



## “ISRAA’ AND MI’RAAJ STRENGTHENS THE FAITH”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: سُبْحَنَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا الَّذِي بَرَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِنْ عَايَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ<sup>1</sup>  
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.<sup>2</sup>

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

Let us altogether strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain success in this world and the Hereafter.

Today’s *khutbah* is titled **“ISRAA’ AND MI’RAAJ STRENGTHENS THE FAITH.”**

**Dear respected audience,**

*Israa’* (night journey) and *Mi’raaj* (ascension) are among the important events in Islam. It is a *mu’jizah* (miracle) and a great favor from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ after he was faced with oppositions from the Quraysh leaders and the demise of both his beloved wife and uncle whom had both greatly aided and protected him (ﷺ) in the *da’wah* work.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta’aala* mentions in the first verse of soorah al-Israa’ that was recited earlier in the *khutbah*, which means:

**“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.”**

This is the *daleel* (proof) from al-Qur’an that becomes the creed and belief of the Muslim *ummah* regarding the event of *Israa’* and *Mi’raaj*. When al-Qur’an mentions an

<sup>1</sup> al-Israa’ 17:1.

<sup>2</sup> Aal-‘Imraan 3:102.



event, then there is no other choice for the Muslim *ummah* but to have firm belief upon it for it is a revelation from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Allah began with the word "سُبْحَانَ" which gave the meaning Exalted is Allah from being equated with the creations that *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* is a great event that was truly magnificent and extraordinary, far beyond the imagination of the human intellect and capability. After that, Allah mentions "الَّذِي أَسْرَى" which means "who had caused *Israa'* or caused a journey" giving the understanding that the Prophet ﷺ was placed on a journey by Allah, not a journey undertaken by the Prophet ﷺ willfully because the Prophet ﷺ is a slave of Allah who is fully subjected to the will of Allah.

The great event of *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* was mentioned in several authentic *hadeeth*, on the authority of Anas bin Maalik, as it was recorded by al-Imaam al-Bukhaari and Muslim, which explains the entire event of *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj*.

In one night, angel Jibreel descended and brought the Prophet ﷺ to Baytullah. Jibreel then opened up the chest of Rasulullah ﷺ and cleaned his heart with *zamzam* water, hence it was poured with *hikmah* (wisdom) and *imaan* (belief). Then, the Prophet ﷺ rode Buraaq to Bayt al-Maqdis and he ﷺ then performed two *raka'ah* there.

After completing the *salaah*, Jibreel served one vessel that contained intoxicant and another vessel that was filled with milk. Hence, the Prophet ﷺ chose milk as a symbol for Islam, the religion of *fitrah* (natural disposition). The *'aqeedah*, *sharee'ah*, and *akhlaaq* of Islam are compatible with the human will and creation. Any of the Islamic teachings will not contradict with human nature.

**Dear beloved audience,**

At the same time, this event was manipulated by the Quraysh disbelievers in stirring doubt so that the believers will not believe in what was mentioned by the Prophet ﷺ. In truth, everything that he ﷺ had witnessed are matters that are totally unacceptable through logical reasoning. Therefore, Sayyidina Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq *radiyAllahu 'anh*, when asked of his position regarding *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj*, he calmly replied:

لَئِنْ كَانَ قَالَ فَقَدْ صَدَقَ، إِنِّي لَأُصَدِّقُهُ فِيمَا هُوَ أَبْعَدُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ

**"If he said that, then he is telling the truth. I believe him in matters that are even more extraordinary than that."**

**Dear blessed Muslims,**

This great event has numerous lessons and penitence for the Muslim *ummah* in increasing its *imaan*, as well as several teachings that demonstrated the greatness of Allah.



Allah had decreed for the journey of the Prophet ﷺ to only take one night, from Masjid al-Haram to Bayt al-Maqdis to Sidrat al-Muntaha, and returned to Masjid al-Haram. When in reality, the journey from Masjid al-Haram to Bayt al-Maqdis alone would take 40 days to complete.

Many events were shown to depict the outcome of deeds committed by mankind in this world that will be judged in the Hereafter. Every righteous deed will be rewarded multifold, while the bad deeds will be recompensed with punishments befitting.

