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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ

أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ

وَرَسُولُهُ.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us all increase our devotion towards Allah the Almighty by performing all that He has decreed and abstaining from all that He has prohibited. Hopefully, we will be blessed in this world and in the Hereafter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Isra' and *Mi'raj* is one of the important events that Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him [PBUH]) experienced. Although scholars have different opinions regarding the date of this event, they all agree that it happened before his migration to Medina. Allah the Almighty said in the Quran in Chapter 17 (*Surah Al-Isra'*) verse (*ayat*) 1:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِّنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ
الْأَقْصَا الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيَهُ وَمِنَ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ ﴿١﴾

Which means: “Glory to Him who made His servant travel by night from the sacred place of worship to the furthest place of worship, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him some of Our signs: He alone is the All Hearing, the All Seeing.”

Meanwhile, the *Mi'raj* event is recorded in the Quran in Chapter 53 (*Surah An-Najm*) verses (*ayat*) 13 and 14:

وَلَقَدْ رَءَاهُ نَزْلَةً أُخْرَىٰ ۖ عِنْدَ سِدْرَةِ الْمُنْتَهَىٰ ۚ

Which means: “*And he certainly saw that ‘angel descend’ a second time at the Lote Tree of the most extreme limit ‘in the seventh heaven’*”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is distressing that *Al-Aqsa* mosque, which is the place where Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) ascended to heaven, is still occupied by the Zionist regime. Although there are attempts to marginalize the importance of *Al-Aqsa* from the minds of Muslims, know that the sanctity of *Al-Aqsa* is part of our faith.

It has been recorded in history that *Al-Aqsa* is the second mosque built, after the *Masjidil Haram* in Mecca. In addition, *Al-Aqsa* was also the first *Qibla* of Muslims. During the time of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), *Al-Aqsa* was colonized by the Eastern Roman Empire. Even so, he was connected to the holy land through *Isra’* and *Mi’raj*. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) spoke about the significance of Jerusalem so much that many companions including his own wife expressed their desire to pray in it even though it was quite impossible at that time due to the Roman Empire’s occupation.

However, at the end of the first verse in *Surah Isra’*, Allah the Almighty reminds His servants that indeed Allah the Almighty is All-Hearing and All-Knowing. This is an affirmation of faith that Muslims need to believe that Allah



the Almighty always listens to our cries and requests, especially those related to *Al-Aqsa*.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Apart from showing signs of the greatness of Allah the Almighty, *Isra'* and *Mi'raj* were also intended as motivation and comfort for the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), who was previously tested by the death of Khadijah (his beloved wife) and Abu Talib (his beloved uncle) who were the main protectors of his call to Islam. In addition, he was also saddened when an attempt to preach to the people of Taif was unexpectedly met with insults and stone throwing by the young people there, as a result of the deception of the Meccan polytheists.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Isra' and *Mi'raj* is also a test of a Muslim's faith, as it tests whether he believes in the will of Allah the Almighty even though it is beyond human logic. How was it possible that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was able to travel far through space, but by the power of Allah the Almighty, it happened during part of the night. Only faithful people pass this test, like Saidina Abu Bakar *As-Siddiq*, making him a great believer and a true friend of the Prophet in his struggle.

Isra' and *Mi'raj* should also remind us of our obligation to pray (5 times a day), which is the only act of worship commanded directly to the Prophet (PBUH).



Prayer was the last will of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) before he died. Prayer is also a *ribat* (protection) for a person, which qualifies us to get help and victory from Allah the Almighty. The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said in a *hadith* narrated by Imam Muslim which means: *“Shall I tell you that for which Allah will wipe out your sins, and raise your ranks?”* They said, *“Of course Allah's Messenger!”* He said: *“Performing Wudu well in difficulty, and taking many steps to the Mosques, and waiting for Salat (obligatory prayer) after Salat, that is the Ribat.”*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In conjunction with the events of *Isra'* and *Mi'raj*, let us improve the quality of our prayers, pray in congregation at the mosque instead of praying alone at home, and keep praying so that the *Al-Aqsa* mosque will be liberated, and we will be able to prostrate in it without the tyranny of the Zionist regime. Take heed of Allah's advice as inscribed in the Quran in Chapter 2 (*Surah Al-Baqarah*) verse (*ayat*) 45:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَاسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَإِنَّهَا لَكَبِيرَةٌ إِلَّا عَلَى الْخَاشِعِينَ

Which means: “Seek help (from Allah) with steadfastness and prayer-
though this is hard indeed for anyone but the humble.”

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ. وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ

وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ. وَتَقَبَّلَ اللَّهُ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ

قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ

وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