

before that, but most of them do not know.

48. And be patient, [O Muḥammad], for the decision of your Lord, for indeed, you are in Our eyes [i.e., sight]. And exalt [Allāh] with praise of your Lord when you arise
49. And in a part of the night exalt Him and after [the setting of] the stars.

Sūrah an-Najm¹⁴⁵³

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. By the star when it descends,
2. Your companion [i.e., Muḥammad] has not strayed, nor has he erred,
3. Nor does he speak from [his own] inclination.
4. It is not but a revelation revealed,
5. Taught to him by one intense in strength [i.e., Gabriel] –
6. One of soundness.¹⁴⁵⁴ And he rose to [his] true form¹⁴⁵⁵
7. While he was in the higher [part of the] horizon.¹⁴⁵⁶
8. Then he approached and descended
9. And was at a distance of two bow lengths or nearer.
10. And he revealed to His Servant¹⁴⁵⁷ what he revealed [i.e., conveyed].
11. The heart¹⁴⁵⁸ did not lie [about] what it saw.
12. So will you dispute with him over what he saw?
13. And he certainly saw him in another descent¹⁴⁵⁹
14. At the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary –
15. Near it is the Garden of Refuge [i.e., Paradise] –
16. When there covered the Lote Tree that which covered [it].¹⁴⁶⁰

¹⁴⁵³ *An-Najm*: The Star.

¹⁴⁵⁴ i.e., strength of body and of mind.

¹⁴⁵⁵ Gabriel appeared to Muḥammad (ﷺ) at the outset of his prophethood in the angelic form in which Allāh originally created him.

¹⁴⁵⁶ i.e., in the sky, above the eastern horizon.

¹⁴⁵⁷ i.e., to the Servant of Allāh, Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ).

¹⁴⁵⁸ i.e., mind or perception (of the Prophet [ﷺ]).

¹⁴⁵⁹ i.e., on another occasion. During his ascent into the heavens (*al-Mirāj*), the Prophet (ﷺ) also saw Gabriel in his true form.

¹⁴⁶⁰ Then and there he (ﷺ) saw Gabriel in angelic form.