According to a *hadeeth* narrated by at-Tabaraani and al-Bazaar, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ had passed by various groups of people whose lives were filled with acts of disobedience (*ma'siyyah*). Among them is laziness in performing *salaah* (prayer), refusing to pay *zakaah*, indulging in *riba*, backbiting, slandering, *zinaa* (adultery), being arrogant, and betraying their promises. This illustrates the severity of the torment that will be inflicted upon humanity if they continue to indulge in disobedience and rebellious to Allah.

The Prophet ﷺ was also brought to see a valley that is cozy and serene, its breeze carrying sweet smelling fragrance of musk, with cheerful sounds of happiness heard. That is the voice of paradise, pleading Allah to grant all of the rewards that He had promised, even though its dwellers are enjoying various heavenly favors, and yet the heaven still ask for greater favors as rewards for those having believed and performed righteous deeds. Such is the multitude of rewards for the *ummah* of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ who remained obedient to His Commands.

During the *Mi'raaj*, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ met Prophet Aadam 'alayhissalaam and other messengers all the way up to the seventh heaven. According to *Tafseer al-Maraaghiy*, in these events there lies an underlying meaning that all *Rasool*, though of different descendants, era, and language, yet all of them had great respect for each other. This praiseworthy attitude should be embraced as lesson for mankind in always fostering brotherhood, affection, mutual respect, and avoiding matters that can cause disunity amongst each other.

### **Blessed audience,**

The highlight of the historical event of *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* was that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had ordained *salaat al-fard* (obligatory prayer) to be performed 5 times daily. *Salaah* is the very link between us and Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Hence, it is only befitting that *salaah* is performed with perfection for it is the best prevention. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 45 of soorah al-Ankaboot:

إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ تَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ ۚ

***"Indeed, prayer prohibits immorality and wrongdoing..."***

Verily, *salaah* is a major *'ibaadah* (worship) that is likened to the pillar inside a building. In the *hadeeth* of 'Umar bin al-Khattaab *radhiyAllahu 'anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:



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

الدِّينَ

**"Prayer is the pillar of the religion. He who establishes it has established his religion and whoever abandons it has demolished his religion."**

(al-Bayhaqi)

Dear respected audience,

To end today's *khutbah*, let us ponder upon the lessons from the *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* of Rasulullah ﷺ in serving as guidance for our lives. Among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* is true and it proves the magnificence of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that internalizing upon the event of *Israa'* and *Mi'raaj* can increase the *imaan* and life's well-being.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must remain penitent that rebellion against Allah will only incur His Wrath.

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 ﴿٦٠﴾

**"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."**

(al-Israa' 17:60)

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





## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ثُمَّ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ. 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 أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

وَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا

تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

***"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)

اَللّٰهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْاَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْاَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ اِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْاَمِينِ، اَنْ تَحْفَظَ جَلَالَهٖ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسَ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. لَوْلِيْ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَغْكُوْا اَمِيْرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانِ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسَ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمُؤَظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدٰى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed *rahmah* and *barakah* upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents united 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*, and protect us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Ahmadiyyah* or *Qadiyaani* and teachings declared as astray such as *Shree'ah* and DAESH Militant Movement. O Allah, Ya *Rahmaan*, Ya



*Raheem*, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities and pandemic such as Covid-19 and others.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا يَضُرُّ مَعَ اسْمِهِ شَيْءٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ وَهُوَ  
السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. اللَّهُمَّ ادْفَعْ عَنَّا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْغَلَاءَ وَالرِّبَا وَالزَّنَا وَالْمِحْنَ وَسُوءَ الْفِتَنِ  
مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَّنَ عَنْ بَلَدِنَا هَذَا خَاصَّةً وَعَنْ سَائِرِ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ عَامَةً يَا رَبَّ  
الْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، أَنْتَ الْغَنِيُّ وَنَحْنُ الْفُقَرَاءُ، نَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ  
زَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ وَتَحَوُّلِ عَافِيَتِكَ وَفُجَاءَةِ نِقْمَتِكَ وَجَمِيعِ سَخَطِكَ.

O Allah, bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board), making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor *Waqf* Corporation) and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا  
فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ  
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠٦﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ  
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

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