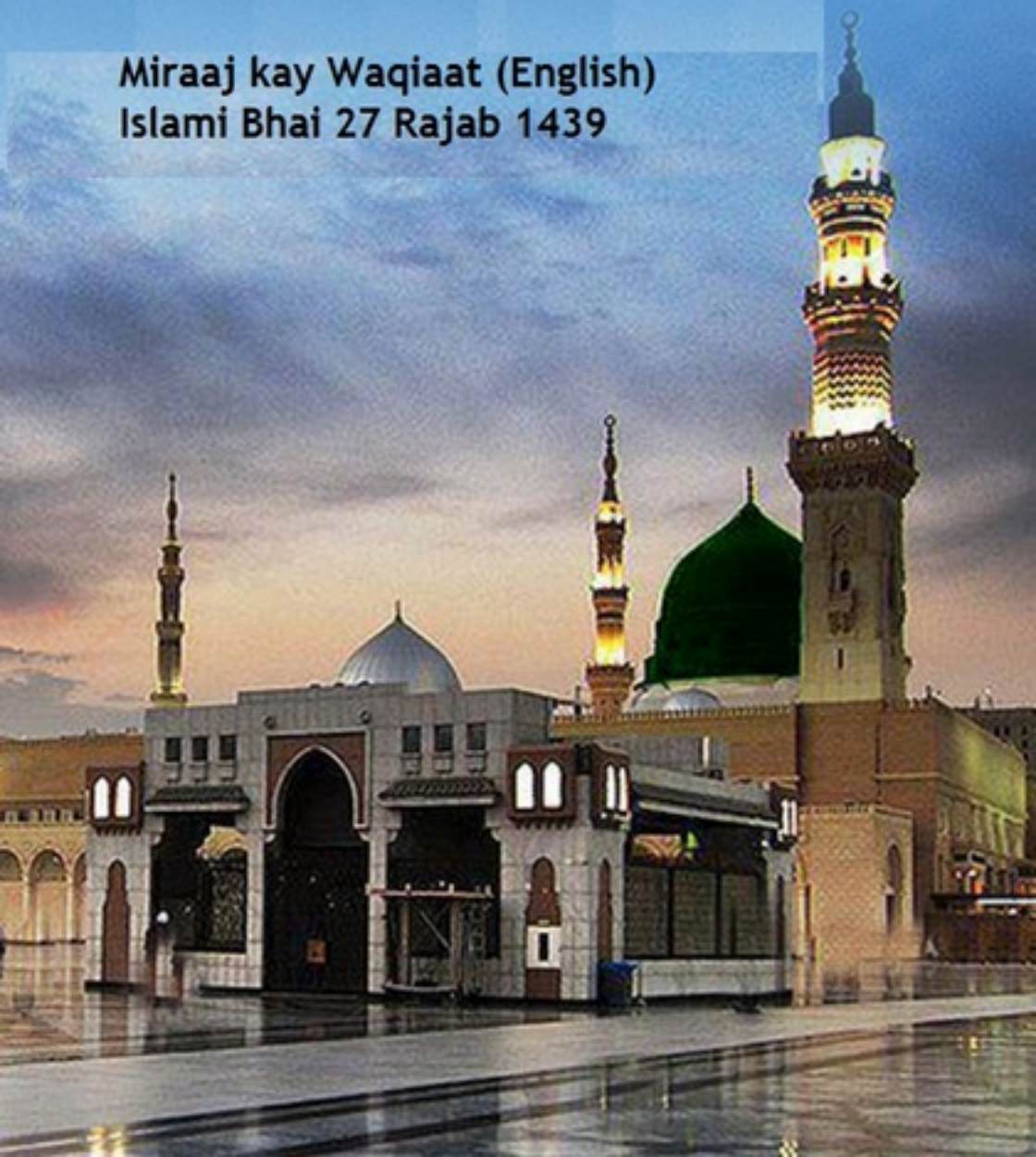


Parables of Mi'raaj

Miraaj kay Waqiaat (English)
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أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

Translation: I have made the intention of Sunnah I'tikaf.

Dear Islamic brothers! Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of Nafil (supererogatory) I'tikaf because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafil I'tikaf.

Remember! By Shari'ah, it is not allowed to eat, drink and sleep in the Masjid, but if one makes the intention of I'tikaf he will be allowed to do these acts in Masjid. It is also important that one shouldn't make the intention of I'tikaf just to eat, drink or sleep. It should be made to earn reward. It is stated in *Rad-dul-Muhtar (Shaami)*: 'If someone wants to eat, drink or sleep in a Masjid, he should make the intention of I'tikaf, make some Zikr and then do what he wants (i.e. eat, drink or sleep).'

Excellence of Salat-'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Rasool of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: 'يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ! إِنَّ أَنْجَاكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مِنْ أَهْوَالِهَا وَمَوَاطِنِهَا أَنْ تَلْتَمِسُوا عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً فِي دَارِ الدُّنْيَا' O people! Undoubtedly, on the Judgment Day the person who will attain salvation from its terror and

accountability amongst you will be the one who would have recited Salat upon me abundantly in the world. *(Al-Firdaus-ul-Akhbar, vol. 2, pp. 471, Hadees 8210)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'يِنَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a believer is better than his action.*

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942)

Two Madani pearls

- Without a good intention, no reward is granted for a good deed.
- The more righteous intentions one makes the greater reward he will attain.

