

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: وَجُعِلَتْ قُرَّةُ عَيْنِي فِي الصَّلَاةِ.

### Respected Believers,

Today, our khutbah will focus on the miraculous event of the Miraj. Two days from now, on Sunday, the 26th, the 27th night of the blessed month of Recep, we will commemorate the auspicious Night of Miraj.

Just as in past centuries, the struggle between truth and falsehood manifested itself during the time of the Prophet, with the Meccans persecuting the Islamic call. The polytheists subjected the Muslims to social, psychological, and economic boycotts. And just when the boycott seemed to end, our beloved Prophet ﷺ lost his uncle Abu Talib, who had been his protector, and his beloved wife, Khadija. Feeling that he was unprotected and unsupported, the polytheists intensified their oppression.

Our Prophet ﷺ responded to the insults and torture with patience. One of the polytheists threw dirt on his blessed head, and on another occasion, while the Prophet was praying at the Kaaba, Abu Jahl and his companions brought a camel's stomach and placed it on the Prophet's blessed head and back while he was prostrating, mocking and laughing. Someone who saw this informed our mother Fatima. Fatima came, removed the stomach, and cleaned her father. When the Prophet finished his prayer, he cursed Abu Jahl, Uqba, Utba, Shayba, Utbah ibn Wail, and Umayya ibn Khalaf, saying, "O Allah, I leave them to You."

On the day of Badr, they all died a shameful death. Despite all these afflictions, the Prophet ﷺ never wavered from his duty and went to Taif to preach Islam. However, even there, the polytheists did not leave him alone. They had innocent children stone him and tried to prevent the truth from being heard. It was during such a difficult period that Allah bestowed upon our Prophet ﷺ the miracle of the Miraj.

### Respected ones,

Isra refers to the Prophet's journey one night from the Sacred Mosque in Mecca to the Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, riding on Buraq, one of the celestial steeds. Miraj, on the other hand, refers to his ascent from the Aqsa Mosque to the heavens, to paradise and hell, and beyond, to the highest station.

In the Quran, Allah ﷻ says: **"Glory be to the One Who took His servant 'Muhammad' by night from the Sacred Mosque to the Farthest Mosque whose surroundings We have blessed, so that We may show him some of Our signs. Indeed, He alone is the All-Hearing, All-Seeing."** (Isra 17:1)

On this night, the Prophet ﷺ was given three gifts. The first was the five daily prayers, which the Prophet called "the light of my eye." The second gift was the last two verses of Surat al-Baqara, known as "Aamanar rasul," which are recited after the night prayer. These verses are very powerful, protective, and bring blessings. The third gift was the good news that the major sins of those who do not associate partners with Allah ﷻ would be forgiven.

Furthermore, the Prophet ﷺ was given the glad tidings: **"No prophet before you and no community after you will enter Paradise before your community."**

### Respected ones,

The bleeding wound of the Miraj in our hearts is Jerusalem and the Aqsa Mosque. For centuries, Jerusalem, known as the "abode of peace and security" under Muslim rule, has been turned into a center of occupation, oppression, violence, and suffering. It must be remembered that no one has ever prospered through oppression, nor will they ever. The oppressors who seek to harm truth, peace, and hope will be victims of the fire they themselves have kindled. With the hope and prayers that Jerusalem and the Aqsa Mosque will witness many more nights of Miraj in freedom,

I conclude my khutbah with this verse: **"Do not think 'O Prophet' that Allah is unaware of what the wrongdoers do. He only delays them until a Day when 'their' eyes will stare in horror rushing forth, heads raised, never blinking, hearts void."** (Ibrahim 14:42-43)