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FAITH***

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**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**

**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
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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:**

***“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.”

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.

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.**

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:

“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.

**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.

“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)



THE SECOND KHUTBAH

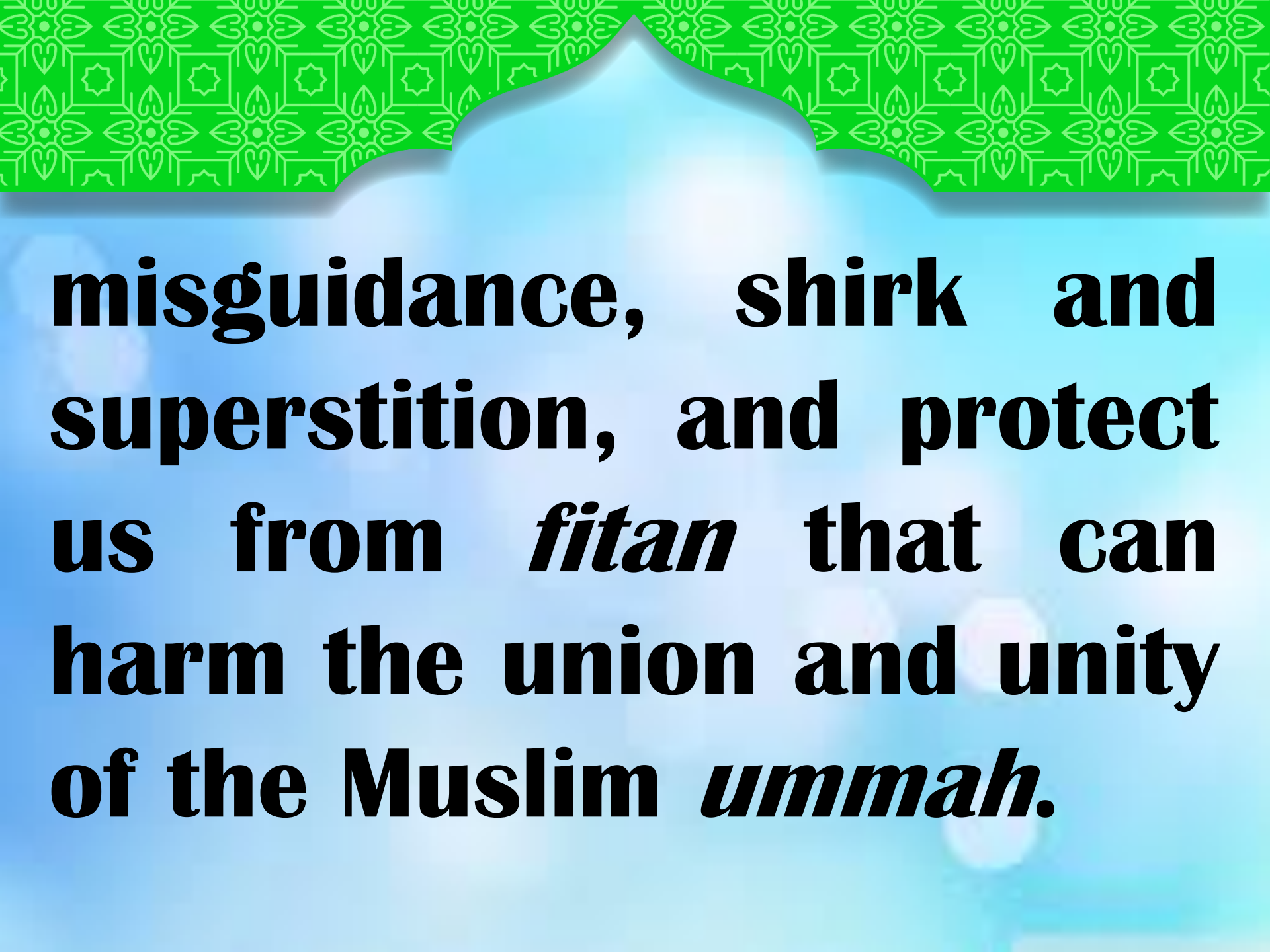


**O Allah! Strengthen the
'*aqeedah* of the Muslims
upon the creed of *Ahl as-
Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*,
which is upon the path of**



Prophet Muhammad ﷺ
and his Companions
radiyAllaahu ‘anhum.

**Spare us from all forms
of bribery, 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.**



**ILUSTRASI INI
DISEDIAKAN OLEH**

**unit khutbah
bahagian pengurusan masjid**