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in reverential posture like that in Tashahhud as long as possible with the intention of paying respect to religious discourse.
3. I will make room for others by folding my hands and limbs and by moving slightly.
4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient and calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ, اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، اذْكُرُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ، etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After the Bayan, I will approach other people by making Salam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

Great night

Dear Islamic brothers! Tonight is the 27th night of Rajab-ul-Murajjab 1439 Hijri. Thanks to Allah ﷺ Who has, once again, blessed us with a sacred night full of great virtues and blessings. It is the great night in which Allah ﷺ bestowed a great miracle upon our Beloved Rasool ﷺ. In today's Bayan, we will be privileged to briefly listen to what events occurred and what Tajalliyat [Divine manifestations] and luminosity were showered during this luminous night. If we listen to it attentively and with ease of mind, ﷺ will grow further in our heart.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Great miracle of Beloved Rasool ﷺ

On the 12th year of Nubuwwah when the Beloved Rasool ﷺ was 51 years old, Allah ﷺ bestowed the great gift of Mi'raaj upon him and made him visit not only from Masjid-ul-Haraam to Masjid-ul-Aqsa, but also all the seven skies in one part of the night. In addition, Allah ﷺ enabled His Beloved Rasool ﷺ to observe His Tajalliyat [Divine manifestations] and luminosity and also blessed him with His sight and conversation.

This blessed event of Mi'raaj occurred on the 27th of Rajab-ul-Murajjab. A perfect pious saint of Allah ﷺ 'Allamah Maulana Makhdoom Muhammad Haashim Thathvi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: According to the authentic saying, Allah ﷺ made the Beloved Rasool ﷺ visit [Mi'raaj] in the night on the 12th year of Nubuwwah i.e. before one year of migration on Saturday or Monday night and according to a famous narration on the 27th Rajab-ul-Murajjab. *(Seerah Sayyid-ul-Ambiya, pp. 127)*

Opening of blessed chest

In the night of Mi'raaj, Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ opened the blessed chest of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ. His blessed heart was taken out and washed by putting it in a golden tray filled with sacred Zamzam water.

Then [as per the glory of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ] further wisdom, faith and the luminosity of Prophethood were filled in it and then it was put back in the blessed chest and was sewn with a needle. Islamic scholars رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى have said that opening of the chest occurred four times in the blessed life of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ; the opening of chest that occurred in the night of Mi'raaj was the fourth one. First time, it occurred at the time of his blessed birth, second time, when he ﷺ was 10 years old and third time, on the occasion of the first revelation of the Holy Quran in cave Hira. *(Seerah Sayyid-ul-Ambiya, pp. 127)*

Riding animal of Mi'raaj's bridegroom

Sayyiduna Anas Bin Maalik رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved Rasool ﷺ said: Buraaq (whose name was Jarood), a tall and extremely white quadruped [four-footed animal] bigger than the donkey, but smaller than the mule, was brought to me. It would step as far as it could see. I mounted it and reached Bayt-ul-Muqaddas and the place where the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ would tether their riding animals I tethered it. I then entered Masjid-ul-Aqsa and offered two Rak'at Salah in it.

(Sahih Muslim, Kitab-ul-Iman, pp. 97, Hadees 259)

Led Salah of blessed Ambiya

The Beloved Rasool ﷺ was the Imam of all the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ in this Salah¹ because all the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ were gathered in Bayt-ul-Muqaddas² to show the greater glory of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ. When he ﷺ came here, all the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ welcomed him. They all requested him to lead the Salah at the time of Salah. Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ then held his blessed hand and requested him to move forward and then he ﷺ led the Salah of all the Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat lit-Tabarani, vol. 3, pp. 65, Hadees 3879)*

¹ Seerah Sayyid-ul-Ambiya, pp. 128

² Sunan Nasa'ee, Kitab-us-Salat, pp. 81, Hadees 448

Sayyiduna 'Allamah Buseeri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated:

وَقَدَّمْتَنَّا بِهَا جَمِيعَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ بِهَا وَ الرَّسُلِ تَقْدِيمِ تَخْدُومٍ عَلَى خَدَمِ

i.e. In Bayt-ul-Muqaddas, all the Ambiya and Rusul عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ requested the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to be in front of them as Makhdoom [a master] is in front of his servants. (*Qasidah Burdah, pp. 240*)

!سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ What a great Salah as all the blessed Ambiya and Rusul عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ were Muqtadis and our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was Imam and the first Qiblah was the place where this blessed Salah was offered. Surely, no such Salah had ever been offered in the whole universe before, and nor had the sky ever seen such a beautiful scene. Anyway, the great mystery of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ being the first and the last has also been resolved today. This secret has also been discovered and the meaning has become clear like daylight because today he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, who is also the last Rasool, is leading the Salah of the previous Ambiya and Rusul عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ. Talking about the same blessed secret, A'la Hadrat, Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Maulana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated:

فَمَازِ آقْضَى مِیں تہا یہی سِرِّ، عِیَان ہوں مَعْنَى اَوَّلِ آخِرِ
کہ دَسْتِ بَسْتِہ میں پیچھے حَاضِر، جو سُلْطَنَتِ آگے کر گئے تھے

Explanation of the couplet: In the night of Mi'raaj, the Beloved Rasool عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ led the Salah of all the Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ in Masjid-ul-Aqsa. The secret behind this was to reveal the meaning of first and the last so that it can become obvious that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, who came into the world as the last Nabi, is not less than any Nabi in glory and greatness, but rather he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is greater than other Ambiya in glory and greatness. The evidence for this is that all the Ambiya who had declared their Prophethood before are standing behind the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with hands folded [with due respect]. When the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ met the Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ present there after the Salah, one by one all the blessed Ambiya praised Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ said: All praise be to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who made me Khaleel [friend] and bestowed Mulk-e-'Azeem [great kingdom] upon me. Furthermore, He عَزَّوَجَلَّ made me His obedient and the Imam of the people so that I could be obeyed and saved me from the fire and made it cool and peaceful for me.

After him, Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ stood up and praised Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ: All praise be to Allah Almighty Who made me His Kaleem [enabled me to converse with Him] and made me kill pharaoh and gave salvation to Bani Israel and made (one of the groups of) my Ummah a nation which would show the right path and do justice justly.

