



LESSONS FROM THE JOURNEY OF THE NOBLE ONE
IN CONJUNCTION WITH ISRA' MIKRAJ
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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ وَأَنْعَمَ، وَهَدَانَا بِالْقُرْآنِ لَلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ،

قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَلَقَدْ رَآهُ نَزْلَةً أُخْرَى ﴿١٣﴾ عِنْدَ سِدْرَةِ الْمُنْتَهَى ﴿١٤﴾ عِنْدَهَا جَنَّةُ الْمَأْوَى ﴿١٥﴾ إِذْ يَغْشَى السِّدْرَةَ مَا يَغْشَى

﴿١٦﴾ مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَغَى ﴿١٧﴾ لَقَدْ رَأَى مِنْ آيَاتِ رَبِّهِ الْكُبْرَى ﴿١٨﴾

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ

وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَأَيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ،

وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى، وَاتَّقُونِ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ، لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

On this blessed day, let us together increase our conviction in Allah SWT by performing all that He has commanded and abandoning all that He has prohibited. May we find success in this world and in the Hereafter.

The arrival of the month of Rejab touches the souls of Muslims all over the world, especially when reminiscing the great event that happened to our beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW, namely *Isra' and Mi'raj* (which is his night journey and ascension to Heaven). These events will continue to be remembered from one generation to another, and its significance reflected upon until the end of this



world. Accordingly, the *khatib* today shall discuss the sermon entitled "**Lessons from The Journey of the Noble One**".

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah

The burden of *da'wah* work borne by Rasulullah SAW was great indeed, especially because it received strong opposition from the Arabs and in all angles. It was further compounded with the departure and passing of those people who were important in the life of Rasulullah SAW, who had made huge contributions in helping and assisting Rasulullah SAW to propagate and spread the message of Islam. Even for a person as great as Rasulullah SAW, sadness and disappointment was most certainly felt when he faced that situation. But, Allah SWT's great design and planning overcame everything, and all those feelings were cured and replaced with a greater feeling of reverence when Rasulullah SAW was invited to meet Allah SWT.

Rasulullah SAW started the journey from Makkah, headed towards Palestine, and subsequently transported through the layers of Heaven before arriving at *Sidratul Muntaha*. Allah SWT stated in Surah al-Isra', paragraph 1:

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا
حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

Which means: "Glory to (Allah) Who did take His servant for a Journey by night from the Sacred Mosque to the farthest Mosque, whose precincts We did bless, - in order that We might show him some of Our Signs: for He is the One Who hears and sees (all things)".

The event took place in less than a night, after which the Prophet SAW returned to Makkah. It was a great miracle that has never been accorded to any man, even to the earlier prophets. The *Khatib* would like to bring attention of the audience to verses 13 to 18, Surah al-Najm, which was read earlier in the sermon:



Which means: "And he (Muhammad) saw him once again, near Sidra-tul-Muntaha (the Lotte-tree at the farthest end of the seven heavens, beyond which none can pass). Near it is Janna-tul-M'awa (the rest-house of paradise). Behold the Lotte-tree was shrouded (in mystery unspeakable!) (His) sight never swerved nor did it go wrong! For truly did he see of the Signs of his Lord the Greatest!"

According to Imam Ibn Kathir rahimahullah, this verse shows that Rasulullah SAW was presented with some signs of Allah SWT's greatness. Among them, Rasulullah SAW saw the Angel Jibril in his real shape and form. This revelation is to deny the allegations of the disbelievers who do not believe that Rasulullah SAW had indeed received revelations through the Angel Jibril. Although the unbelievers could not see it, but Allah SWT's description of the Angel Jibril through the Al-Quran has strengthened faith, dispelled disbelief and doubts to the point of increasing man's conviction towards the teachings of the Al-Quran as a whole.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Isra' and Mikraj experienced by Rasulullah SAW has many implications and lessons. Among them is the obligatory five-times-a-day daily prayers. This command is one of the pillars of Islam and is a prerequisite to enter the Paradise of Allah SWT. Imam Muslim Rahimahullah recorded a Hadith as narrated by Jabir bin Abdillah RA:

