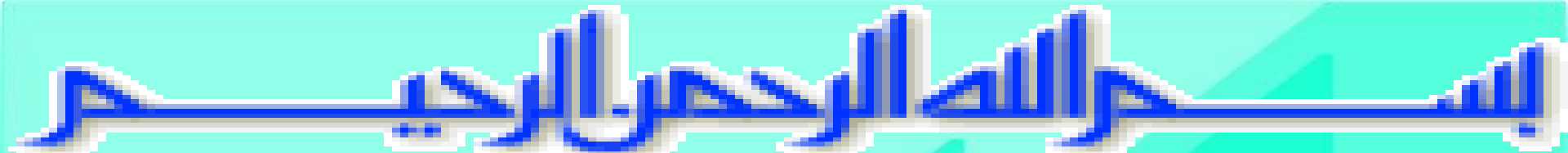





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THE GREAT EVENT OF ISRAA' AND MI'RAAJ



**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 prosperity in
this world and the
Hereafter.**



The *khutbah* that I
intend to deliver
today is titled

***“THE GREAT
EVENT OF ISRAA’
AND MI‘RAAJ.”***

In conjunction with the noble month of Rajab, let us internalize upon a very great and historical event namely *al-Israa'* and *al-Mi'raaj*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had decreed for a noble

journey to be undertaken
by His slave, Prophet
Muhammad صلى الله
عليه وسلم, from
Makkah to Bayt al-Maqdis
in Palestine, then
ascending up the
heavens to Sidr al-
Muntaha, and then to a

place known as Mustawa where he was conferred with a very important command, which is the *'ibaadah* of *salaah*. This event is mentioned in the first verse of soorah al-Israa' that was recited at

the beginning of the
khutbah:

***“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.”***

The amazing event of *Israa*' is a journey from Makkah to Bayt al-Maqdis that would normally take two long months for a round trip. But in this particular journey, it took place overnight and by

the time of Fajr, the
Prophet **صلى الله
عليه وسلم** had already
arrived in Makkah.

This great event was
vehemently denied by the
Quraysh including
Muslims having weak

imaan (faith), but it was firmly believed by the Prophet's companion, Abu Bakr, such that he was known as "*as-Siddeeq*", which means one who firmly believes.

This great event has many lessons and morals for the Muslim *ummah* in increasing its *imaan*, including lessons that truly manifest the greatness of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

According to a narration collected by at-Tabraani and al-Bazzaar, Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم had traversed through various groups of people whose lives were filled with disobedience. Among

them are those that were lazy in performing their prayers, refusing to fulfill *zakaat*, indulging in *riba*, backbiting, spreading *fitnah*, committing *zina* (adultery), arrogant, and betraying their promises.

These illustrate the severity of the punishment that awaits the *ummah* of Muhammad if they commit such disobedience and transgress against the commands of Allah.

The Prophet ﷺ was also taken to see a valley that is cool and cozy, with a breeze that carries sweet smelling fragrance of musk, and cheerful sounds of happiness heard all around.

When Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم inquired about this, Jibreel quickly responded stating that it is the voice of Paradise, begging Allah to fulfill all of the rewards that He had promised. Even though its

**dwellers are enjoying
countless bounties,
Paradise still pleads for
greater bounties in
rewarding those with
belief and performed
righteous deeds. Such
are great rewards upon**

the *ummah* of Prophet
Muhammad صلى الله
عليه وسلم whom
strictly adheres to His
Commands.

After that, Jibreel
'alayhissalaam brought
the Prophet to a place

where loud noises are heard and its air filled with foul odor. Jibreel *'alayhissalaam* stated that it is the voice of the Hellfire, asking for the torments promised to be further increased even

**though it is already
crowded with chains,
shackles, raging flames,
hot boiling water. Despite
all that, Hellfire still
requests for more
torment and punishment
upon those that**

committed shirk with
Allah and committed
disobedience.

According to the *hadeeth*
of Anas bin Maalik
radiyAllaahu 'anh, after
Rasulullah صلى الله
عليه وسلم had arrived

in Bayt al-Maqdis by riding the animal known as *Buraaq*, he entered inside Masjid al-Aqsa and prayed two *raka'ah*. According to ibn Mas'ood *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, Jibreel *'alayhissalaam* took the

Prophet to the front and made him the *imaam* in leading the Messengers in prayer. This was an indication that Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم was sent with a *Sharee'ah*, which indirectly overrides the

Sharee'ah of previous messengers.

