

Back from his night journey, the Prophet pbuh narrated his experience to his people, but there were amongst them who disbelieved him and discredited his prophethood. They also challenged him to prove his claims. So he described for them Jerusalem and its landmarks as someone who was familiar with every single corner of the place.

In this regard, he said, "When the people of Quraish did not believe me (i.e. the story of my Night Journey), I stood up in Al Hijr and Allah displayed Jerusalem in front of me, and I began describing it to them while I was looking at it." The Hadith came to further strengthen the believers' faith and trust in their Prophet pbuh that what he prophesied was from Allah the most Exalted.

It was reported by Abu Salama that some people came to Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with him, and said, "Have you listened to your friend? He is claiming that he visited Jerusalem and returned back in one night? Immediately Abu Bakr replied: "if he said so, then it is an absolute truth."

They insisted, "Do you really believe that he visited all these places in one night and returned before dawn?" Thereupon, he said, "yes of course, I believe him even farther than that, I believe him in receiving message day and night from the (distant) heavens." This incident earned Abu Bakr the title "al Siddiq" meaning the most persistently believing.

Among the lessons of Israa and Miraj is bringing into focus the great value of preserving the integrity and unity of the Muslim nation. For this reason, Allah the most Exalted ordered us to protect ourselves from everything that may cause harm to us or to our societies, be it by a word or an action.

Such are the true believers who seek the pleasure Allah.



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