



Me'raj was one of the most remarkable events in the life of Rasulullah (Sallallaahu Alayhi Wasallam). Miraculously, he was taken from Makkah Mukarramah to Baitul-Maqdis and from there ascended into the Presence of Allah Azza Wa Jal where even the angels had no access. This was a unique honour for Rasulullah Sallallaahu Alayhi Wasallam alone. No doubt the night in which he was blessed with this unparalleled honour was one of the greatest nights in the history of humanity.

However, the following points should be kept in mind with regard to Laylatul Me'raj:

- (1) We cannot say with absolute certainty on which night the great event of Me'raj took place. Although some Ahadith (narrations) relate this event to the 27th night of Rajab, there are other Ahadith that suggest otherwise.
- (2) Allamah Abdul Haq Muhaddith Dehlawi (R.A.) has mentioned that most of the scholars are of the view that the event of Me'raj took place in the month of Ramadaan or in Rabi-ul-Awwal. After the demise of Rasulullah (Sallallaahu Alayhi Wasallam), no Sahaabi (companion) is reported to have observed this night as a night of special worship.

This is a strong indication that the 27th night of Rajab, as Laylatul Me'raj is not supported by the Sunnah or the practice of Sahabah Radiyallaahu anhum. Had it been a commendable practice to celebrate this night, the exact date of this event would have been preserved accurately by the Ummah and Rasulullah (Sallallaahu Alayhi Wasallam) and his blessed Companions (Radiyallaahu Anhum) would have given specific directions for it.