أَنَّ رَجُلًا سَأَلَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ. فَقَالَ: أَرَأَيْتَ إِذَا صَلَّيْتُ الصَّلَوَاتِ
الْمَكْتُوبَاتِ وَصُمْتُ رَمَضَانَ وَأَحَلَلْتُ الْحَلَالَ وَحَرَمْتُ الْحَرَامَ، وَلَمْ أَزِدْ عَلَى ذَلِكَ شَيْئًا،
أَأَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ؟ قَالَ: نَعَمْ. قَالَ: وَاللَّهِ لَا أَزِيدُ عَلَى ذَلِكَ شَيْئًا. (رواه مسلم)

Which means: "A man asked the Prophet, he said: What are your views if I pray with the prayers that have been required (five daily prayers), fasting in the month of Ramadan, enjoin good and forbid evil, and I do not add anything more to such things. Will I go to heaven? Rasulullah SAW answered: Yes. The man said: By Allah, I will not add anything more to those things."



Glory be to Allah SWT! The *Hadith* above signalled to all that this is a basic condition to be fulfilled to qualify for the Paradise of Allah SWT. It is the greatest blessing of Allah SWT. But, unfortunately, today's Muslims often ignore their daily prayers. This phenomenon is very disappointing and sad. Do we not aspire to attain the paradise of Allah SWT? If we aspire to attain it, then why do we ignore the daily prayers? Hopefully we are given the chance to repent during the remainder of our life.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Through authenticated records, Rasulullah SAW was shown Paradise and Hell, as well as its dwellers, during the *Isra and Mi'raj*. This reinforces the fact that the reward of Paradise and the punishment of Hell are true. Secondly, it is indeed the place for all mankind to return to.

Life in this world only acts as a testing ground for all mankind. Thus, there is no choice but for mankind to obey the commands of Allah SWT who had created them. Disobeying His commands by committing sin and wrongdoing will invite His wrath. The world today has witnessed the spread of evil regardless of gender. This *hadith*, narrated by Ibn Abbas RA and recorded by Imam al-Bukhari rahimahullah:

لَعَنَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ الْمُتَشَبِّهِينَ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ بِالنِّسَاءِ، وَالمُتَشَبِّهَاتِ مِنَ
النِّسَاءِ بِالرِّجَالِ. (رواه البخاري)

Which means: "Rasulullah SAW curses the men who make themselves look like women and women who look like men."

This is not just an issue about the freedom of attire or how to dress, but worse, it is a denial of a person's natural inherent qualities of mind and character as well as *Qada al-Qadr* of Allah SWT. Do we want our daughters, wives, sisters and mothers to mingle with such fake 'women'? Who would continue our family lineage if our young girls marry so-called 'men'? These are deviations that affect today's modern society. Society does not benefit from such deviations. In fact, it will cause



damage to the society. If this act of deviation is cursed by Rasulallah SAW, then do not hope to gain any blessings or assistance in the Hereafter.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Before the event of *Isra and Mikraj*, the Angel Jibril first came to Rasulallah SAW, opened up Rasulallah SAW's chest, washed and removed all impurities from his heart before replacing it with knowledge and wisdom. This is a symbolic act of purifying the heart and soul of a person, before replacing it with Islamic beliefs and practices. Both knowledge and wisdom, together with beliefs, are needed if we are to perform in order to serve Allah SWT. How would our deeds be accepted if it is performed with an impure heart?

Life in this world is very short. Mankind's resolve and capacity are also very limited. How unfortunate we are because when we perform a task, we tend to take its value as limited only to this world rather than extending it to the Afterlife, an eternal world.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

To end today's sermon, let us reflect upon these takeaways as a reminder and guidance for all of us:

First: *Isra' and Mikraj* was a great event, and a gift from Allah SWT to Rasulallah SAW.

