

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

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

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: وَجُعِلَتْ قُرَّةُ عَيْنِي فِي الصَّلَاةِ

### Dear Muslims!

Our topic today is the night of the Ascension, which is called “Miraj” in Arabic. This year, this holy night falls on the night of Tuesday 6th February.

The Meccan idol worshippers did everything they could to stop the light of Islam in the early days. First torture and persecution, then an all-encompassing boycott against Muslims. After the boycott was finally lifted, the Prophet SAW lost both his uncle Ebu Talib and his beloved wife Khadije RA, both of whom had always supported him.

The idolaters thought that the Prophet SAW was now completely without protection and increased their cruelty even further. But he continued to fulfill his duty and went to Ta'if to preach Islam. But there they incited the children against him, who threw stones at him.

Now the time had come for a miracle that Allah had never granted to any prophet before his beloved Messenger SAW: the Miracle of Isra and Miraj.

### Dear community!

The Isra is the night journey of our Prophet SAW, which he made on the heavenly mount Burak from the Mesjidul-Haram in Mecca to the Mesjidul-Aqsa in El-Quds.

And Miraj is his celestial journey in which he walked through the heavens and spoke with the Allah almighty.

The Noble Qur'an says: "*Glory be to the One Who took His servant 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.*" (17th Sura: El-Isra, verse 1)

That night, the Prophet SAW and the Muslims were obliged to pray five times a day and the following good news was given: "*No prophet will enter paradise*

*before you and no member of another ummah will enter paradise before the members of your ummah.*" (Er-Razi)

And another hadith says: "*Three things were given to the Messenger of Allah SAW at Miraj: prayer five times a day, the last (two) verses of Surah El-Baqarah and the good news that those members of his ummah who did not commit Shirk, their great sins will be forgiven.*" (Muslim: El-Iman: 279)

The first gift is prayer five times a day. The Exalted Allah says: "*Establish prayer. Indeed, prayer should deter from indecency and wickedness.*" (El-Ankebut, 45)

The second gift is the last two verses of Surah El-Baqara, which we know as “Amanar-Rasoolu”. Since these verses are so beneficial and protect us from harm, we recite them every day after the night prayer.

The third gift is the good news that Muslims who do not associate anything with Allah will have their sins forgiven and will be allowed to enter paradise.

### Dear brothers!

The Mesjidul Aqsa was entrusted to Muslims by the Exalted Allah. For centuries, Qudus was known as the “Land of Peace.” But now it has turned into a country of oppression and suffering. And this makes all of our hearts bleed.

Oppression has never been successful. The Noble Quran says: "*Do not think 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, 42)

### Dear believers!

On the night of Miraj, let us do lots of dua for Qudus and Mesjidul-Aqsa to be free and a land of peace again!