During the journey of *al-Mi'raaj*, Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم paid a courtesy visit to Prophet Adam *'alayhissalaam* as

**the father of mankind.
This teaches us that
whenever we undertake a
journey or performing a
great task, it behoove us
to first visit our parents or
the elders of the family
and request for their**

their *du'aa* so that we will be able to perform our tasks well and safely.

Then, it was resumed with visitations to other messengers until the seventh heaven.

According to Tafseer al-Maraaghi, verily this event gave a meaningful indication that though all Messengers are of different ethnicities, era, language, and culture, but yet they greatly respect

one another. This matter should be taken as a valuable lesson for the *ummah* of Muhammad, in always establishing brotherhood, affection, mutual respect with one another, avoiding matters

that can lead to disunity
and disputes amongst
each other.

In the following series of
event, Jibreel
'alayhissalaam brought
two types of drinks,

namely intoxicant and
milk. The Prophet **صلى الله
عليه وسلم**
then chose milk, to which
Jibreel *'alayhissalaam*
stated that the Prophet
had chosen his *fitrah*
(natural disposition). Milk
symbolizes purity. While

intoxicant is the root of all evil. Allah cursed those that consume, sell, give, transport, carry, and trade intoxicants.

The peak of the historical event of *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj*

was when Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
legislated the *'ibaadah* of
salaah 50 times daily, day
and night. But after
several pleadings were
made, Allah finally
decreed that only 5 daily

prayers, but its rewards are equivalent to 50 prayers.

Salaah is a major *'ibaadah* that is akin to the pillar in a building. In the *hadeeth* of 'Umar bin

al-Khattaab *radhiyAllaahu*
'anh*, Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم **said:*

***“Salaah is the pillar of
the deen. Whoever
establishes it has
established the deen***

***and whoever neglects
and destroys it has
destroyed the deen.”***

(al-Bayhaqi)

Salaah is the link between
us and Allah ***Subhaanahu
Wa Ta'aala***. With that,

it is only appropriate
that *salaah* is
performed with
perfection, focusing
entirely on the glory of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* Alone.

According to Dr 'Abdul Haleem Mahmood in his book *al-Israa' wal-Mi'raaj*, he stated that among the lessons from *Israa' Mi'raaj* is that Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم as the seal to the rays of light sent

from Allah to this universe so that his believing *ummah* will be raised in their *darajah* (rank). Also, Prophet Muhammad was chosen by Allah as the closest human being to Him. This is as mentioned

in verse 9 of soorah an-
Najm:

***“And was at a
distance of two bow
lengths or nearer.”***

After the event of *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* took place, Rasulullah ﷺ became more diligent in his *da'wah* efforts, even though he was faced with multitudes of challenges and obstacles from the

enemies around him. However, he remained determined to continue his *da'wah* across the Arabian Peninsula. This gives a valuable lesson for us that in pursuing charitable work, it must

be accompanied by solid fighting spirit, full dedication, and responsibility, as well as being always prepared to face whatever challenges and tribulations that may arise.

To end this *khutbah*,
let us ponder and
internalize upon the
following
recommendations;

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have *imaan* and certainty with full conviction regarding the actual occurrence of *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* with Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم

2. The Muslim *ummah* must commemorate *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* by studying and deriving teachings and lessons from such significant event.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must ensure that they and their families are not neglecting the five daily prayers wherever they may be, so as to ensure salvation in this world and the Hereafter.

4. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that every good deeds will be rewarded with Paradise and violation of Allah's Commands will incur severe punishment in the Hellfire.

5. The Muslim *ummah* is reminded to remain *istiqaamah* (steadfast) in performing charitable and righteous deeds so as to reap the rewards from Allah in the Hereafter.

***“And he certainly saw him
in another descent. At the
Lote Tree of the Utmost
Boundary (Sidrat al-
Muntaha). Near it is the
Garden of Refuge (Jannat
al-Ma’wa).”***

(an-Najm 53:13-15)



*THE SECOND
KHUTBAH*



Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and



deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us



**always increase our *salawaat*
and *salaam* upon our Prophet
Muhammad صلى الله
عليه وسلم . Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
mentions:**



“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)



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah*, as an advanced state,



prosperous and providing welfare, 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*, accept our righteous
deeds, cultivate our soul with
good mannerisms, unite our**



hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani*, deviant teachings such as



***Shee'ah*, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. O Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily**



**prayers, fulfilling *zakaat*
through the Selangor *Zakaat*
Board, making *waqf* and *infaaq*
of our wealth to Selangor *Waqf*
Corporation and Islamic
Development Trust Fund of
Selangor.**



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