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## **The Miracle of *al-Israa wa al-Mi'raj* and the Absolute Divine Power**

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“Glory to Him who made His servant travel by night from the sacred place of worship to Al-Aqsa Mosque, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him some of Our signs: He alone is the All Hearing, the All Seeing.”** I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

The journey of *al-Israa wa al-Mi'raj* was a sign of honor from Allah for His Prophet (PBUH) to relieve him from his sorrows after the hardships he experienced from his people as they belied him and his message. It was also a relief for the Prophet (PBUH) after he lost his consoling wife and the supportive uncle. This was why the Almighty Allah blessed him with this great journey, as Allah shortened time and distance for him to show him the universal miracles from the world of the unseen, all with the infinite power of Allah, that has no boundaries and cannot be imagined by the human mind. The Almighty Allah said, **“He saw some of the greatest signs of his Lord.”**

When contemplating this miracle, one finds that it is rich with lessons and insights. The first lesson to learn is the ease after hardship, and the support of Allah for His believing servants, and the necessity of being patient and avoiding despair. He who resorts to Allah, Allah will stand with him, as Allah is the controller of the universe. Allah (Glory be to Him) said, **“Truly where there is hardship there is also ease; truly where there is hardship there is also ease.”**

Another lesson to learn is the great status of servitude to Allah and its high rank. When Allah wanted to honor his Messenger, He described him as His servant saying, **“Glory to Him who made His servant travel by night”** and said, **“[He] revealed to His’s servant what He revealed.”**

Another lesson is highlighting the status of the Sacred Mosque at Mecca and al-Aqsa Mosque, as the Almighty Allah said, **“Glory to Him who made His servant travel by night from the sacred place of worship to Al-Aqsa Mosque, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him some of Our signs: He alone is the All Hearing, the All Seeing.”** Here Allah makes a link between the Sacred Mosque at Mecca and al-Aqsa Mosque so as to keep the relation between them in the hearts of Muslims till the Day of Judgment. The Sacred Mosque at Mecca was the starting point of the journey of our Prophet (PBUH), and al-Aqsa Mosque was end of the journey in the earth before ascension to the Heavens, then to *Sidrat al-Muntaha* (the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary in the seventh heaven).

Among these lessons is the greatness and absoluteness of the Divine power and honoring the Prophet (PBUH) with the great miracles. The Journey of *al-Israa wa al-Mi'raj* occurred in a part of the night. Allah (Glory be to Him) provided His Messenger with a creature known as "*Al-Buraq*" to be his transport means in this blessed journey. The Almighty Allah also brought all Prophets and Messengers to the Prophet, a matter that shows Allah's ability to bring people to life after death. Prophet Muhammad led all Prophets in Prayer. Also, in the Heavens, Prophet Muhammad met some Prophets and they all welcomed him. This clearly indicates that all Prophets and Messengers are people of one message, which is the same in its fundamentals, creed and values. The Prophet (PBUH) said, "Prophets are paternal brothers; their mothers are different, but their religion is one."

Another lesson is the status of Prayer and its importance in the life of Muslims. Allah (Glory be to Him) imposed this Prayer uniquely on this Blessed Night directly to the Prophet (PBUH) to indicate that it is a link for believers to reach the Almighty Allah and to purify their souls and hearts. The Almighty Allah said, "**[Prophet], recite what has been revealed to you of the Scripture; keep up the prayer: prayer restrains outrageous and unacceptable behaviour. Remembering Allah is greater: Allah knows everything you are doing.**"

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All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

It goes without saying that making use of the available means is one of the most important lessons of this blessed Journey, and this does not contradict the reliance upon Allah. Allah was able to take the Prophet (PBUH) from Mecca to al-Aqsa Mosque without any means, as He (The most High) said, **"When He wills something to be, His way is to say, "Be"- and it is."** However, Allah subjugated the creature of "Al-Buraq" to be his transport means in this journey. When the Prophet (PBUH) reached Jerusalem, he tethered *Al-Buraq*, to teach his nation the necessity of making use of the available means. The Prophet (PBUH) said, "So I tethered it to the ring used by the Prophets."

We ask Allah to protect Egypt and raise its flag high among all countries of the world!