Then praising Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Sayyiduna Dawood عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ stated: All praise be to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who gave me a very big kingdom and blessed me with the knowledge of Holy Zaboor and softened iron in my hand and brought mountains and birds under my control that praise Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ [with me] and bestowed upon me wisdom and the knowledge of making decision.

Then praising Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Sayyiduna Sulayman عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ stated: All praise be to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who gave me control over winds and brought Jinns under my control. As per my wish they make high palaces, pictures and trays equal to big ponds and heavy and extremely big cauldrons. Similarly, He عَزَّوَجَلَّ taught me the language of birds and bestowed everything upon me by His grace and made me superior to His many bondmen who have faith and gave me such an empire which no one can get after me and made my kingdom very vast.

Remember, in the Shari'ah of Sayyiduna Sulayman عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ, picture was not Haraam. (*Khaza'in-ul-'Irfan, part 22, Surah Saba, Taht-al-Ayah 13*)

After this, Sayyiduna 'Isa عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ stated praising Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ: All praise be to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who called me His Kalimah and also made me like (Sayyiduna) Aadam (عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَامُ) in this way that He عَزَّوَجَلَّ made him with clay and said 'كُنْ' (Be) so he became and bestowed book and wisdom and

Tawrat (Torah) and Injeel (Bible) upon me and blessed me with the miracle that I make a bird statue with clay, and then blow onto it so it immediately becomes a bird by the command of Allah ﷻ. Moreover, Allah ﷻ gave me this miracle as well that I cure the born blind and leukoderma patient and bring the dead back to life by the command of Allah ﷻ. Allah ﷻ lifted me (without death to the sky) and purified me (from infidels) and gave me and my mother protection from the harm of cursed Satan. Therefore, there is no way for Satan against us.

When all the Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ praised Allah ﷻ and mentioned His blessings that were bestowed upon them, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stood up and stated praising Allah ﷻ: All praise be to Allah ﷻ, Who has made me merciful for the entire universe and sent me with glad tidings and warning and revealed Quran to me in which everything has been clearly mentioned and made my Ummah superior to all other Ummahs. My Ummah is the last Ummah and it is the first Ummah (amongst the Ummahs that will enter Paradise) and Allah ﷻ blessed my chest [heart] with vastness (for guidance and Ma'rifat, knowledge and wisdom) and relieved me of the burden (by accepting my intercession on behalf of my Ummah) and exalted my Zikr for me and sent me as the last Nabi.

After our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had completed his blessed conversation, Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلِيٌّ عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ stood up and said: These are the great attributes and marvels by virtue of which the status of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is higher and superior to all of us.

(Summarized from: Khasais-ul-Kubra, vol. 1, pp. 285)

سب سے بالا و والا ہمارا نبی	سب سے اولی و اعلی ہمارا نبی
نورِ آول کا جلوہ ہمارا نبی	بزمِ آخر کا شمعِ قروزاں ہوا
اور رسولوں سے اعلی ہمارا نبی	خلق سے اولیا اولیا سے رُسل
تاجداروں کا آقا ہمارا نبی	مُلکِ کونین میں انبیا تاجدار

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

After meeting the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ when the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ set out on the journey to the skies from Bayt-ul-Muqaddas, a cup of wine and a cup of milk were presented to him.

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Jibra'eel-e-Ameen (عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ) brought wine and milk to me in two separate cups. I took milk¹; upon this Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ said:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَاكَ لِلْفِطْرَةِ لَوْ أَخَذْتَ الْخَمْرَ غَوَتْ أُمَّتُكَ

i.e. All praise be to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who guided you to nature. If you had accepted the cup of wine, your Ummah would have gone astray.

(Sahih Bukhari, pp. 1181, Hadees 4709)

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated: I was then taken towards the sky. Jibra'eel-e-Ameen (عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ) knocked at the door of the sky. It was asked: Who are you? He replied: I am Jibra'eel. It was asked: Who is with you? He replied: He is [Sayyiduna] Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. It was then asked: Has he (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) been called? He replied: Yes, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has been called. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Then the door was opened for us. Over there I met Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ; he welcomed me and made Du'a for me. *(Sahih Muslim, Kitab-ul-Iman, pp. 97, Hadees 259)*

Weeping due to being worried for children

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw some people on the right and left of Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ. When he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ would look towards his right side he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ would smile and would start weeping when he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ would look towards his left side. Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ humbly said: The faces on the right and left of Sayyiduna Aadam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ are his children; children on his right are dwellers of Paradise and on his left are dwellers of Hell. *(Sahih Bukhari, Kitab-us-Salat, pp. 161, Hadees 349)*

¹ Sahih Muslim, Kitab-ul-Iman, pp. 97, Hadees 259

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ further said: I was then taken to the second sky; Jibra'eel-e-Ameen knocked at the door. It was asked: Who are you? He replied: I am Jibra'eel. It was asked: Who is with you? He replied: He is [Sayyiduna] Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ). It was asked: Has he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ been called? He replied: Yes, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has been called. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Then the door was opened for us and I met two maternal cousins—Sayyiduna 'Isa Bin Maryam and Sayyiduna Yahya Bin Zakariyya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ. They both welcomed me and made Du'a for me.

I was then taken to the third sky. Jibra'eel knocked at the door. A voice came: Who are you? He replied: I am Jibra'eel. It was then asked: Who is with you? He replied: He is [Sayyiduna] Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ). It was asked: Has he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ been called? He replied: Yes, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has been called. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Then the door was opened for us and there I met Sayyiduna Yusuf عَلَى رَيْبَتَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ who was blessed with half of the beauty. He welcomed me and made Du'a for me.

