

THE MIRACLES OF HADRAT MUHAMMAD (ﷺ)

The Holy Quran itself is the greatest miracle given to the Messenger of Allah (*sallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam*). It was on the eve of *Hajj* [annual pilgrimage to Makkah] when Arab tribes arrived here from far and near. This was the occasion when the Messenger of Allah (*sallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) preached his message to them. Thus, Islam was to be introduced to the whole of Arabia. Thus people will be attracted towards monotheism. The influence of idolatry will decline. This vision caused great consternation among the pagan chiefs of the Quraish tribe. They began consultations on how to prevent people from listening to Muhammad. Among those, who arrived on this occasion was Tufail Bin Amr Ad-Dausi, the chief of the tribe of Daus. The chieftains of Makkah met him and branded Muhammad as a poet and magician and dissuade him from listening to him. Tufail got influenced by their intrigue and put a spool of cotton in his ears to avoid hearing the voice of Muhammad. But, who can avoid the unavoidable? Tufail happened to visit Ka'ba where, Muhammad was engaged in his prayers reciting the Quran. He thus listened to the words of Quran. He became convinced instantly that it can never be the composition of a poet or magician, as he himself was a poet of great stature. After finishing his prayers the Messenger of Allah (*sallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) proceeded to his home. Tufail followed him to his home and there he narrated the activities of the chiefs of Makkah. He expressed his desire to know about Islam. The Prophet invited him to embrace the faith which he accepted. Going back to his place he began preaching the faith. This was simply an impact of the miracle of the Quran and its blessing.

- ❖ **The Quran being** the word of Allah was a miracle presented through the Messenger of Allah (*sallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) to a people who spoke the chastest language in the world. The Quran was revealed in such a chaste diction and style that all had to admit of its unique and inimitable character. The Quran itself threw a challenge before the pagans that if they thought that it was a fabrication by a poet then they must come out with a single *Surah* matching it. None could do it. Thus the Holy Quran is a living and eternal miracle of Allah unmatched, unrivalled and inimitable.

- ❖ **The Bifurcation of Moon:** The leading lights among the pagans of Makkah—Abu Jahl, Waleed Bin Mugheerah, ‘Aas Bin Wael and others—once approached the Messenger of Allah (*sallAllahu ‘alayhi wa sallam*) and told him: If you are really true in your claim to be a prophet split this moon into two. The Messenger of Allah (*sallAllahu ‘alayhi wa sallam*) prayed to Allah Almighty to split the moon into two. Allah admitted the prayer of his Messenger and lo! The moon was split into two parts. All witnessed it with their naked eyes. The Prophet then asked them to look at it and be a witness. But the pagans remained adamant and did not believe him (Al-Bukhari and Muslim).
- ❖ **The Episode of Meraj [Ascension]:** When atrocities committed by the pagans crossed all limits Allah Almighty arranged for his ascent to the heavens and access to His vicinity to sustain him in his mission. So Jibril (*Alaihis Salam*) descended to him with a *Burraq* [a shining vehicle], made the Prophet ride upon it and took him in a flutter of eye to Jerusalem where the Prophet led all the past prophets in prayer to God. Thereafter, he ascended to the heavens in the vicinity of Allah Almighty. This was the occasion when made the performance of prayers five times a day obligatory upon the community of believers. The Prophet came back to his home the very same night.
- ❖ **A Paltry Amount of Food Feeds 1000 Persons:** The Messenger of Allah (*sallAllahu ‘alayhi wa sallam*), along with his noble Companions, was busy in digging a trench around Madinah to safeguard it against being overwhelmed by the pagans. It was a very trying occasion. The city was under siege of the pagans. The city dwellers were steeped in penury and scarcity. Whatever provisions were in store had already exhausted. All were worn out by hunger. One of the Companions, Hadrat Jabir Bin Abdullah, had a measure of barley floor and a small goat at his home. He wanted to invite the Prophet and a few of his companions to a meal. So he approached the Prophet to invite him to the meal and requested him to bring along some of his companions. Hearing this from Jabir the Prophet announced to all his companions that your brother Jabir has invited you to a meal. Then he instructed Jabir not to start feeding unless he arrives there. When he arrived he prayed to Allah to bless in the meal. The Companions came in groups and everybody ate to his satiation till all of

them had eaten and the cauldron was still full. Hadrat Jabir narrates that that day about one thousand persons had taken their meal (Bukhari).

- ❖ **The Weeping of the Palm-Tree Stem:** In the early days of his stay in Madinah the Messenger of Allah (*sallAllahu 'alayhi wa sallam*) used a palm-tree stem as his support while addressing his Companions in his mosque. Later, when the Companions raised a pulpit [*minbar*] for him he gave up using the stem as his support. Once when he was addressing the Companions from the pulpit the dry stem began to weep [for not being used by the Prophet as support]. Then the Prophet placed his hand over it and it became silent (Ahmad, Tirmizi).

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