

Lesson-2

Aqeedah: "The Angels are the creation of Allah. He created them from light, therefore, we cannot see them. They are engaged in worship and obedience to Allah day and night. They do only what Allah ordered them. Allah mentioned them in the Quran, "they are honored slaves and never disobey Him and act as per His commandments." (Al- Anbiya: 26-27).

No one except Allah knows the exact number of the Angels. We believe that they are numerous. Four of them are mighty and close to Allah. They have different duties to carry out, and they do so sincerely.

1. Jibreel (Gabriel), who used to bring Allah's Messages, Scriptures, and His commandments to the Prophets.
2. Israfeel, who shall blow the trumpet on the Day of Judgment.
3. Mika'eel, who is appointed to manage the rains and deliver livelihood to Allah's creatures.
4. Izra'eel appointed to take out the souls of Allah's creatures."

Arkaan / Faraaiz:

More essential points on Salah: Salah is a great gift from Allah. We talk to Allah during Salah. During the Prophet's "Me'araaj", Allah gave us five times Salah. With its high importance, we should keep Salah as #1 priority. If we are at school, playground, traveling, or wherever we are when the time for Salah comes, stop all activity and perform Salah. Sometimes, if someone is so sick and weak, he/she can perform Salah while lying down and with just actions. Salah is not a burden, but a pleasurable duty and comfort to our hearts. We should be eager and looking forward to the next Salah after finishing the first one.

Dua: رَبَّنَا لَا تُغِثْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ (آل عمران: 8)

Translation: Our Lord, let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.

Hadith: The Prophet said:

لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ مَنْ كَانَ فِي قَلْبِهِ مِثْقَالُ ذَرَّةٍ مِّنْ كِبَرٍ (مسلم: 91)

Translation: He who has in his heart the weight of a mustard seed of pride shall not enter Paradise.

Akhlaaq: Allah has created all humans as equal. No one has any superiority or preference because of his cast, color, lineage, or anything else. Only the Taqwa of Allah is the criterion to be successful and being closer to Allah. Shaitan misleads us and makes us feel proud because of our wealth, color, or other things. We shouldn't be proud of our achievements; instead, be thankful and be humble that Allah has provided you. Remember, whatever we have it is Fazal of Allah, He can take it back anytime He decrees.

The Israa' and the Mi'raaj (The Journey and Ascension)

During this period, a unique journey of the Prophet happened. Prophet's night journey called Israa was from Majid Al Haraam in Makkah to the Al Masjid Al Aqsa in Jerusalem. Then from there his ascension called Miraj, to the heavens happened. Angel Jibreel was with him in these two journeys. An amazing animal called al-Buraaq is bigger than a donkey and smaller than a mule. He moved extremely fast.

Prophet ﷺ reached al-Aqsa, fastened his mount at the gate and led the other Prophets in prayer. In the second part of the journey, Angel Jibreel took him to the heavens. When they reached the first heaven, he met Adam AS and spoke to him. In the second heaven, he met Prophet Zakariya and Prophet Isa and Prophet Yahya. In the third heaven he met Prophet Yousuf. In fourth heaven, he met Prophet Idrees. In the fifth heaven, he met Prophet Haroon AS. In the sixth heaven, he met Prophet Musa AS and in the last heaven he met Prophet Ibraaheem AS. All the Prophet greeted the Prophet Muhammed and showed faith in his Prophethood.

The Prophet Muhammed was then taken to Sidrat-al-Muntaha and was shown Bait al Mamoor (the much-frequented house). He was also presented to the Divine Presence. There Allah enjoined upon him and his Ummah 50 daily prayers. Upon the advice of Musa in 6th heaven, the Prophet Muhammed kept praying to Allah to make it fewer in numbers until they were reduced to five daily prayers. This is one of the biggest gifts that Prophet brought for the Ummah.

During this journey, he also met the Angel Maalik, in-charge of Hell. He witnessed some scenes of Hell and its terrible sights. Among the many horrific scenes that he saw, some were as follows:

1. He saw people with huge bellies unable to move around, they were those who used to take usury (riba).
2. Some people were having lips like camel lips, they were swallowing large stones and then these were coming out of them from their backsides. These people unjustly took away Orphans property.
3. Some people were swallowing rotten, human flesh. These people used to spread false news, rumors and defame others.

The Israa and Miraj happened in a part of the night. The Prophet was away for a part of the night and return just before dawn. He was staying in his cousin's house when the journey happened.

In the morning, the Prophet ﷺ, shared the details of his travel to the Makkans. They accused him of lies and made fun of him. Prophet gave details of his journey. He told him that during Israa, he met a caravan and an incident of a stray camel and how he directed them to where it was. He also described Al-aqsa masjid in detail.

The believers rejoiced at this news of Israa and Miraj. When the news reached Abu Bakr, he asked, did the Prophet himself told this? When people said yes, he has told the truth, because he never lies.

As a result of this incident, Abu Bakr was given the title of As Siddeeq, the sincere believer.