I was then taken to the fourth sky; Jibra'eel knocked at the door of the sky. It was asked: Who are you? Jibra'eel replied: I am Jibra'eel. He was asked: Who is with you? He replied: He is [Sayyiduna] Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ). It was then asked: Has he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ been called? He replied: Yes, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has been called. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: The door was then opened for us and I met Sayyiduna Idrees عَلَى رَيْبَتَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ; he welcomed me and made Du'a for me. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has said about Sayyiduna Idrees عَلَى رَيْبَتَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ, 'We have given him a high status.'

I was then taken to the fifth sky; Jibra'eel knocked at the door. It was asked: Who are you? He replied: I am Jibra'eel. It was asked: Who is with you? Jibra'eel said: He is [Sayyiduna] Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ). It was asked: Has he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ been called? Jibra'eel replied: Yes, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has been called. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: The door of the sky was then opened for us and I met Sayyiduna Haroon عَلَى رَيْبَتَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ; he welcomed me and made Du'a for me.

I was then taken to the sixth sky. Jibra'eel knocked at the door. It was asked: Who is there? He replied: I am Jibra'eel. It was then asked: Who is with you? He replied, 'He is [Sayyiduna] Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. It was asked: Has he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ been called? He replied: Yes, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has been called. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said that the door was opened for us and I met Sayyiduna Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام. He welcomed me and made Du'a for me.

Then I was taken to the seventh sky. Jibra'eel knocked at the door. It was asked: Who is there? He replied: I am Jibra'eel. It was asked: Who is with you? He replied: He is [Sayyiduna] Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ). It was asked: Has he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ been called? He replied: Yes, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has been called. Then the door was opened for us and I met Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام who was leaning against Bayt-ul-Ma'moor [the Qiblah of angels that is in the sky right above the Holy Ka'bah]. Everyday 70 thousand angels visit this Bayt-ul-Ma'moor and the angel that visits once does not get the opportunity to visit it again. (*Sahih Muslim, Kitab-ul-Iman, pp. 97, Hadees 259*)

Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام humbly said: (about Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) He is your father; please say Salam to him. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said Salam and he عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ replied to his Salam. Then welcoming the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated: 'مُرَحَّبًا بِالْإِبْنِ الصَّالِحِ وَالنَّبِيِّ الصَّالِحِ' i.e. *A righteous son and a righteous Nabi is welcomed.* (*Sahih Bukhari, pp. 977, Hadees 3887*)

Having met Sayyiduna Ibraheem عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام on the seventh sky, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ reached near Sidra-tul-Muntaha¹ which is a luminous jujube tree whose root is on the sixth sky and branches over the seventh sky²; its leaves resemble the ears of the elephant and fruits are shaped like a large earthen pitchers of Maqaam-e-Hijr. Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام humbly said: It is Sidra-tul-Muntaha. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw four streams here which would come out from the root

¹ Sahih Bukhari, pp. 976, Hadees 3887

² Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 8, pp. 143

of Sidra-tul-Muntaha; two streams were visible and two were hidden. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ asked Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: O Jibra'eel! What type of streams are these? Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ humbly replied: Hidden streams are from Paradise and visible streams are the Nile and the Euphrates. (*Sahih Bukhari, pp. 976, Hadees 3887*)

Maqaam-e-Mustawa

As the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ moved forward from Sidra-tul-Muntaha, Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ remained at the same place and humbly refused to go further. (*Al-Muwahib-ul-Ladunniyyah, vol. 2, pp. 381*)

Shaykh 'Abdul Haq Muhaddis Dihlvi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said that it has been stated in some narrations that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said to Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: If you need something, you can humbly say it to me, I will mention it in the blessed court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ humbly said: Please mention this wish of mine to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ that He عَزَّوَجَلَّ widens my arms, on the Judgment Day more, so that I can make your Ummah cross Siraat Bridge through my arms. (*Madarij-un-Nubuwwah, vol. 1, pp. 164*)

A'la Hadrat, Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Maulana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said:

أَبْلِ صِرَاطِ رُوحِ آمِيں كُو خَبَرِ كَرِيں
جاتی بے اُمّتِ نَبَوِي قَرَشِ پَرِ كَرِيں

He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said even more beautifully at another place:

پُل سے اُنارو راہ گُزر کو خَبَرِ نہ ہو
جَبْرِیل پَرِ بچھائیں تو پَرِ کو خَبَرِ نہ ہو

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then moved forward alone and reached a place travelling upwards, called Mustawa; over here he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ heard

the creak of pens¹ by which angels write the daily Divine commands and from Lawh-e-Mahfuz, they write the events of one year in separate books, and then these books are handed over to the concerned angels on the 15th night of Sha'ban. (*Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 8, pp. 155*)

Above even 'Arsh-e-'Ula

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then moved ahead of Mustawa and reached 'Arsh; he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ went even further upwards and then reached a place where words like 'where' and 'when' themselves became useless as these words are used for places and times, but the place our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ reached had neither any place nor time, hence it is called La-Makaan.

سُرَاغِ آيِنِ وَ مَتْنِي كِهَاں تِهَا، نِشَانِ كَيْفِ وَ اِلَى كِهَاں تِهَا
نہ کوئی راہی نہ کوئی ساتھی نہ سنگِ منزل نہ مرحلے تھے

آین: *Where* متنی: *When* کیف: *How* اِلَى: *To which place*

سنگِ منزل: *The mark of a stone that signals the destination*

Explanation of couplet: In the night of Mi'raaj, where did the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ go? When did he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ go? How did he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ go and to which place did he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ go? Who can answer these questions because the place where the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ reached in the night of Mi'raaj had no concept of 'when' and 'where', no sign of 'how' and 'where', no one was with him, nor was there any clue to any destination. All these things are related to the place which was totally different.

