

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

June 11th, 2010

SACRED MONTHS AND RAGHAIB

Dear Mu'mins!

There are special and certain times and seasons when Allah (s.w.t.) has bestowed greatly His mercy and favor upon the people. Friday between the days of week; and Rajab, Sha'ban and Ramadan from the qamarî months are the units of time when the abundance (baraka) and blessings are plentiful.

Thanks be to Allah (s.w.t.) that we are just about reach to beginning of the months, Rajab, Sha'ban and Ramadan. According to the qamarî calendar, the first Thursday night of Rajab is the night of Raghâib as well. Inshaallah we will revive the night of June 17 as a sacred night.

Raghâib means values that are wished for. It was named with this name as Allah's mercy and favor is plentiful at this blessed night.

The month of Rajab in which the night of Raghâib exists is the indication that we are entering the spiritual-trading season when the mercy, favor and forgiveness are very much. The Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.) expressed Rajab's significance by His hadith as follows:

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي رَجَبٍ وَشَعْبَانَ
وَبَلِّغْنَا رَمَضَانَ

O Allah! Bless us during Rajab and Sha'ban, and let us reach Ramadan.¹

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

These sacred days and nights are very important from the point of view of checking and evaluating our own deeds. We should take account of ourselves and should think and take precautions to be prepared for the future.

O you man, who says I love Allah! Can you do your duty as His slave?

O you Muslim, who says I love my Prophet! Do you live His sunnah and His moral?

Even though you say my book is Quran, do you obey it's orders and avoid it's prohibitions?

Even though you use Allah's boon, do you give your thanks to Allah? Do you protect and look after those who are hungry, poor, lonely or could not find medicine?

It is no doubt that death is real. Are you ready for it? Do you correct your faults and do you make tawbah?

Do you smarten yourself up, through thinking your

companions, colleagues, relatives who were with you during the sacred days of last year but now you cannot see them?

Yes, asking ourselves all of these questions will help us comprehend the importance of these sacred days and nights.

Dear Mumins!

If we think with these Islamic and humanistic measures and forswear, give up our bad habits, then we strive to evaluate our future better, our every day and every night could become successful like sacred times, our finish could become joyful as much as the festivals.

Although there is no special worship for this night, fasting during the day, helping the poor people and being reconciled with the people that we put out, getting each other's dua on daytime and; reading Quran and salât – salam for Nabî, making tawbah at that night will be appropriate. Let's not forget to add to our prayers our brothers all over the world, who currently are in distress. May Allah help all of the Muslims. May the Raghâib night be a cause for goods, inshaallah.



¹ Ahmad b. Hanbal, Musnad, 1/259