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ISRA' AND MI'RAJ: A REMINDER FOR MANKIND



I urge all of us to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. Let us busy ourselves with the *dhikr* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala*,

increase our *salawat* upon the Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* and implementing his *sunnah* the best we can. We truly hope that this will benefit us in this world and the Hereafter.

The month of Rajab is often associated with a historical event that was experienced by Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*, an event that greatly tested the faith of the Muslims upon his *risaalah*

and prophet hood *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*. Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala had manifested His love for Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* during the incident of *isra’* and *mi’raj*, after all the difficulties and tribulations

that he *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* experienced in the effort of conveying the *risaalah* to mankind. At one point, he *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* was boycotted by his own tribe. He *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* was tested with the loss of

loved ones, also physically harmed and injured by his enemies. Resulting from these series of trials, he *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* was bestowed honor and dignified through the event of *isra'* and *mi'raj*.

It was in this journey that Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* met with various prophets en route to meeting Allah *Subhaanahu Wata 'aala* by His Leave, in receiving the commandment for the five daily prayers.

In addition, this historical event had greatly informed us of the enjoyment and punishment of life after death; the reward for the believers and punishment for those that have transgressed and disobeyed Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘ala.

All these were witnessed by Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* and explained by Jibreel *'alayhissallam* whom accompanied him throughout the journey. Among the types of punishment that was shown to

Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* were:

1- A group of people whose heads were being crushed with boulders. After becoming smashed, their heads would again resume their original shape, only to be crushed again.

This process would continue ceaselessly. These were those that were neglectful of their *salaah*.

2- A group of people consuming thorny plants. They were those that did not fulfill their *zakaah*.

3- A group of people who were eating stinking meat with voracity and avoiding the good meat. They were the fornicators and adulterers who leave what is lawful and seek what is forbidden.

4- A group of people who were struggling to carry a very large bundle of wood which they were unable to bear, yet wanted to carry even more. They were those who had been a trustee of people's possessions, but had failed to discharge the trust.

And yet, they were eager and willing to take on more of the things of people in trust.

5- A group of people swimming in a sea of blood while their mouth filled with stones. They were those that consumed *ribaa*'.

6- A group of people with copper nails scratching their faces and chests. They then ate from their own flesh, and later took the rotten flesh of others and ate it. They were those who slandered and dishonored others.

Aside from those mentioned above, there were few more others that was shown to Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* in that night journey. Some were glad tidings and others frightening. Indeed, all the incidents shown

to him *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* during *isra’* and *mi‘raj* journey serve as heavy reminder for the Muslim *ummah* to abstain from the prohibited matters ordained by Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala

and His Messenger *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*. As His slaves, it behooves us to fear the punishments that were illustrated above in motivating us to always increase our *taqwa* of Allah Subhaanahu Wata 'aala.

Even though we did not ourselves witness them, we must have full certainty that every information conveyed by Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* are all true.

What is apparent in our society today is that the Muslims are neglectful of the admonitions from the incident of *isra'* and *mi'raj*. Some of the Muslims feel comfortable and safe even though neglectful of their daily obligatory prayers.

Others are too occupied with their work and business while other Muslims are obedient in fulfilling their *salaah* duty.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

“But there came after them successors who neglected prayer and pursued desires; so they are going to meet evil.”

(Maryam 19:59)

Nowadays, moral indecencies and corruption are rampant in our society, and they are becoming difficult to curb. Zina, prostitution, rape, and many others are repeatedly reported in the newspapers.

These despicable acts are being committed by Muslims of old, young, married, and single.

Why is it that they are willing to eat rotten flesh eternally in the Hereafter just by fulfilling their very own lustful desire in this world?

Certainly these types of people
are heedless of any form of
admonition and warning from
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*
due to their insatiable desire
overpowering them.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*
mentions in al-Qur’ān:

“And We have certainly created for Hell many of the jinn and mankind. They have hearts with which they do not understand, they have eyes with which they do not see, and they have ears

with which they do not hear.
Those are like livestock;
rather, they are more astray.
It is they who are the
heedless.”

(al-A‘raaf 7:179)

One of the detested characteristics in the human being is jealousy and envy.

They exist for mankind is never satisfied and content with what they possess, and always envious with the extras that others have.

This results in gossiping, slander, calumny, abuses, and others of its like. Thus the reason why Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* had given pre-warning regarding the severe torment that awaits, as it was shown during *isra’* and *mi ‘raj*.

In this regard, Allah
Subhaanahu Wata'aala has
given the reminder in al-Qur'an:
“He [i.e. man] does not utter
any word except that with him
is an observer prepared [to
record].” (Qaaf 50:18)

In reality, slandering and hurling *fitnah* only leaves severe impact on the unity of the Muslim *ummah*. The community will further become divided, chaotic, and fighting amongst themselves; all because of reckless words.

In this modern times, slandering and *fitnah* is not only manifested through the tongue but also widespread through writings whether in the newspaper, magazine, or the internet. The commentary section, online forums,

and others have become the medium to vent one's anger, grievance, and rancor that were kept within the self. Without much realization, these ugly behaviors have further intensified the jealousy and envy amongst Muslims.

Such disease must be curbed to prevent it from becoming cancerous illness that destroys harmonious living. Those perpetrators must be fully educated and given the realization with reminders

upon the punishments of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala. It is
hoped that with such reminder,
mankind will become penitent
of their wrongdoing and
changes for a better lifestyle
that is pleasing to Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.

Indeed, everything that originates from Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* has its own purpose and objectives.

Whatever its meaning or objective may be, we are certain that it is for the benefit of His creations living on this earth,

especially mankind. Similarly, those incidents that were shown during *isra'* and *mi'raj*, intended for the Muslim *ummah* to awaken and become conscious for constant self-improvement before the promised day is established;

the day in which no benefit comes from the wealth or offspring; the day in which there is no shade except the shade of Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*; that is the Day of Recompense.

“The Day when there will not benefit [anyone] wealth or children. But only one who comes to Allah with a sound heart.”

(ash-Shu‘araa’ 26:88-89)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقْبَلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ أَقُولُ
قُولِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

O Allah,

The Most Merciful, we thank You for all Your Mercy and Pleasure that enable us to enhance and strengthen our Islamic states, especially Selangor, as a developed and peaceful state.

O Allah, We beg you to increase our good practice, strengthen our unity, grant us prosperous life, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, flourish our souls with noble character, return our youngsters to the right path, save us from Your biggest test such

as deluge, drought, epidemic,
dispute and division, poverty
and others so that this country
will be more prosperous and
blessed by You.



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