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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : سُبْحَنَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ ۚ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ
الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا الَّذِي بَرَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِّنْ ءَايَاتِنَا
إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ¹.

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 وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our
taqwa of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all of His Commands

¹ al-Israa' 17:1.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

and abandoning all matters that He forbade. May we all be bestowed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this noble day, I will discuss upon a *khutbah* titled **"THE GREAT JOURNEY THAT REINVIGORATES FAITH."**

Blessed Friday audience,

When the tenth year of Prophethood arrived, grief had overwhelmed Rasulullah ﷺ with humiliation in Ta'if, the opposition by the Quraysh, the death of his uncle Abu Taalib, and the demise of his beloved wife, Sayyidatuna Khadeejah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*. It was in those moments that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had decreed for the great journey of Israa' and Mi'raaj upon Rasulullah ﷺ as *tasliyyah rabbaniyyah* or Rabbaani (Divine) entertainment and as a remedy for sorrow.

The great event of Israa' was firmly stated by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the first verse of Soorah al-Israa':

"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."

While Mi'raaj was depicted in verses 13 to 18 of Soorah an-Najm:

وَلَقَدْ رَءَاهُ نَزْلَةً أُخْرَىٰ . عِنْدَ سِدْرَةِ الْمُنْتَهَىٰ . عِنْدَهَا جَنَّةُ الْمَأْوَىٰ .
إِذْ يَغْشَى السِّدْرَةَ مَا يَغْشَىٰ . مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَغَىٰ . لَقَدْ رَأَىٰ
مِنْ ءَايَاتِ رَبِّهِ الْكُبْرَىٰ .

“And he certainly saw him in another descent At the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary - Near it is the Garden of Refuge - When there covered the Lote Tree that which covered [it]. The sight [of the Prophet] did not swerve, nor did it transgress [its limit]. He certainly saw of the greatest signs of his Lord.”

Dear blessed congregation,

Today, the *ummah* is overwhelmed with moral decadence that is becoming worrying, with the collapse of family institutions, life pressures that are unbearable, and significant decline in internalizing religious values. The question begs, why and how is it that a portion of the *ummah* is willing to give up on religious responsibilities and take lightly upon the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala*?

The answer has long been foretold through the event of Israa’ and Mi’raaj. During that journey, Rasulullah ﷺ was shown various types of punishment as warnings upon deficiencies in fulfilling the rights upon Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* and fellow humans. There were those whose heads were repeatedly bashed for taking the obligation of *salaah* lightly. Some were forced to eat thorny and bitter trees for refusing to fulfill *zakaah*, others opted for rotten meat instead of nutritious food for getting involved in adultery, and some would drown in a river of blood for allowing *riba* (usury).

All of these depictions are not to scare but instead serve as stern reminder for all us, so that we would hasten in returning to obedience unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* and fulfill the rights among fellow humans before we are punished due to that negligence.

Noble Friday congregants,

The biggest gift from the Mi'raaj is definitely the *'ibaadah* (worship) of *salaah*, as mentioned in the long narration collected by Imaam al-Bukhaari. *Salaah* is deemed by the scholars as "mi'raaj of the believers," which is the place for our *rooh*, essentially, face Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* every single day. *Salaah* is not only a routine act, but it is the meeting of the heart with God that provides tranquility, strengthen the spirit, and cleanses the soul in a world that is filled with pressures.

The entire incident also teaches us upon the concept of *ta'abbud*, which is absolute submission and obedience of the slave upon the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, even though it cannot be achieved by mere logical reasoning. As it was recorded in the book of *Seerah* by ibn Hishaam that Sayyiduna Abu Bakr *radiyAllaahu 'anh* had accepted and believed everything that Rasulullah ﷺ had mentioned.

Esteemed Friday audience,

Let us commemorate Israa' Mi'raaj this time with the certainty that the heavens that opened up for the Prophet ﷺ on the night of Israa' Mi'raaj had never shut closed for his *ummah*. Every soul that returns to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with *du'aa* (supplication), *tawbah* (repentance), and *salaah* will always remain under the protection of His *Rahmah* (Mercy).

In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

أَقْرَبُ مَا يَكُونُ الْعَبْدُ مِنْ رَبِّهِ، وَهُوَ سَاجِدٌ، فَأَكْثِرُوا الدُّعَاءَ.