Dear Islamic brothers! Here Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ bestowed that special closeness upon His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ which no one had ever had nor will have. In Ayahs 8, 9 & 10 of Surah An-Najm, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated:

¹ Sahih Bukhari, pp. 161, Hadees 349

ثُمَّ دَنَا فَتَدَلَّى ۖ فَكَانَ قَابَ قَوْسَيْنِ أَوْ أَدْنَىٰ ۖ فَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَىٰ عَبْدِهِ مَا أَوْحَىٰ ۖ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Then the Spectacle became closer, and came down in full view. So the distance between the Spectacle and the beloved was only two arms' length, or even less. So Allah divinely revealed to His bondman, whatever He divinely revealed.

A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has written about these blessed moments in Qasidah Mi'rajiyah: How beautiful was the view of that moment when special closeness was bestowed upon the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has written:

بڑھ اے مُحَمَّد، قریب ہو احمد، قریب آ سرورِ مُمَجَّد

نثار جاؤں یہ کیا ندا تھی، یہ کیا سَمَان تھا، یہ کیا مزے تھے

تَبَارَكَ اللهُ شان تیری تجھی کو زیبا بے بے نیازی

کہیں تو وہ جوشِ لَن تَرَانی کہیں تقاضے وصال کے تھے

خِرَد سے کہدو کہ سر جھکا لے گماں سے گزرے گزرنے والے

پڑے ہیں یاں خود جِہَت کو لالے کسے بتائے کدھر گئے تھے

اُدھر سے پیہم تقاضے آنا ادھر تھا مُشکل قدم بڑھانا

جلال و بیبت کا سامنا تھا جمال و رَحمت اُبھارتے تھے

بڑھے تو لیکن جھجھکتے ڈرتے حیا سے جھکتے ادب سے رُکتے

جو قرب انہیں کی رَوش پہ رکھتے تو لاکھوں منزل کے فاصلے تھے

وہی بے اوّل وہی بے آخِر وہی بے باطن وہی بے ظاہر

اُسی کے جلوے اُسی سے ملنے اُسی سے اُس کی طرف گئے تھے

It is stated in Salam-e-Raza:

کس کو دیکھا یہ موسیٰ سے پوچھے کوئی
آنکھ والوں کی ہمت پہ لاکھوں سلام

It is stated in Surah An-Najm:

مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَغَىٰ ﴿١٧﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: The sight did not shift, nor did it cross the limits. (Part 27, Surah An-Najm, Ayah 17)

Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has stated that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sent Divine revelation to His bondman and this Divine revelation was [directly] without any means as there was no one between Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved. These are the secrets between Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool about which no one knows except them. (Khaza'in-ul-'Irfan, part 27, Surah An-Najm, Ayah 10)

(Besides secrets), Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ said to His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: What is that need about which Jibra'eel-e-Ameen humbly said to you? The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ humbly said: O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, You know it better. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ said: O Beloved! I have accepted his need but for the people, who love you, befriend you and have your company. (Madarij-un-Nubuwwah, vol. 1, pp. 169)

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ made 50 Salahs Fard (obligatory) for me in one day and night. When I reached Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام he said: What has your Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ made Fard (obligatory) for your Ummah? I said: 50 Salahs have been made Fard (obligatory) for every day and night. Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said: Go to your Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ and request Him to decrease them, because your Ummah will not be able to offer 50 Salahs as I have already tested Bani Israel. [The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said]: I returned to my Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ and humbly said: O my Rab (عَزَّوَجَلَّ)! Decrease the number of Salah for my Ummah. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ decreased five Salahs. I reached (Sayyiduna) Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and informed him

that Allah ﷺ had decreased five Salahs. Sayyiduna Musa ﷺ said: Your Ummah even will not be able to offer these Salahs; go to Allah ﷺ and request Him to decrease further. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ said: I kept on coming to (Sayyiduna) Musa ﷺ and going to Allah ﷺ (i.e. every time Allah ﷺ decreased some number of Salahs, despite this (Sayyiduna) Musa ﷺ kept on sending me to Allah ﷺ to get Salah decreased further) until [when only five Salahs were left] Allah ﷺ said: O Muhammad (ﷺ)! These are five Salahs for a day and night and every Salah will have 10 times more reward, (therefore as per reward) these five Salahs are equal to fifty Salahs. (Further favour of Allah ﷺ is that), the person who intends to perform good deed and is unable to do it, so for him (just for his good intention) one virtue will be written and if he performs that good deed, so ten virtuous deeds will be written for him and if someone intends to commit bad deed, and does not commit that bad deed, so no sin will be written in his Book of Deeds (for the crime of bad intention). However, if he commits the bad deed, then one sin will be written.

The Beloved Rasool ﷺ then said: I then reached (Sayyiduna) Musa ﷺ and informed him of these commands. He stated the same thing this time as well i.e. go to your Rab and request Him to decrease further. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ said: I said to (Sayyiduna) Musa ﷺ: I have been to my Rab (for getting number of Salah decreased) so many times that now I feel shy (to go for this).

(Sahih Muslim, Kitab-ul-Iman, pp. 97, Hadees 259)

Mentioning the first part of Mi'raaj journey of His Beloved and Blessed Rasool ﷺ, in part 15 of the Holy Quran, Ayah 1 of Surah Bani Israel, Allah ﷺ has stated:

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَا

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Purity is to Him Who took His bondman in a part of the night from the Sacred mosque to the Aqsa mosque.

Remember, the journey of Mi'raaj of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ did not begin from Masjid-ul-Haraam and end in Masjid-ul-Aqsa, but rather it has been proved by the Holy Quran and Hadees that not only did the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ visit all seven skies in the blessed night of Mi'raaj, but he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ also visited further than this i.e. reached the place where Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ wanted.

A'la Hadrat, Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Maulana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has narrated with reference to *Sharh Hamziyah* in *Fatawa Razawiyyah*: The way Sayyiduna Musa عَلِيهِ السَّلَام was privileged to have conversation; similarly, our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was blessed with the same, 'Asra night', whereas, great Divine closeness and Divine sight with the naked eye were additional.

