear blessed audience,

"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)

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : 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 وَدَمَّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَأَنْصُرْنَا 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 الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا



ذَٰلِجَلَالِ وَإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدٰى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed *rahmah* and *barakah* upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents united 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*, and protect us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani* and deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*. O Allah, *Ya Rahmaan, Ya Raheem*, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah, bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board), making *waqf* and *infaq* 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 الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.
