

Laylatul Mi'raj

Mi'raj was one of the most remarkable events in the life of Rasoolullah 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 Rasoolullah Sallallaahu Alayhi Wasallam. No doubt the night on which he was blessed with this unparalleled honour is one of the greatest nights in the history of humanity.

However, the following points should be kept in mind:

(1) We cannot say with absolute certainty on which night the great event of Mi'raj took place. Although some Ahadith 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 stated that most scholars are of the view that the event of Mi'raj took place in the month of Ramadaan or Rabi-ul-Awwal. After the demise of Rasoolullah Sallallaahu Alayhi Wasallam, no Sahaabi is reported to have observed this night as a night of special worship.

(3) Had it been a commendable practice to celebrate this night, the exact date of this event would have been accurately preserved and Rasoolullah Sallallaahu Alayhi Wasallam and his blessed Companions Radhiyallaahu Anhum would have given specific directions for it.

What we should rather focus on is the gift that was bestowed to Rasoolullah Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Sallam on the night of Mi'raj. A gift so precious that Allah Ta'aala did not send it to the earth, rather He gave it directly to Rasoolullah Sallallaahu Alayhi Wa Sallam in the heavens. The true appreciation of Mi'raj would only realise itself if we appreciate and value that gift, the gift of Salaah.

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