

## FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO MOSQUE

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# ARE YOU PREPARED FOR DEATH AND HEREAFTER

In life we face two very big realities which are "death and hereafter". We realize that the rich, poor, young, old, bad, nice, all have come and gone from this world. One day we will also die and leave our loved ones behind us. Our bodies are wearing out, our hair is turning gray and it is just impossible to stop aging. We entered this world by birth and we will exit it by death. Almighty Allah (swt) says that "Everyone is going to taste death..." [1] If so, we must ask ourselves this question "why are we in this world?" Allah (swt) states in Quran that "Who has created death and life that He may test you which of you is best in deed. And He is the Almighty, the Oft-forgiven." [2] Exiting this world by death does not mean that we will disappear forever. Death is a transition from mortal life to eternal life. We will be judged on what we did in this world. There will be no injustice to anyone. Almighty Allah (swt) expresses this truth as follows "So whosoever does good equal to the weight of an atom (or a small ant) shall see it And whosoever does evil equal to the weight of an atom (or a small ant) shall see it." [3] On the day of judgment we will not be able to object to anything, because everything that we do in this world is done by us. Allah (swt) tells that "And we have fastened every man's deeds to his neck, and on the Day of

Resurrection, We shall bring out for him a book which he will find wide open. (It will be said to him) read your book. You yourself are sufficient as a reckoner



against you this Day." [4] Preparation for eternal life hereafter must be done in this world.

Whatever we do in this world, a small deed or a small evil, we will be facing them all on the day of the judgment. That is why we must stay away from evil things that will direct us to the wrong path. Allah (swt) warns us by saying "O you who believe! Fear Allah and keep your duty to Him. And

let every person look to what he has sent forth for the morrow, and fear Allah. Verily, Allah is All-Aware of what you do." [5]

I would like to finish my khutba with our beloved prophet's (pbuh) hadith "people will be accountable for five things on the judgment day before Allah's (swt) presence. They are: where they spent (consumed) their lives, how they spent their youth years, how they earned their wealth, how they spent their wealth, how they performed their deeds." [6]

1- Al-Anbiya/35

2- Al-Mulk/2

3- Az-Zalzalah/7,8

4- Al-Isra/13,14

5- Al-Hashr/18

6- Tirmizi, Qiyamat, 1