



The Blessed Night of Qadr in Irfan

Session 3

I. Some Characteristics of the Created Light

Regarding the created light, it is said that it is the light of *shar'* (شرع) for us and the light of infallibility for the Prophet (ص), and the light surrounding the *Wali*. Because of this light, the person will have shyness (حياء), which is a sign of being alive. Another consequence is witnessing God. One should seek protection in this light from things that are unpleasant to his/her nature.

II. On Me'raj (معراج): Ascension

On the Night of Qadr the Holy Quran was descended, and angels and *Rooh* also descend. Every descending thing will ascend too. Here are some statements from *Irfanic* literature on ascend or Me'raj:

1. Note the Symbolic Aspect of Concepts Referred to with Regard to Me'raj
2. Vehicle and Means of Ascend
3. Me'raj of Prophet Mohammad (ص): *Boragh* and *Rafraf* (Related Tradition)
4. The Story of Boragh being slapped on the face by Gabriel (Related Traditions)
5. Verses of Vehicle (26:155-157; 91:13)
6. Descend: Assuming Attributes of Khalgh (Creatures): Ascend: Assuming Attributes of Ahqq (God) (Related Traditions)
7. Angels and *Rooh* Descends during the Night of Qadr and Their Descend to Us is their Ascend too. (34:2; 57:4-7; 70:1-7; 32:5)
8. Every Witnessing of God by is Ascend, and Witnessing Creatures is Descend
9. The Final Destination of Prophet Mohammad's (ص) Me'raj, According to Some Traditions, was immersion in Light. (Related Traditions)
10. Prayer of God and Angels for Us: Entering Us into Light. (33:43)

III. On the Night of Qadr

1. The Night of Qadr: A Blessed Night and When Things become Distinct (44:1-5)
2. When is the Night Qadr?
3. Does the Night of Qadr Repeat Every Lunar Year?
4. Do the Things Determined on the Night Change? (13:39)
5. Different Stages and Meanings of the Night of Qadr
6. On the Uniqueness of the Descend on this Night
7. The Night of Qadr: Adverb of Time or Place? (97: 1)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Verses from the Holy Qur'an:

1. قَالَ هَذِهِ نَاقَةٌ لَهَا شِرْبٌ وَلَكُمْ شِرْبُ يَوْمٍ مَّعْلُومٍ (155) وَلَا تَمَسُّوهَا بِسُوءٍ فَيَأْخُذَكُمْ عَذَابُ
يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ (156) فَعَقَرُوهَا فَاصْبَحُوا نَادِمِينَ (157)

(Ash-Shu'araa 26:155-157) He said: This is a she-camel; she shall have her portion of water, and you have your portion of water on an appointed time; And do not touch her with evil, lest the punishment of a grievous day should overtake you. But they hamstrung her, then regretted;

2. فَقَالَ لَهُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ نَاقَةَ اللَّهِ وَسُقْيَاهَا

(Ash-Shams 91:13) So Allah's messenger said to them (Leave alone) Allah's she-camel, and (give) her (to) drink.

3. يَعْلَمُ مَا يَلِجُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا وَهُوَ الرَّحِيمُ
الْغَفُورُ

(Saba 34:2) He knows that which goes down into the earth and that which comes out of it, and that which comes down from the heaven and that which goes up to it; and He is the Merciful, the Forgiving.

4. هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ يَعْلَمُ مَا يَلِجُ فِي
الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا
تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ (4) لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ (5) يُوَلِّجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي
النَّهَارِ وَيُوَلِّجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَهُوَ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ (6) آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَأَنْفَقُوا مِمَّا
جَعَلَكُمْ مُسْتَخْلِفِينَ فِيهِ فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَأَنْفَقُوا لَهُمْ أَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ (7)

(Al-Hadid 57:4-7) He it is who created the heavens and the earth in six periods, and He is firm in power; He knows that which goes deep down into the earth and that which comes forth out of it, and that which comes down from the heaven and that which goes up into it, and He is with you wherever you are; and Allah sees what you do. His is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth; and to Allah are (all) affairs returned. He causes the night to enter in upon the day, and causes the day to enter in upon the night, and He is Cognizant of what is in the hearts. Believe in Allah and His Messenger, and spend out of what He has made you to be successors of; for those of you who believe and spend shall have a great reward.

5. سَأَلَ سَائِلٌ بِعَذَابٍ وَاقِعٍ (1) لِلْكَافِرِينَ لَيْسَ لَهُ دَافِعٌ (2) مِّنَ اللَّهِ ذِي الْمَعَارِجِ (3) تَعْرُجُ
الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ إِلَيْهِ فِي يَوْمٍ كَانَ مِقْدَارُهُ خَمْسِينَ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ (4) فَاصْبِرْ صَبْرًا جَمِيلًا (5) إِنَّهُمْ
يَرَوْنَهُ بَعِيدًا (6) وَتَرَاهُ قَرِيبًا (7)

(Al-Ma'aarij 70:1-7) One demanding, demanded the chastisement which must befall The unbelievers-- there is none to avert it--From Allah, the Lord of the ways of Ascent. To Him ascend the angels and the Spirit in a day the measure of which is fifty thousand years. Therefore endure with a goodly patience. Surely they think it to be far off, And We see it nigh.

6. يُدَبِّرُ الْأَمْرَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ ثُمَّ يَعْرُجُ إِلَيْهِ فِي يَوْمٍ كَانَ مِقْدَارُهُ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ مِّمَّا تَعُدُّونَ

(As-Sajdah 32:5) He regulates the affair from the heaven to the earth; then shall it ascend to Him in a day the measure of which is a thousand years of what you count.

7. هُوَ الَّذِي يُصَلِّي عَلَيْكُمْ وَمَلَائِكَتُهُ لِيُخْرِجَكُمْ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَكَانَ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَحِيمًا

(Al-Ahzaab 33:43) He it is Who sends His blessings on you, and (so do) His angels, that He may bring you forth out of utter darkness into the light; and He is Merciful to the believers.

8. حم (1) وَالْكِتَابِ الْمُبِينِ (2) إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ إِنَّا كُنَّا مُنذِرِينَ (3) فِيهَا يُفْرَقُ كُلُّ أَمْرٍ حَكِيمٍ (4) أَمْرًا مِّنْ عِنْدِنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا مُرْسِلِينَ (5)

(Ad-Dukhaan 44:1-5) Ha Mim! I swear by the Book that makes manifest (the truth). Surely We revealed it on a blessed night surely We are ever warning Therein every wise affair is made distinct, A command from Us; surely We are the senders (of messengers),

9. يَمْحُو اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيُثَبِّتُ وَعِنْدَهُ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ

(Ar-Ra'ad 13:39) Allah makes to pass away and establishes what He pleases, and with Him is the basis of the Book.

10. إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ

(Al-Qadr 97:1) Surely We revealed it on the grand night.