

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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MI'RÂJ

Dear Mumins!

As you know, the forthcoming night of Thursday, the 27th night of Rajab is The Night of Mi'raj. Mi'raj, which means to rise and the act of rising, is the event, in which the Prophet (s.a.w.) was raised to high ranks. As for Isrâ, it is the midnight journey, in which our Prophet (s.a.w.) was taken from Makka to Quds.

Our knowledge about Isra is from the Quran. It has been mentioned in the Quran as follows: **"Glorified (and Exalted) be He (Allah) who took His slave (Muhammad (s.a.w.)) for a journey by night from al-Masjid al-Harâm to al-Masjid al-Aqsâ, the neighborhood whereof We have blessed, in order that We might show him of our âyât (proofs, evidences, lessons, signs...). Verily, He is the All-Hearer, the All-Seer."**¹

On the other hand, we know about the miracle of Mi'raj through hadiths. Our Prophet (s.a.w.) was raised to the heavens, to the high ranks with Jabraîl (a.s.) and the disparate worlds (âlam) were shown to Him. Mi'raj occurred one year before the Hijrah, at the time when Abû Tâlib, the uncle of the Prophet (s.a.w.), and Khadîjah (ra), his wife died, the oppression by mushriks (unbelievers) increased, He (s.a.w.) was attacked in Tâif and some Mumins who could not endure the oppression had to migrate to Habash (old Ethiopia). Just in this atmosphere, Allah (s.w.t.) honored His Prophet with Mi'raj.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

We should not try to understand Mi'raj with our limited power and standards, but we should perceive that it happened miraculously by the endless power of Allah (s.w.t.). It is easier to comprehend Mi'raj today than the past. Because great works, which the mind of man could not understand, have been produced thanks to the development of science and technology.

Dear Mumins!

I would like to finish my khutba, presenting some divine decrees from Sûrat al-Isrâ' to your attentions: **"Worship none but Him. Do not set up partners to Allah. Be dutiful to your parents. Give to the kinsman his due and the poor and to the wayfarer. Avoid stinginess. Kill not your children for fear of poverty. Come not near to the orphan's property, treat them fairly. Come not near to the fornication. Do not kill anyone whose killing Allah has forbidden, except for a just cause. Fulfill covenant. Give full measure when you measure, and weigh with a balance that is straight. Follow not that of which you have no knowledge. And walk not on the earth with conceit and arrogance."**²

May Allah (s.w.t.) make the Mi'raj cause for goods (khayr).



¹ Al-Isrâ, 17/1.

² Al-Isrâ', 17/23-29.