

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ الْقُرْآنَ كِتَابًا كَرِيمًا، وَهَدَانَا بِهِ صِرَاطًا  
مُسْتَقِيمًا، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ،  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، خَاتَمُ  
الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْمُرْسَلِينَ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا  
وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ  
بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

- Be it in Rabi al-Awwal, Thani, Rajab, Sha'ban or Ramadan, the miracle of Isra & Mir'aj is a reality that contains lessons & beautiful gifts for us.
- **Gift:** Whether you consider the journey from Makkah via Madinah to Masjid al-Aqsa, or the ascension through the heavens to Sidra tul Muntaha, the most important thing that pertains to us are the gifts granted to Rasulallah ﷺ and what to do with them.
- Salah was not mandated on the earth, rather it was saved for this special occasion beyond the seven heavens to show its lofty status.
- **Advice:** One of the last words that Rasulallah ﷺ repeatedly stated from his blessed tongue before leaving this world was **“Safeguard your Salah and take care of your subordinates.”** الصلاة, و ما ملكت أيمانكم (Tirmidhi)
- As Ummatis of Rasulallah ﷺ, at the time of Fajr do we remember his final Wasiya/Plea to uphold/maintain our Salah? Same at Zuhr, Asr, Maghrib and Isha? Or are we too lazy, busy, tired, ignorant/arrogant?
- **1<sup>st</sup> Question:** **“Indeed the first deed which a servant will be accountable for on the Day of Qiyamah is his Salah. If it is in order, he is successful and saved, but if it is defective, he has failed and lost.”** (Ibn Majah)

- **Pillar of Power:** Without electricity, we would have no flights, lighting, phones, Facebook, fridge, computers or hot water. Electricity plays a pivotal role in the entire function / role of technology & the world.
- Similarly, Salah is the crucial energy for a believer that directly impacts on all the other branches of Deen. الصلاة عماد الدين (S. Imaan) **“The Salah is the pillar of Deen.”** Thus, if a person's Salah is in order, his entire Deen will be in order, as Salah is like the electric current that gives him a spiritual charge, assisting him and motivating him towards righteousness. If one's Salah is lacking in any way, his Deen will weaken and be negatively impacted.
- What would happen if you did not pay your electricity bill? Be anxious, get disconnected, powerless, struggle & suffer. Neglecting Salah is akin to being disconnected from Allah ﷻ, losing His protection, Barakah, strength, warmth, motivation and away from the mercy of Allah ﷻ, leading to sins & a breakdown in the rest of a person's Deen.

- **Last Moments of Sayyidna 'Umar رضي الله عنه**: When 'Umar رضي الله عنه was stabbed, Miswar bin Makhramah رضي الله عنه came to see him. On entering, he found 'Umar covered with a sheet (and unconscious). Miswar asked those present, "How is he? They replied, "He is as you can see (unconscious)." Miswar thus advised them, "Wake him up by calling him for Salah, as there is nothing that you can awaken him for that is more urgent and important to him than Salah."
- So they called out, "Salah, O Ameerul Mu-mineen!" As soon as they did this, 'Umar awoke and exclaimed, "Yes! By Allah! There is no share in Islam for the one who neglects Salah!" "Umar thereafter performed his Salah while blood flowed from his wound?  
(M. Zawahid)
- Today, there are people who will wake up in the early hours of the morning to frequent the gym, travel to work or catch a flight. Come what may, they ensure that they wake up on time. However, when it comes to the Fajr Salah, let alone leaving the home and going to the Masjid, they fail to even wake up and perform it at all!