How can we compare Koh-e-Toor (Mountain of Toor), on which Sayyiduna Musa عَلِيهِ السَّلَام implored to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ with Maafauq-ul-'Arsh (above 'Arsh) where Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ held a conversation with our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ!

He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has further said about the same book that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ physically in the state of wakefulness visited the skies, then Sidra-tul-Muntaha, Maqaam-e-Mustawa, then 'Arsh and Rafraf and then had the blessed Sight of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ (in the night of Mi'raaj). (*Fatawa Razawiyyah*, vol. 30, pp. 646)

However, the blessed part of the Ayah in which Mi'raaj has been mentioned is itself an extremely wonderful miracle as there was a considerable distance between Masjid-ul-Haraam and Masjid-ul-Aqsa, therefore, for a common person, it is totally unconvincing to go to Masjid-ul-Aqsa overnight and then return during the same night, even it was not possible for anyone to travel the distance of only one side in one night.

'Allamah Isma'eel Haqqi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: [Journey] To Aqsa has been mentioned because, in that era, there was no other Masjid so far away as Masjid-ul-Aqsa; it was Masjid-ul-Aqsa that was the farthest away from Makkah Mukarramah; there was a distance of more than a month between Masjid-ul-Haraam and Masjid-ul-Aqsa.

(Ruh-ul-Bayan, part 15 Surah Bani Israel, Taht-al-Ayah 1, vol. 5, pp. 114)

Siddeeq in the sight of Jibra'eel-e-Ameen

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated when the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said to Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام in the night of Mi'raaj: يَا جِبْرِيْلُ! إِنَّ قَوْمِي يَتَّبِعُونِي وَلَا يُصَدِّقُونِي i.e. O Jibra'eel! My Ummah will slander me and will not testify for me. Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly said: إِنَّ اتَّهَمَكَ قَوْمُكَ فَإِنَّ أَبَا بَكْرٍ يُصَدِّقُكَ وَهُوَ الصِّدِّيقُ i.e. If your Ummah slander you, it does not matter, Abu Bakr will testify for you because he is Siddeeq. (Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat lit-Tabarani, vol. 5, pp. 226, Hadees 7148, 7173)

The same thing, in the morning of Mi'raaj night, happened when our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ standing near Hateem-e-Ka'bah mentioned this wonderful Mi'raaj to the people, the faith of true Muslims became stronger, but hypocrites and polytheists were deeply shocked as to how such a long journey was made only in one night.

One who testifies without seeing

Polytheists came running Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ and started saying: هَلْ لَكَ إِلَى صَاحِبِكَ يَزْعُمُ أَنَّهُ أَسْرَى بِهِ اللَّيْلَةَ إِلَى بَيْتِ الْمَقْدَسِ؟ i.e. Can you testify for whatever your friend has said that he had visited Masjid-ul-Aqsa from Masjid-ul-Haraam overnight? He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said: أَوْ قَالَ ذَلِكَ؟ Has the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ really stated it? They said: Yes. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ replied: لَئِنْ قَالَ ذَلِكَ لَقَدْ صَدَقَ i.e. It is definitely true if the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated it.

They said: أَوْ تُصَدِّقُهُ أَنَّهُ ذَهَبَ اللَّيْلَةَ إِلَى بَيْتِ الْمَقْدَسِ وَجَاءَ قَبْلَ أَنْ يُصْبِحَ؟ i.e. Do you also testify for this astonishing thing as well that he (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) went to Bayt-ul-Muqaddas last night and returned before the morning? He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said: إِنْ لَأُصَدِّقُهُ فِيمَا هُوَ أَبْعَدُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ أُصَدِّقُهُ بِخَبَرِ السَّمَاءِ فِي عَدْوٍ أَوْ رَوْحَةٍ! Yes! I also testify for the heavenly news of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in

the morning and evening. Certainly, those things are more surprising and astounding than this one. Thus Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله تعالى عنه became famous as 'Siddeeq' afterwards. *(Al-Mustadrak, vol. 4, pp. 25, Hadees 4515)*

Some evil minded people started raising different types of questions in order to reject this great miracle such as:

It is stated in a blessed Hadees that the Beloved Rasool صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم said: 'فُرِئْتُ تَسْأَلُنِي عَنْ مَسْرَائِي' Quraysh were asking questions about my Mi'raaj Journey. 'فَسَأَلْتَنِي عَنْ أَشْيَاءَ مِنْ بَيْتِ الْمَقْدِسِ لَمْ أَتَيْتَهَا.' So they asked me questions about the things of Bayt-ul-Muqaddas, which (due to being unnecessary) I did not remember. 'فَكَرِهْتُ كُرْبَةً مَا كُرِهْتُ مِنْهُ قَطُّ.' I was, due to this, so much sad that I had never been so much sad before. 'فَرَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ لِي أَنْظُرُ إِلَيْهِ مَا يَسْأَلُونِي عَنْ' 'شَيْءٍ إِلَّا أَنْبَأْتُهُمْ بِهِ' so Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ raised Bayt-ul-Muqaddas for my sake and I started looking at it, therefore I kept telling them about what the Quraysh were asking me. *(Sahih Muslim, Kitab-ul-Iman, pp. 106, Hadees 278)*

About the questions of polytheists of Makkah, Hakeem-ul-Ummat Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رحمته الله تعالى عليه has stated that the questions were also useless. For example, how many pillars and steps are there in Bayt-ul-Muqaddas? Which direction is the pulpit? It is quite obvious that such things cannot be remembered instead of seeing many times so how is it possible to remember them after seeing them only once? Unbelievers said: We do not know whatever you are talking about 'Arsh and Kursi, but we have seen Bayt-ul-Muqaddas; tell us the signs of this place, therefore Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ divided this Mi'raaj into two parts: One from (Masjid-ul-Haraam) to Bayt-ul-Muqaddas, then (second) from Bayt-ul-Muqaddas to ahead of 'Arsh so that people could get information about first part of Mi'raaj with many evidences/arguments. *(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 8, pp. 158)*

