



"THE AMAZING JOURNEY"

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

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أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

Alhamdulillah, we are truly grateful to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* that due to His Bounties and Mercy, we are able to maintain our *imaan* and *taqwa* of Him, and having the opportunity to be at the House of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to perform the Friday prayer today. Hence, let us supplicate to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* so that our *imaan* and *taqwa* will continue to increase till we breath our last.

Our *khutbah* for this week is titled "**THE AMAZING JOURNEY**".

Respected audience,

In conjunction with the noble month of Rajab, let us renew our faith and remind ourselves of a truly great and historic event, namely *al-Israa'* and *al-Mi'raaj*. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had decreed for a noble journey upon His slave, Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, from Makkah to Bayt al-Maqdis in Palestine, where he صلى الله عليه وسلم was then raised to the heaven all the way up to *Sidrat al-Muntaha*, accompanied by Jibreel '*alayhissalaam*. From there, he صلى الله عليه وسلم ascended unaccompanied to a place called *Mustawa* to receive a very important decree, which was the '*ibaadah* of *salaah*. This event took place 11 years before he صلى الله عليه وسلم received his messengership in 622 AD. It was recorded

¹ al-Israa' 17:1



in the first verse of Soorah al-Israa', which 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 journey of *al-Israa'* and *al-Mi'raaj* that left the Quraysh amazed, was a journey from Makkah to Bayt al-Maqdis that would normally take two months to complete, one month going and another month for coming back. But instead, the long journey took place in one night, and by dawn he صلى الله عليه وسلم was already back in Makkah.

This great event holds a great secret in which we can derive lessons and penitence in increasing our faith. The blessed journey of *al-Israa'* and *al-Mi'raaj* presents several lessons that depicted the punishments for various sins committed by the *ummah* of Muhammad in this worldly life. All disobediences will be recompensed with its appropriate punishments except for those who performed *tawbah nasooaha* (sincere repentance).

According to a *hadeeth* narrated by at-Tabaraani and al-Bazzaar, Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم had witnessed groups of people whom indulged in various disobediences. Among them are those that were negligent in performing their prayers, not fulfilling *zakaat* obligation, consuming *riba*, backbiting, slandering (spreading *fitnah*), committing fornication, arrogant, betraying the trust, and many others. Likewise, he صلى الله عليه وسلم was shown the tremendous reward from Allah for those that performed *jihad* in His Path, giving charity, and performing righteous deeds.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was brought to a valley that was serene and comforting, where the wind carries sweet-smelling fragrance like *kasturi* (musk), and jolly happy voices can be heard throughout. When Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم inquired, Jibreel replied stating that it was the sound of Paradise, begging Allah to fulfill everything that He had promised. Even though its dwellers are enjoying various delights of heaven, it still asks for greater bounties as reward for those that had believed and did righteous deeds.

When Jibreel '*alayhissalaam* brought the Prophet to other valleys, there were loud noises heard and its air smelled foul. Jibreel '*alayhissalaam* mentioned that it was the sound of Hellfire, asking for the promised



punishments to be further increased even though many of its dwellers are already chained and shackled. With raging fire, hot boiling water, and thorny trees, it asks for more torment and punishment upon those who have committed shirk with Allah and committed immoralities.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* described the Hellfire in verses 6-8 of Soorah at-Takaathur:

لَتَرُونَ الْجَحِيمَ ﴿٦﴾ ثُمَّ لَتَرُونَهَا عَيِّنَ الْيَقِينِ ﴿٧﴾ ثُمَّ لَتُسْأَلُنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ ﴿٨﴾

“You will surely see the Hellfire. Then you will surely see it with the eye of certainty. Then you will surely be asked that Day about pleasure.”

Dear blessed Muslims,

According to the narration of Anas bin Maalik, after Rasulullah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم had reached Bayt al-Maqdis by riding *Buraaq*, a white animal that is a bit bigger than a donkey but smaller than a mule, he entered Masjid al-Aqsa and prayed two *raka'ah*. According to ibn Mas'ood *radiallahu 'anh*, Jibreel *'alayhissalaam* took the Prophet to the front to lead all of the messengers in prayer. This was an indication that Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم had come with a *Sharee'ah*, which indirectly abrogated the earlier *Sharee'ah*.

Before *al-Mi'raaj*, Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم had met with Prophet Adam *'alayhissalaam*, whom Jibreel *'alayhissalaam* introduced as the father of all mankind. This in itself teaches us an important lesson that before setting out on a journey or undertaking a great task, we should first see our parents or the elders within the family to ask for their blessings so that we are able to execute our tasks well and safe.

According to Tafseer al-Maraaghiy, there is one matter that should be pondered and observed thoroughly in this historical event, which showed that all messengers, though having different ancestry and era, they were all united with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* whom had sent them. Hence, should not their followers also unite, following the footsteps of their messengers, so that all affairs that are associated between them can be resolved towards peace not division?