"The closest that the slave comes to his Lord is when he is prostrating, so invoke Allah much (in prostration)."

(Muslim)

Then, ponder upon Israa' Mi'raaj whereby it is no classical tale that is only mentioned once a year in the *masaajid* and *suraus*. It is the guiding compass for the spiritual path that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has gifted upon this *ummah*. The compass for seeking strength, serenity, and the purpose of life. If the Prophet ﷺ returned from Mi'raaj as a stronger human being, then we are also capable of returning from *salaah* everyday with a soul that is firmer, heart that is more alive, and more confident steps toward Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Blessed guests of Allah,

Before concluding the *khutbah* today, let us altogether derive lessons as guidance in our daily life:

1. We must realize that the event of Israa' Mi'raaj reminds us upon the importance of renewing and preserving our relationship with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* through *salaah*, *tawbah*, and *du'aa*, and the emphasis for our concern upon human relationship.
2. We must create an atmosphere that is founded upon *akhlaaq* (character), affection, and exemplary behavior. A family that safeguard *salaah*

and nurture values of *imaan* (faith) serves as the first line of defense that saves the generation from moral darkness and destructive cultural attacks.

3. The historical event of Israa' Mi'raaj necessitates that we build a society that firmly clings upon the *amaanah* (trust), integrity, and responsible leadership. Leaders that have certainty in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, just, and fulfills the *amaanah* are reflections of the example of the Prophets that were seen by Rasulullah ﷺ throughout the journey of Mi'raaj.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَإِذْ قُلْنَا لَكَ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ أَحَاطَ بِالنَّاسِ وَمَا جَعَلْنَا الرُّءْيَا الَّتِي أَرَيْنَاكَ إِلَّا فِتْنَةً لِلنَّاسِ وَالشَّجَرَةَ الْمَلْعُونَةَ فِي الْقُرْآنِ وَنُخَوِّفُهُمْ فَمَا يَزِيدُهُمْ إِلَّا طُغْيَانًا كَبِيرًا.

"And [remember, O Muhammad], when We told you, "Indeed, your Lord has encompassed the people." And We did not make the sight which We showed you except as a trial for the people, as was the accursed tree [mentioned] in the Qur'an. And We threaten them, but it increases them not except in great transgression."

(Soorah al-Israa' 17:60)

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



ISLAMIC SAVOUR OBLIANCE

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

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ الشَّرِيعَةَ، هَدَى لِلنَّاسِ وَرَحْمَةً،
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ
فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.³

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَعِزَّ الْاِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَاَذِلَّ الشِّرْكَ وَالْمُشْرِكِيْنَ،
وَدَمِّرْ اَعْدَاءَ الدِّيْنِ، وَاَجْعَلْ هٰذَا الْبَلَدَ اَمِنًا مُّطْمَئِنًّا وَسَائِرَ
بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ وَفِّقْ اَئِمَّةَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَوُلَاةَ اُمُوْرِهِمْ وَجَمِيْعَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ
لِمَا فِيْهِ صَلاَحُ الْبِلَادِ وَالْعِبَادِ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ اِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْاَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِاسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنٰى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمٰى، اَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنَ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُوْر، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحُ الدِّيْنِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيْزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُوْر، تَعَكَوْ اَمِيْر شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفُ الدِّيْنِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ

عُمْرُهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لَطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah! Strengthen the 'aqeedah of the Muslims upon the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, which is upon the path of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*. Spare us from all forms of bribery and abuse of power, as well as misguidance, shirk and superstition, and protect us from *fitan* that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim *ummah*.

O Allah! Bestow peace and prosperity upon our state and nation. Protect us from all forms of disaster, fitnah and calamity. Bestow upon us leaders that have utmost integrity, firmness, and courage in upholding the Truth according to Your *Sharee'ah*.

O Allah! Protect the Muslim *ummah* and Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine. Preserve them from oppression and evil, and bestow upon them steadfastness, strength, and victory.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.⁴
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.⁵
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶

⁴ al-Furqaan 25:74.

⁵ al-Baqarah 3:201.

⁶ an-Nahl 16:90.

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