



## MIRACLE NIGHT PART 2

And be patient! Certainly, Allah does not discount the reward of the good-doers (Hud:115)

Without any doubt, Allah(SWT) promised rewards beyond imagination for those who are patient.

He ﷺ was alone that night. Some narrations said Jibreel came to him ﷺ when he ﷺ was half asleep near the Ka'abah and washed him with Zamzam water. Afterwards, Jibreel presented him ﷺ with an animal to ride called Al-Buraq, and they both bolted out to Masjidil Aqsa in Al-Quds (another name for Jerusalem). The distance that should have taken two months by riding a camel was shortened by just a portion of a night, travelling with Al-Buraq!

When they arrived, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ led a two-rakaat prayer followed by all the previous Prophets that came before him ﷺ. It was a beautiful recognition that he ﷺ was and forever will be recognised as the leader of all Prophets (Sayyidul Anbiya').

Then, Jibreel gave him ﷺ two cups of drinks, wine and milk, and he ﷺ had chosen milk.

"Alhamdulillah, you have selected the natural state (fitrah) of a Muslim" said Jibreel. (Sahih Bukhari)

Together with Jibreel, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ ascended to the seven layers of the heavens. Along the way, he saw the bewildering sights of the unseen: numerous angels, past Prophets, rewards for believing souls and punishment for the wrongdoers.

On the first heaven layer, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was greeted with 'salam' (peace) by the forefather of humankind, Adam(AS).

He ﷺ then continued his ﷺ journey upwards and met Prophet Isa (AS) and Yahya (AS) on the second layer, Yusuf (AS) on the third layer, Idris (AS) on the fourth, Harun (AS) on the fifth, Musa (AS) on the sixth and Prophet Ibrahim (AS) on the seventh heaven layer. Every heaven layer, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was greeted with 'salam' by all of the Prophets, just like Prophet Adam (AS), and they all honoured him ﷺ.

On the highest top, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ reached Sidrat Al-Muntaha and met with the Divine Presence of Allah (SWT). Most authentic narrations stated that he ﷺ did not see Allah (SWT) due to the limitations of human beings. However, he ﷺ had stood very close to Allah (SWT) and was gifted the gift of prayers. At first, Allah ordained the prayers to be 50 times. However, upon returning, Musa (AS) advised him,

"It is going to be heavy for your people. Try asking Allah to lighten it."

And so, Muhammad ﷺ did. Though the prayers were reduced, Prophet Musa's(AS) advised was the same. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ went again and again until Allah (SWT) lightened the numbers to just five.

From the story, Allah(SWT) teaches us how special daily prayers are, and it is a source of tranquillity and an opportunity to draw closer to Him (SWT). Every sickness has its own medicine, and for the tightness of hearts, drawing closer to Allah is the cure.

"O Bilal, call iqamah for prayer: give us comfort by it" (Sunan Abu Dawud)

The story of Isra' wal Mi'raj also gives us hope that there is always a greater wisdom behind what has happened.