In the following event, Jibreel *'alayhissalaam* came with two different beverages, namely alcohol and milk. The Prophet ﷺ chose milk, in which Jibreel *'alayhissalaam* stated that the Prophet had chosen his *fitrah* (natural disposition). The milk symbolizes sanctity. According to Imaam an-Nawawi, the meaning of *fitrah* is Islam. Alcohol is the root of all evil and the work of the devil. Allah cursed the consumer of alcohol, its seller, its provider, and its transporter whether in big or small bottles, small or big cans. All of them are impurities that are loathed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Even the door of Hellfire is widely open awaiting them in the Hereafter.

Dear beloved audience,

The climax of *al-Israa'* and *al-Mi'raaj* was the ordainment of the *'ibaadah* of *salaah* 50 times in a day. But on the way back, the Prophet ﷺ met up with Prophet Moosa *'alayhissalaam*, whom suggested that he beseeched Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for a lighter command for that decree would be heavy upon the *ummah* of Muhammad. After appealing, in the end Allah commanded for five daily prayers with its rewards equivalent to 50 prayers.

In performing *salaah*, the body, the mind, and attention, as well as its recitations are all solely for Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* Alone. This is because *salaah* is a major *'ibaadah* that is akin to the pillar of a building. From the *hadeeth* of 'Umar bin al-Khattaab *radiallaahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

الصَّلَاةُ عِمَادُ الدِّينِ فَمَنْ أَقَامَهَا فَقَدْ أَقَامَ الدِّينَ وَمَنْ تَرَكَهَا فَقَدْ هَدَمَ

الدِّينَ

"Salaah is the pillar of the religion. Whoever establishes it has established the religion. Whoever neglects it has destroyed the religion"

(*al-Baihaqi*).

Salaah denotes our relationship with Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Because of that, it is only befitting that it is performed with perfection, devoid of worldly matters, desires, lusts, and the realm of *fitnah*, so that the one performing *salaah* can fully focus on Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and His Essence.



The highest and most valuable part on the physical body symbolically is the head. Because of that, many would even risk their lives or feel dissatisfied if their heads are toyed by others. But it is a different matter when standing in front of Allah. With full cognizance, the head is lowered willingly to the lowest height, parallel with the ground where the foot steps, humbling oneself in front of Allah, The Most Exalted, The Most Supreme, far above everything.

Dear respected audience,

After the event of *al-Israa'* and *al-Mi'raaj*, Rasulullah ﷺ became more diligent in his *da'wah* efforts, though faced with various obstacles and challenges from enemies around him. However, he ﷺ remained firm, unafraid of what is to come while earnestly giving *da'wah* to the entire Arabian Peninsula. This provides a lesson to us that performing charitable work necessitates high morale, with full dedication and responsibility, and always willing to face any challenges. *Insha Allah*, its results will yield excellent success in the Sight of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Dearest audience,

In concluding the *khutbah*, let us ponder and internalize upon the following recommendations:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have firm belief and certainty upon the event of *al-Israa'* and *al-Mi'raaj* that was mentioned in al-Qur'an and *hadeeth*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must commemorate *al-Israa'* and *al-Mi'raaj*, not just by reading it as part of history, but to research, take heed, and derive lessons upon everything that occurred during that great event.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must ensure that along with their families, they do not neglect the five daily prayers, regardless of location, so as to ensure success in this world and the Hereafter.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that any violation of Allah's Commands will definitely be punished as depicted in the event of *al-Israa'* and *al-Mi'raaj*.



5. The Muslim *ummah* is reminded to engage in charitable and righteous deeds so as to attain tremendous rewards from Allah in the Hereafter, as depicted in this great event.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَلَقَدْ رَءَاهُ نَزْلَةً أُخْرَى ﴿١٣﴾ عِنْدَ سِدْرَةِ الْمُنْتَهَى ﴿١٤﴾ عِنْدَهَا جَنَّةُ الْمَأْوَى ﴿١٥﴾

“And he certainly saw him in another descent at the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary - near it is the Garden of Refuge.”

(an-Najm 53:13-15)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

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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. اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

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.

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

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اَللّٰهُمَّ عَنْ اَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْاَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْاَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ اِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْاَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِاَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى اَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ سُلْطَانَ سَلَاعُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحُ



الدِّينِ عَبْدَ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِّ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِيُوَلِّيَّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُورٍ، تَعْكُو اَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ
ادريس شاه الحاج في اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ.
اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمَوْظَفَيْنِ 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 *ni'mah*, that we are able to continue the effort in empowering the Muslim *ummah* especially in the state of Selangor, 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*. Protect us from the practices and *'aqeedah* that are deviating and astray such as *Shee'ah*, *Qadiyaani*, and other ideologies. O Allah, strengthen our unity, increase our *rizq*, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, protect us from disasters and epidemics especially the H5N1 (H Five N One) avian flu outbreak. We humbly beseech you O Allah, so that this outbreak does not spread to our state, Selangor Darul Ehsan. *Allaahummaa ameen!*

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ اَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ اَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ اِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا اِنَّا
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَفِي الْاٰخِرَةِ حَسَنَةٌ وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ. اِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ
وَالْاِحْسَانِ وَاِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ عِظْمُكُمْ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩﴾

فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ اَعْلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ اَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

