

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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FAMILY HAPPINESS

Dear Mumins!

The family is the oldest and the most fundamental institution in the history of the humanity. It is the main stone of the society. So, the happiness of the society is based on the peace of mind in the family life. There are some important missions for all family members, especially for the husband and wife, to gain the repose and happiness in the family.

And both of them, who are the garments for each other according to the Qur'ân¹, have mutual rights and responsibilities.

Islam, our exalted religion, has explained how the couples should behave to each other and advised important recommendations about this matter. Allah (s.w.t.) has decreed in the Qur'ân as follows: "... **Live with them (your wives) in a goodly manner. If you dislike them, it may be that you dislike a thing and Allah brings through it a great deal of good...**"² "**And they (women) have rights similar (to those of their husbands) over them...**"³

Dear Mumins!

We recognize the best model of happiness and peace of mind in the life of Rasulullah (s.a.w.). He used to do the best to serve His respected wives' all needs. For example, He got their food and clothing and endeavored to make them benefit from the legitimate (halal) entertainment. Once He said as following: "*The best spending (infâq) is the one that you make for the members of your family*"⁴. And on a festival

day He (s.a.w.) helped, in person, Âisha (r.a.) who wanted to watch sword and shield dance performed by Habashîs (Ethiopians) in a Masjid. Moreover He (s.a.w.) raced with Âisha, our beloved mother, from time to time. Our Prophet, who was the source of delight for his wives with the jokes He made occasionally, has become the greatest model for his ummah about this matter.

Our mother, Âisha (r.a.) described Him as a prophet who was sewing his clothe at home, patching (repairing) his shoes, milking goats, doing his own jobs. He (s.a.w.) wanted virtually to give a message centuries ago, when He (s.a.w.) was doing this kind of behaviors that many

avoid to do or approve not for himself.

Dear Mumins!

Family home is one of the most distinguished places that individuals find repose, who are distressed by daily distresses and hardships. If the husband, wife, and other family members do not find peace of mind in their own house, it is impossible to find in any place else.

Thus, is not the family, which is full with rancor and hatred, similar to a corner resembling the life in the hell? Similarly, is not the family, which is ruled by love, mercy and understanding, similar to a corner resembling the life in the heaven?

I would like to finish my khutba with a hadith of Rasûlullah (s.a.w.): "*The most perfect believer in the matter of faith is one who has excellent behaviour; and the best among you are those who behave best towards their wives*"⁵



¹ Look at: Al-Baqarah, 2/187.

² An-Nisâ', 4/19.

³ Al-Baqarah, 2/228.

⁴ Riyâdu's-Sâlihîn, 288.

⁵ Riyâdu's-Sâlihîn, 277.