

## FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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### THE RELATIONS OF KINSHIP

#### Dear Mu'mins!

Our exalted Lord has created the human as a social being. The closest social environment that surrounds us is that of our family and relatives. Therefore, one of the matters that Islam constantly emphasizes is the observance of the bonds of kinship.

There are many warnings and glad tidings about this matter in both the Qur'ân and hadith. Allah (s.w.t.) ordained the following: **"So give to the kindred his due, and to the poor and to the wayfarer. That is the best for those who seek Allah's countenance, and it is they who will be successful."**<sup>1</sup>

It has also been decreed in Surat al-Nisâ, as follows: **"Worship Allah and join none with Him (in worship) and do good to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, the poor, the neighbour who is near of kin, the neighbour who is a stranger, the companion by your side, the wayfarer and those (slaves) whom your right hands possess. Verily, Allah does not like such as are proud and boastful."**<sup>2</sup>

#### Distinguished Mumins!

While Allah (s.w.t.) was charging Rasulullah (s.a.w.) with the duty of tabligh, He ordered the Prophet (s.a.w.) **"To warn his tribe of near kindred before all."**<sup>3</sup> The task that the verse laid on us is obvious. Each Muslim, starting with his/her own close kin, should visit his/her friends and relatives from time to time and take care of their problems. Hereby s/he shall invite them to obey Allah's

orders and prohibitions, by enjoining them to all that is good and forbidding all that is bad (amr bi 'l-ma'rûf nahy 'ani 'l-munkar).

Our beloved Prophet (s.a.w.) offered us some significant messages when he stated in His Hadiths, giving us significant messages, as follows: **"The person who severs the bond of kinship will not enter Paradise."**<sup>4</sup> **"Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, should unite the bond of kinship (keep good relation with his kith and kin)."**<sup>5</sup> **"To give something to a poor man brings one reward, while giving the same to a needy relation brings two: one for charity and the other for respecting the bond of kinship."**<sup>6</sup>

One of the companions came to Rasulullah (s.a.w.) and asked: "O Rasulullah! Tell me something that when I perform it, I shall win paradise and stay away from hell. He (s.a.w.) said: **"Worship Allah, and join none with Him in worship, pray, give zakat and make silatu'r-rahm (visit your relatives and look after them)."**<sup>7</sup>

#### Dear Mumins!

I am finishing my Khutba with the translation of a verse of the Qur'ân: **"O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, Who created you from a single person (Adam) and from him He created his wife (Hawwa) and from them both He created many men and women; and fear Allah through Whom you demand and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship). Surely, Allah is Ever an All-Watcher over you."**<sup>8</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Ar-Rûm, 38.

<sup>2</sup> An-Nisâ, 36.

<sup>3</sup> Refer to: Ash-Shu'arâ, 214.

<sup>4</sup> Bukhârî, Adab, 11; Muslim, Birr, 18, 19.

<sup>5</sup> Bukhârî, Adab, 85; Muslim, Eiman, 74, 75.

<sup>6</sup> Tirmidhî, Zakat, 26.

<sup>7</sup> Ibn Mâjah, Zakat, 28.

<sup>8</sup> An-Nisâ, 1.