[So when particulars of Bayt-ul-Muqaddas were asked so] the Beloved Rasool صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم was a little worried; though the Beloved Rasool صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم entered Bayt-ul-Muqaddas, he صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم did not pay careful attention to its particulars. Furthermore, it was a dark night. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ

commanded Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام so he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام lifted Bayt-ul-Muqaddas on his wings and placed it near the house of Sayyiduna Aqeel رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ in Makkah Mukarramah. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ kept looking at it and answering their questions. (Remember) Bringing Bayt-ul-Muqaddas to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ after lifting is the miracle of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ as the throne of Bilqees [was presented in the court after being lifted] is the miracle of Sayyiduna Sulayman عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَام. *(Seerah Sayyid-ul-Ambiya, pp. 131)*

Anyway, when the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ answered all the questions of polytheists of Makkah about Bayt-ul-Muqaddas [so since they were testing this miracle through their wisdom instead of believing in it, or rather they were trying to prove it false out of their malice and enmity], they started asking about the signs of Bayt-ul-Muqaddas and despite being disgraced they remained obstinate. Moreover, for further test they started asking about the caravan that went to Syria from Makkah Mukarramah for trade.

He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ told them that the caravan was found between such and such a place of blessed Makkah and Syria; it had such and such a number of men walking on foot and such and such a number of camels. They then asked a question from the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ as to when they would enter Makkah Mukarramah upon their return from Syria; so he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied that the caravan would enter Makkah Mukarramah on Wednesday, on such and such a date of this month; a camel of dark grey colour, whose hessian beneath saddle will be black, will be in the front of them, loaded with two sacks. Whatever the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated exactly the same thing happened. Upon the occurrence of his miracles, the polytheists were ashamed, but they did not embrace Islam. *(Ibid)*

Observations of Mi'raaj night

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw millions of wonders in the night of Mi'raaj. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ went to Paradise, saw heavenly palaces of his Ummati [followers], saw Hell and also the terrible torments of Hell-dwellers. Then for the persuasion and menace of his Ummati [followers], he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has mentioned some of them so that after listening to the

terrible torments of the Hell-dwellers, Ummati [followers] may try to protect themselves from the hell by performing virtuous and good deeds and after listening to the everlasting favours of Paradise Ummati [followers] may try to get them. Let's listen to some parables and observations briefly:

The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said: I saw 'the reward for Sadaqah is ten times more and the reward for lending money is 18 times more' written on the door of Paradise in the night of Mi'raaj'. He ﷺ saw magnificent tents like a dome made of pearls which are for the Imams and Muazzins of his Ummah, a few towering palaces which are for those who suppress their anger and forgive and a palace decorated with the silk [a special kind of cloth] curtains that is for Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضى الله تعالى عنه. He ﷺ heard the footfall of Sayyiduna Bilal Habashi رضى الله تعالى عنه while visiting paradise. Houris of Paradise said Salam to him in the night of Mi'raaj. In the night of Mi'raaj, he ﷺ passed by such a person who was shrouded in the Noor of 'Arsh; he was the fortunate person who would do Zikr of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ all the time in the world, love Masjid, and never became the cause of his parents being abused or disgraced.

In the night of Mi'raaj, one of the extremely painful torments our Beloved Rasool ﷺ saw was that the jaws of some people were being opened; their flesh after being cut from their bodies was being pushed into their mouths with blood; these were the unfortunate people who would backbite and find fault with people. In the night of Mi'raaj, he ﷺ also saw some people whose bellies were as big as houses in which snakes were being seen from outside; these unfortunate people were usurers. In the night of Mi'raaj, he ﷺ went towards such people whose heads were being crushed by stones; these were the unfortunate people whose heads would get heavy due to Salah. He ﷺ also saw those who would give Khutbah (deliver speeches) to Ummah and those who did not use to act upon what they would say and those who did not act upon the Holy Quran after they had recited it; their lips were being constantly cut with fire scissors. In the night of Mi'raaj, he ﷺ saw some people hanging with fire branches; these were the unfortunate people who would abuse their parents in the world.

Repent...!

Dear Islamic brothers! Just think about these torments and then see your powerlessness and weakness. Alas! We are so weak that we become restless by a slight headache or fever, so then how can we bear these terrible torments of the Hereafter! Therefore, we still have time to have fear and those who do not pay Zakah after it being Fard (obligatory) for them should repent of it instantly and pay their Zakah as soon as possible after calculating the total number of years correctly they have not paid Zakah. Otherwise, if they lose this opportunity and meet their death before making repentance, then they will get no more chance.

قبر میں ورنہ سزا ہوگی کڑی کر لے توبہ رب کی رحمت ہے بڑی

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Arrangement of I'tikaf

Dear Islamic brothers! Another excellent source of staying safe from sins is to associate yourself with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, a Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, travel with the 3-day Madani Qafilah every month, act upon Madani In'amaat and attend the I'tikaf of the whole month of blessed Ramadan or the last ten days of blessed Ramadan arranged under the supervision of Dawat-e-Islami. The blessed month of Ramadan is very near and it has great blessings! The opportunities to get recorded abundant virtuous deeds in the Book of Deeds by performing worship, reciting the Holy Quran and doing Zikr and reciting Salat-'Alan-Nabi abundantly increase to a great extent. We should not only make intention to observe the I'tikaf of the whole month of Ramadan arranged by Dawat-e-Islami for protecting ourselves from sins and spending day and night in virtuous deeds, but we should also prepare other Islamic brothers by making efforts upon them. The

Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: 'مَنْ اعْتَكَفَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ' i.e.