Second: Performing the five daily prayers is an obligation that must be fulfilled by every Muslim.

Third: Stay away from wrongdoing and evil, and try to always cleanse the soul.

As declared by Allah SWT in Surah al-Nur, verse 21:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



يَتَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ وَمَنْ يَتَّبِعْ خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ فَإِنَّهُ يَأْمُرُ بِالْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ ؕ وَلَوْلَا فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَتُهُ مَا زَكَا مِنْكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ أَبَدًا وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يُزَكِّي مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ

سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢١﴾

Which means: “O, you who believe! Follow not Satan's footsteps: if any will follow the footsteps of Satan, he will (but) command what is shameful and wrong: and were it not for the grace and mercy of Allah on you, not one of you would ever have been pure: but Allah does purify whom He pleases: and Allah is One Who hears and knows (all things).”

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ،
وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلَ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي
وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ يَا فَوْزَ
الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ .



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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلِيِّ الصَّالِحِينَ، وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ، وَلَا عُدْوَانَ إِلَّا عَلَى الظَّالِمِينَ،
وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى إِمَامِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ، وَقُدُورَةِ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ الْمُبِينُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ
سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، صَادِقُ الْوَعْدِ الْأَمِينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ، وَحَافِظُوا عَلَى الطَّاعَةِ
وَحُضُورِ الْجُمُعَةِ مَعَ الْمُصَلِّينَ. وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى أَمْرُهُ بِأَمْرٍ بَدَأَ فِيهِ
بِنَفْسِهِ وَتَنَّى بِمَلَائِكَتِهِ الْمُقْرَبِينَ. فَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى مُخْبِرًا وَآمِرًا بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ :

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا

تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ
وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا
بَارَكْتَ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ فِي الْعَالَمِينَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مُجِيدٌ.



وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ الْأَرْبَعَةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ سَادَاتِنَا أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ وَعُثْمَانَ وَعَلِيًّا، وَعَنْ أَزْوَاجِ نَبِيِّنَا الْمُطَهَّرَاتِ وَعَنْ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَسَائِرِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. وَارْضَ عَنَّا بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَنْزِلِ الرَّحْمَةَ عَلَى السَّلَاطِينِ الْكِرَامِ وَوُلَاةِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ الْعِظَامِ الَّذِينَ قَضَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَبِهِ كَانُوا يَعْدِلُونَ، وَخُصُوصًا عَلَى سِرِّي قُدُوكِ بِكَيْنِدَا يَغِ دَفَرْتَوَانِ اكَوْغِ الْمُعْتَصِمِ بِاللَّهِ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ تَوَانِكُو الْحَاجِّ عَبْدِ الْحَلِيمِ مُعَظَّمِ شَاهِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانِ بَدَلِي شَاهِ، وَعَلَى سِرِّي قُدُوكِ بِكَيْنِدَا رَاجِ قَرْمَايسُورِي اكَوْغِ تَوَانِكُو حَاجِهِ حَمِينِهِ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمُؤَدِّينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ. اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مَالِيزِيَا وَسَائِرَ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ طَيْبَةً آمِنَةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً رَخِيَّةً، يَا رُوُوفُ بِالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ مَنْ نَصَرَ الدِّينَ، وَاخْذُلْ مَنْ خَذَلَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَعْلِ كَلِمَتَكَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ، وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ.

O, Allah, You are the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful, we are thankful for all the favours and blessings that You have bestowed upon us, grant to us and to our



leaders guidance and direction, strengthen the unity among us, join our hearts to act in Your way, facilitate all our affairs, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, invigorate our souls with good morals, lead us to the path which You approve of, strengthen our faith when faced with all forms of trials and tests from You, preserve the peace, security and tranquillity of our nation Malaysia, especially the area of our Federal Territories. Protect us from any form of upheaval, turmoil and chaos.

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ.
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 ﴿٩٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.