THE NIGHT JOURNEY - MI'RAJ

ثُمَّ أُسْرِيَ برُوحِهِ وَجَسَدِهِ يَقَظَةً مِنَ ٱلْمُسْجِدِ ٱلْخَرَامِ إِلَى ٱلْمُسْجِدِ ٱلأَقْصَى وَرِحَابِهِ ٱلْقُدْسِيَّهُ ۞ وَعُرِجَ بِهِ إِلَى ٱلسَّمْوَاتِ فَرَأَى آدَمَ فِي ٱلأُولَى وَقَدْ جَلَّلَهُ ٱلْوَقَارُ وَعَلاَهْ ﴿ وَفِي ٱلثَّانِيَة عَيْسَى ابْنَ ٱلْبَتُولِ ٱلْبَرَّةِ ٱلنَّقِيَّهُ ﴿ وَابْنَ خَالَتِهِ يَحْيَى ٱلَّذِي أُوتَى ٱلْكُكُمَ فِي صِبَاهُ ۞ وَفِي ٱلثَّالِثَةِ يُوسُفَ ٱلصِّدِّيقَ بضُورَتِهِ ٱلْجَمَالِيَّهُ ﴿ وَفِي ٱلرَّابِعَةِ إِدْرِيسَ ٱلَّذِي رَفَعَ ٱللهُ مَكَانَهُ وَأَعْلاَهُ ﴿ وَفِي ٱلْخَامِسَةِ هَارُونَ ٱلْمُحَبَّبَ فِي ٱلأُمَّةِ ٱلإِسْرَائِيلِيَّهُ ﴿ وَفِي ٱلسَّادِسَةِ مُوسَى ٱلَّذِي كَلَّمَهُ ٱللهُ وَنَاجَاهُ ، وَفِي ٱلسَّابِعَةِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ٱلَّذِي جَاءَ رَبَّهُ بِسَلاَمَةِ ٱلْقَلْبِ وَحُسْنِ ٱلطُّويَّهُ ﴿ وَحَفِظُهُ ٱللهُ مِنْ نَارِ غَمْرُودَ * وَعَافَاهْ ۞ ثُمَّ إِلَى سِدْرَةِ ٱلْمُنْتَهَى إِلَى الْمُنتَهَى إِلَى اللهُ مِنْ أَنْ سَمِعَ صَرِيْفَ ٱلأَقْلاَمِ بِٱلأُمُورِ ٱلْمَقْضِيَّهُ ﴿ إِلَى مَقَامِ ٱلْكَافَحَة ٱلَّذِي قَرَّبَهُ ٱللهُ فيه وَأَدْنَاهُ ﴿ وَأَمَاطُ

He was taken by night, in body and soul, while in a state of wakefulness, from the Haram Mosque [in Mecca] to the 'Furthest Mosque' [in Jerusalem] and its holy precincts then he was raised into the heavens.

He beheld Adam in the first heaven and was enveloped and overspread with dignified bearing. *

In the second heaven he saw 'Isa [Jesus], son of the pure and pious Virgin Maryam [Mary]. He also saw there the son of `Isa's maternal aunt, Yahya [John the Baptist], who was granted wisdom during childhood.

In the Third Heaven he saw Yusuf [Joseph], the Truthful, in his beautiful form.

In the Fourth, Idris [Enoch] whom Allah `raised to a lofty place'. §

In the Fifth, he beheld Harun [Aaron], beloved to the Israelite Nation.

In the Sixth, Musa [Moses] whom Allah addressed directly and with intimacy.

In the Seventh, Ibrahim [Abraham], who 'came to his Lord sound of heart'

and with inward excellence; 🦞 he whom Allah protected and saved from Nimrod's fire. 🦞

Then, to the Furthest Lote Tree (Sidrat al-Muntaha) where he could hear the scribbling of pens engaged in the writing of destined affairs. Then, the 'Station of Direct Encounter' - that Allah caused him to behold with his eyes - where Allah brought him nigh and drew close,

لَهُ خُجُبَ ٱلأَنْوَارِ ٱلْجَلاَلِيَّهُ وَأَرَاهُ بِعَيْنَيْ رَأْسِهِ مِنْ حَضْرَةِ ٱلرُّ بُوبِيَّة مَا أَرَاهُ ١ وَبَسَطَ لَهُ بِسَاطَ ٱلإِدْلاَلِ فِي ٱلْمَجَالِي ٱلذَّاتِيَّهُ ﴿ وَفَرَضَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى أُمَّتِهِ خَمْسِينَ صَلاَةٌ ﴿ ثُمَّ انْهَلَّ سَحَابُ ٱلْفَصْلِ فَرُدَّتْ إِلَى خَمْسِ عَمَلِيَّهُ ، وَلَهَا أَجْرُ ٱلْخَمْسِنَ كَمَا شَاءَهُ فِي ٱلْأَزَلِ وَقَضَاهُ ۞ ثُمَّ عَادَ فِي لَيْلَتِهِ وَصَدَّقَهُ ٱلصِّدِيقُ بَمْسْرَاهُ وَكُلُّ ذِي عَقْل وَرَويَّهُ ۞ وَكَذَّبَتْهُ قُرَ يش وَارْتَدَّ مَنْ أَضَلَّهُ ٱلشَّنْطَانُ وَغَوَاهُ اللَّهُ عَطِّرِ ٱللَّهُمَّ قَبْرَهُ ٱلْكُرِيمْ ﴿ بِعَرْفِ شَذِيٍّ مِنْ صَلاَةٍ وَتَسْلِيمْ ﴾ ٱللَّهُمَّ صَلَّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَيْه اللَّهُمَّ

removing for him veils of lights of majesty, then showing him that which He showed him of the Divine Presence of Lordship. So Allah spread out for him the Carpet of Honour at the manifestations of the Divine Essence.

Allah made fifty prayers a day obligatory upon him and his nation. The clouds of good fortune then poured down with rain and the number of prayers a day was reduced to five, though still having the reward of fifty, as Allah so willed it in eternity and as was His decree.

He then returned (to Mecca) on the same night. He of veracity (Abu Bakr) believed him as well as every person possessing intellect and reflection. The Quraysh accused him of being a liar. Some people, whom Satan had ensnared and led astray, became renegades.

O Allah, perfume his noble grave with the fragrant scent of blessings and peace