The person who observes I'tikaf with faith and the intention to gain reward, his all previous sins will be forgiven. (Al-Jami'-us-Sagheer, pp. 516, Hadees 8480)

سچی توبہ کی توفیق دیدے
یا خدا تجھ سے میری دُعا ہے

یا خدا ماہِ رمضان کے صدقے
نیک بن جاؤں گی چاہتا ہے

Dear Islamic brothers! Observe I'tikaf of the entire month of Ramadan every year if possible, otherwise observe it at least once in entire life. Our Beloved Rasool ﷺ would abundantly perform worship especially in the blessed month of Ramadan. Since the night of Qadr has been concealed in the blessed month of Ramadan, our Beloved Rasool ﷺ once observed I'tikaf of the whole month. It is also a great privilege to stay in a Masjid; an I'tikaf-observing person is great because he frequently stays in a Masjid after leaving all his activities and occupations for attaining Divine pleasure.

It is stated in *Fatawa 'Aalamgiri*: The virtues of I'tikaf are absolutely apparent because in it a person makes himself totally busy with the worship of Allah ﷻ for attaining His pleasure and keeps himself away from all the preoccupations of the world which are an obstacle in the way of closeness to Allah ﷻ. All the time of an I'tikaf-observing person is spent in offering Salah or similar to the act of offering Salah (because waiting for Salah also has the reward like Salah) and the real purpose of I'tikaf is to wait for Salah with Jama'at and I'tikaf-observing person resembles the angels who do not disobey the command of Allah ﷻ and who carry out whatever commands they are given. He also resembles the ones who perform the Tasbih (glorify Allah ﷻ) all the time and do not get fed up with it.

(*Fatawa 'Aalamgiri, vol. 1, pp. 212*)

Dear Islamic brothers! You must have noticed that one gets many opportunities to perform virtuous deeds during I'tikaf. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰہِ ﷻ, under the supervision of Dawat-e-Islami, many Majalis are regularly formed and responsible Islamic brothers are regularly appointed to organize the system of I'tikaf in the blessed month of Ramadan. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰہِ ﷻ, the collective I'tikaf of the whole month and the last ten days of Ramadan is arranged in hundreds of Masajid of different countries all over the world. Thousands of

Islamic brothers observe these I'tikaf and are privileged to offer five-time Salah with Jama'at along with performing other Nafl acts of worship.

Furthermore, in I'tikaf, the Shar'i rulings on Wudu and Ghusl, Salah, Sawm and other acts are also taught. One gets plenty of information through the interesting answers, full of knowledge and wisdom, to the questions asked from Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **رَأْسُ بَرَكَاتِهِمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** by means of two Madani Muzakarahs daily. Moreover, many I'tikaf-observing Islamic brothers travel with Madani Qafilah for learning and teaching Sunnah in the company of the devotees of Rasool as the blessed month of Ramadan ends on moon-sighting night. Many fortunate devotees of Ramadan are also privileged to undergo courses like 'Deed Reformation Course', '12 Madani Activities Course', 'Faizan-e-Namaz Course', 'Imamat Course', 'Mudarris Course', 'Madani Tarbiyyati Course', etc.

مَدَنی ماحول میں کر لو تم اعتکاف نیکیوں کا تمہیں خوب جذبہ ملے
مَدَنی ماحول میں کر لو تم اعتکاف بھائی گر چاہتے ہو ”تمازیں پڑھوں“

Madani donations

Dear Islamic brothers! **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰہِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, Dawat-e-Islami, the Masjid-filling movement of devotees of Rasool, is flourishing all over the world. Dawat-e-Islami is carrying out Madani activities for serving Islam approximately in 104 departments. Millions or rather billions of rupees are spent annually only on Jami'a-tul-Madinah (for boys and girls), Madrasa-tul-Madinah (boys and girls) and Madani Channel. Through Jami'a-tul-Madinah so far, thousands of Islamic scholars have been prepared who are making their contributions to the eminence and exaltation of Islam by serving in different departments.

Under the supervision of Dawat-e-Islami, Madrasa-tul-Madinah for adult [Islamic brothers] and Madrasa-tul-Madinah for adult [Islamic sisters] have been established to teach the Holy Quran with correct rules of pronunciation and articulation to Islamic brothers and Islamic sisters at home and abroad free of charge; whereas Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for boys) and Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for girls) have been established to provide the education of Hifz and Naazirah to Madani children (boys and girls). Moreover, Madrasa-tul-

Madinah online has also been established for the places where teachers for teaching the Holy Quran are not easily available. In many Madaris-ul-Madinah, the facilities of lodging and food are also provided to Madani children (boys). Non-boarding Madaris-ul-Madinah have the duration of 8 hours, whereas part time Madaris-ul-Madinah with a duration of 1 and 2 hours are also functioning. Besides giving Zakah, Sadaqat, Madani donations for the Madani activities of Dawat-e-Islami, collect Madani donations from your relatives, neighbours and friends by telling them the virtues of spending in the path of Allah ﷺ after making individual efforts upon them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Introduction to the book “Faizan-e-Mi’raaj”

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ ﷺ! To spread the blessings of this miracle Majlis Al-Madina-tul-‘Ilmiyyah of Dawat-e-Islami, a non-political movement of preaching Quran and Sunnah, has compiled a book named ‘*Faizan-e-Mi’raaj*’, containing the complete Event of Mi’raaj, blessed Ayahs and Ahadees about it and the Madani pearls derived from them including the mention of the observations of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ in the event of Mi’raaj. By studying this book, *اِنَّ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, not only will one develop the devotion to Rasool, but he will also get plenty of information.

It is a Madani request to all Islamic brothers to buy and study this book definitely. This book can also be downloaded from the website of Dawat-e-Islami www.dawateislami.net.

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