



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



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 . According to

ibn Mas'ood radiyAllaahu 'anh, the night journey of Israa' Mi'raaj took place one year before he 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-Haraam to al-Masjid al-Aqsa, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him of Our signs. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Seeing."

In the journey of al-Israa' wal-Mi'raaj, Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had revealed to Rasulullah warious secrets from the realm of this world and the Hereafter.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse
18 of soorah an-Najm:

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

During the event, Rasulullah 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:

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

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 , 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 became solidified, accepting all of the teachings that he

conveyed, that they were willing to leave their homeland and migrate to Madeenah, performing jihaad in upholding the Shi'aar (Symbols) of Islam, that Islam reaches us today.

The most special favor bestowed upon Rasulullah is 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-Daqqaaq 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 said:

"Islam is that you should testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allah and that Muhammad is His Messenger (22), 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 said:

"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 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)

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 waajib (obligatory) upon the Muslim ummah to have certainty that the miraculous event of al-Israa' and al-Mi'raaj was undertaken by Prophet Muhammad , 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.

"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)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

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



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.

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).

