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

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، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

Dear blessed audience,

Let us strive to increase our *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain blissfulness in our lives in this world and in the Hereafter. The *khutbah* (sermon) today is titled “**ISRAA’ AND MI’RAAJ: THE GREAT JOURNEY OF RASULULLAH ﷺ**”

¹ al-Israa’ 17:1

² Aal-‘Imraan 3:102



Respected Muslims,

As we are now in the sacred month of Rajab, the historical event of *al-Israa' wal-Mi'raaj* (the Night Journey and Ascension) is often mentioned every year. This is the proof of the power and greatness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. It is also one of the *mu'jizah* (miracles) of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. According to ibn Mas'ood *radiallaahu 'anh*, the night journey of *Israa' Mi'raaj* took place one year before he ﷺ made *hijrah* (migration) to Madeenah. This great event was recorded in the first verse of soorah al-Israa' that was recited at the beginning of the *khutbah*, which means:

"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."

Dearest audience,

In the journey of *al-Israa' wal-Mi'raaj*, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had revealed to Rasulullah ﷺ various secrets from the realm of this world and the Hereafter. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 18 of soorah an-Najm:

لَقَدْ رَأَىٰ مِنْ آيَاتِ رَبِّهِ الْكُبْرَىٰ ﴿١٨﴾

"He certainly saw of the greatest signs of his Lord."

During the event, Rasulullah ﷺ was brought into the Divine Presence of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, hence commanded with the decree of the prescribed *salawaat* (prayers). This indicated that *salaah* (prayer) seems to be the main agenda, becoming a necessity in our lives.



Furthermore, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had repeatedly commanded that we perform *salaah* in certain manners and He praised those that perform *salaah*, as mentioned in several verses of soorah al-Mu'minoon. Moreover, a special reward is conferred upon those that always safeguard their *salaah*, which is the reward of al-Firdaws, as He mentions in verses 9-11 of soorah al-Mu'minoon:

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ عَلَى صَلَوَاتِهِمْ يُحَافِظُونَ ﴿٩﴾ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْوَارِثُونَ ﴿١٠﴾ الَّذِينَ يَرِثُونَ الْفِرْدَوْسَ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿١١﴾

“And they who carefully maintain their prayers - Those are the inheritors. Who will inherit al-Firdaws. They will abide therein eternally.”

Dear esteemed audience,

According to Shaykh ‘Abdul Haleem Mahmood *rahimahullaah*, the former *Shaykh al-Azhar* (the Grand *Imaam* or rector), there are several implications from the *Israa’* and *Mi'raaj* of Rasulullah ﷺ, among them:

1. The separation of those having weak belief, filled with *shakk* (doubts) from the Muslim *ummah* having solid *imaan* and rising.
2. The Muslims of Makkah had liberated their souls from all forms of material attraction, and ridding lustful desires from themselves purely for the sake of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
3. The Muslims of Makkah became more patient and resilient in the wake of violence, oppression, and torture by the Mushrikeen (pagans) of Makkah, and it made their hearts purer in accepting the *qadr* (decree) of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.



4. Their belief in Rasulullah ﷺ became solidified, accepting all of the teachings that he conveyed, that they were willing to leave their homeland and migrate to Madeenah, performing *jihad* in upholding the *Shi'aar* (Symbols) of Islam, that Islam reaches us today.

Dear blessed Muslims,

The most special favor bestowed upon Rasulullah ﷺ on the night that was full of *barakah* (blessings) is the *'ibaadah* (act of worship) of *salaah*. Such *'ibaadah* can foster strong relationship between the slave and his Creator. *Salaah* is a moment of pleading and complete self-devotion to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Abu 'Ali ad-Daqqaq *radiyAllaahu 'anh* said: "The status of *salaah* is akin to *Mi'raaj*. It is our relationship that is the closest to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*."

