

## FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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### ASHAB KIRAM

#### Dear Mumins!

Those muslims who believed in the Prophet (s.a.w.), saw Him in person, and are honored with His conversation are called *sahabî* (companions). Ashâb Kirâm witnessed the revelation of the *wahy* and learned sunnah of Rasulullah (s.a.w.) from Him directly. Therefore, they learned truths of the religion properly and became models for the next generations, since they had implemented the teachings of Islam in the best way.

Ashâb Kirâm endured all of the hardships of the *hijrah* (emigration) by leaving their possessions, families, and homelands behind for Allah. When needed, they did not abstain from sacrificing their lives for Islam. Certainly this self-sacrifice attained the compliments of Allah (s.w.t.). Likewise Allah (s.w.t.) has declared that He was pleased with ashâb kiram saying, "... **The foremost to embrace Islam of the Muhâjirûn and the Ansâr and also those who followed them exactly... Allah is well-pleased with them as they are well-pleased with Him...**"<sup>1</sup>

Our master (s.a.w.) has stated the value and virtue of ashab kiram in His many hadiths. One of them is as follows: "Do not revile my *Companions*, do not revile my *Companions*. By Him in Whose Hand is my life, if one amongst you would have spent as much gold as Uhud Mountain it would not amount to as much as one much on behalf of one of them or half of it."<sup>2</sup>

#### Dear Mumins!

Disagreements among some of sahabah did not emerge because of their worldly desires or passions; on the

contrary, it originated from their sincere differences of opinion. They were clamped together around the Prophet (s.a.w.) in His most grueling times and said: "Let my mother and father be sacrificed for you..."

Therefore, the Prophet (s.a.w.) said as follows: "Fear Allah in every matter concerning my *Companions*... Do not make them the targets (of your criticism) after me. Whoever loves them loves them out of love for me, and whoever hates them hates them out of hate for me. Whoever troubles

them has troubled me and whoever troubles me has troubled Allah; and whoever troubles Allah, it is imminent that Allah seize him."<sup>3</sup>

#### Esteemed Mumins!

Rasulullah (s.a.w.) demanded that deceased Muslims be remembered with *khayr* (goodness) and banned mourning from behind them, mentioning them with evilness, and insulting them as well.<sup>4</sup>

Throughout history, most Muslims have remembered all of the companions of Rasulullah (s.a.w.), not discriminating among them, treating them with love and respect and taking them as models for themselves. So let us remember all Muslim brethren who have passed away, particularly the distinguished companions of Rasulullah (s.a.w.). I finish my khutbah with the following hadith: "My companions are like (guiding) stars. Whomsoever you follow, you will be guided (on the right path)."<sup>5</sup>



<sup>1</sup> At-Taubah, 9/100.

<sup>2</sup> Muslim, Fadailu's-Sahabah, 1.

<sup>3</sup> Ahmad b. Hanbal, Musnad, V, 57.

<sup>4</sup> Bukhârî, Adab, 44.

<sup>5</sup> Zahabî, Mîzanu'l-Itidâl, I, 413.