

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMIİ

November 12th, 2010

SACRIFICE

Dear Muslims!

We do admit that we are under the obligation of being grateful to our exalted Lord for the blessings He (s.w.t.) bestowed upon us. One of our duties to pay our debt to Allah, to come spiritually close to Him and to attain His affection is to conduct the sacrifice.

"Qurbani", sacrifice is a worship which is executed in person or in substitution for Allah's pleasure during the **eid al-adhâ** days by slaughtering eligible animals. The worship of sacrifice is a clear expression to show that we obey Allah's orders and that we happily sacrifice our property to gain Allah's pleasure. It is a proof that we regard the love of Allah as superior than every other love as well.

Mumins who slaughter their sacrifices will have performed the order of "**Sacrifice (to Him only)**"¹, will have showed their submission to Allah, will have freshened their conscious of ubûdiyyah (worshipping) and will have followed the sunnah of our Prophet (s.a.w.). Rasulallah (s.a.w.) has emphasized abundance of rewards for the sacrifice and its importance with His following words: "*Ten rewards are given for every hair of the slaughtered animal.*"² "*The sacrificed animal shall be brought on the day of Judgement with its horns, hair, and hooves. The sacrifice is accepted by Allah before the blood reaches the ground.*"³

Dear Muslims!

The basis of the worship of sacrifice is that person's intention and intimacy. Our Lord (s.w.t.) has expressed this matter with the verse of "**It is neither their meat nor their**

blood that reaches Allah, but it is piety from you that reaches Him."⁴ The sacrifice is a worship which would cause to earn the love of Allah, would prevent the feeling of egoism, and would convey a Muslim to the conscious of worshipping. It is also the most lovable and valuable deed which would be performed. Likewise Rasulallah (s.a.w.) said as follows: "*Son of Adam will have not executed anything more likeable than slaughtering a sacrifice for Allah at the eid al-adhâ.*"⁵

As we benefit from Allah's ni'mah (blessing) by eating from the meat of the sacrifice with the members of our family, we share the delight of eid with the guest or the destitute people by presenting it to them as well. Thus, we carry out the compassion, mercy and respect onto the people in a real meaning.

Dear Muslims!

As all of us know, there are some difficulties in performing the worship of sacrifice in person, particularly in Japan. Thus, some associations conduct the service of the sacrifice on behalf of the Muslims. This is an important service and easiness. The meat of sacrifices, which are slaughtered in Islamic way, can be conveyed to the people in need.

As people who desire to come close to Allah, let's execute the worship of sacrifice. And let's not forget to recite **tashrîk takbîrs** after every fard prayer, starting from fajr prayer on the day of Arafat, namely the day before the eid till the asr prayer on the fourth day of the eid.

Notice: Eid-ul Adha prayer will be held at 08:30 am on Tuesday, November 16th, 2010 in Tokyo Camii.



¹ Al-Kauthar, 2.

² Ibn Majah, Adahi, 3.

³ Tirmizi, Adahi, 1.

⁴ Al-Hajj, 27.

⁵ Tirmizi, Adahi 1.