Therefore, it is only befitting that the *salaah* is made with perfection, devoid of worldliness, free from the lust and desire, shielded from any *fitnah*, so that when we perform *salaah*, we have full *tawajjuh* (spiritual concentration and focus) unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, that we will taste its delight and sweetness when directing our face towards Him. Such great significance upon *salaah* that it is deemed as the second pillar of Islam, after the *shahadatayn* (the two testimony of faith). In the *hadeeth* of 'Umar bin al-Khattaab *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

الإِسْلَامُ أَنْ تَشْهَدَ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ
اللَّهِ، وَتُقِيمَ الصَّلَاةَ، وَتُؤْتِيَ الزَّكَاةَ، وَتَصُومَ رَمَضَانَ، وَتَحُجَّ
الْبَيْتَ إِنْ اسْتَطَعْتَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا

"Islam is that you should testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is His Messenger (ﷺ), that you should observe the *salaah*, pay the *zakaah*, fast during



Ramadaan, and perform Hajj to the House (Ka'bah), if you have the means to it."

(Muslim)

Moreover, those that refuse to perform *salaah* are deemed as not having religion. According to ibn 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

وَلَا دِينَ لِمَنْ لَا صَلَاةَ لَهُ

"And there is no religion for the one who does not perform *salaah*."

(at-Tabaraani)

Salaah also will be the first *'ibaadah* to be questioned about on the Day of Judgment. According to the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah ibn Qurt *radiyAllaahu 'anhu*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

"The first thing which a person will be held accountable for on the Day of Recompense is *salaah*. If it is complete, his entire actions would be complete and if it is incomplete, his entire actions would be lost."

(at-Tabaraani)

Dear respected audience,

To end the sermon this time, let us altogether ponder upon the following recommendations so as to be used as guide in our lives:

1. It is *wajib* (obligatory) upon the Muslim *ummah* to have certainty that the miraculous event of *al-Israa'* and *al-Mi'raaj* was undertaken by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, both spiritually and physically.



2. The Muslim *ummah* must remain *istiqaamah* (steadfast) in performing the *'ibaadah* of *salaah* that was decreed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* during *al-Israa' wal-Mi'raaj*.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must fully acknowledge that *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* is from the unseen matters that cannot be disputed by the human intellect.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَيَقُولُونَ لَوْلَا أُنزِلَ عَلَيْهِ آيَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِ فَقُلْ إِنَّمَا الْغَيْبُ لِلَّهِ
فَأَنْتَظِرُونَ إِنِّي مَعَكُمْ مِنَ الْمُنْتَظِرِينَ ﴿٢٠﴾

“And they say, “Why is a sign not sent down to him from his Lord?” So say, “The unseen is only for Allah [to administer], so wait; indeed, I am with you among those who wait.””

(Yoonus 10:20)

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، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ 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. اَللَّهُمَّ 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.

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا
الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾
اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
وَارْضَ اَللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ

Respected audience,

Let us pray that our country is blessed and protected from all kinds of threats as well as the spread of Covid-19 pandemic. May it be eradicated effectively and swiftly. Have certainty that behind each darkness is light that will illuminate life. Therefore, please accept the government's recommendation to get vaccinated by registering our names through MySejahtera and SElangkah, or any other methods that will enable us to be vaccinated with vaccines approved by the Ministry of Health Malaysia.



May we be among the servants of Allah who are patient when afflicted with various diseases, disciplined in abiding by the SOP and the practice of the new norm in order to fight the Covid19 pandemic, for the sake of our own safety and the community.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ
وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ
الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ
تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ،
جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطِينِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ
الدِّينِ اأَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ
عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِّمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ
وَالْتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطِينِ،
تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ، ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اأَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ
وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ
وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and blessings upon this state that



continues to prosper and progress, and that its residents remain united, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling zakaat through Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS), and give away our wealth through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Selangor Islamic Development Trust Fund), and to the orphans through *Yayasan Islam Darul Ehsan* (Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation).

اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءِ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ وَبِالْإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ
إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا
عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٣٠١﴾.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى
وَيَنْهَى عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ
تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.

