

## FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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# ORPHANS

### Dear Mumins!

We have a lot of material and spiritual duties in every position of life, from the point of view of both individual and society. One of these duties is to look after our orphans and to fulfill their material and spiritual needs. As life passes, we have duties to maintain orphans who became parentless because of natural disasters, wars, traffic accidents, etc. All of us, particularly the relatives of those orphans, have the religious and humane responsibility to contribute to their education and to get them ready for their future with family compassion. Should one orphan stay without a custodian in society and therefore not be trained well, all of the people in that society will be sinful and will be questioned at the presence of Allah (s.w.t.).

### Dear Mumins!

Islam, our religion, has attached great importance to looking after and sheltering orphans and has ordered us to show special sensitivity for them. Allah (s.w.t.) ordains regarding this matter as follows, "***They ask you concerning orphans. Say: To improve their condition is best. And if you mix your affairs with theirs, then they are your brothers. And Allah knows him who means mischief from him who means good.***"<sup>1</sup>

Our Prophet (s.a.w.), who grew up as an orphan, sheltered an orphan himself in his house and gave glad tidings to those who shelter orphans by saying, "*One who looks after the orphan, whether he is his relative or not, I and he would be together in Paradise like this,*" and He drew his index finger and middle finger close together.<sup>2</sup> On

the other side, our Prophet (s.a.w.) deemed eating of orphan's property among the sins that destroy the man.<sup>3</sup>

### My Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The orphans are entrusted of Allah to us. Our Lord has ordained that we treat them constantly well and stated the following, "***Treat not the orphan with oppression.***"<sup>4</sup> Those who don't help and don't impart to them great hospitably have been warned in the verse with the following, "***But, nay, nay, you are not generous towards the orphan.***"<sup>5</sup>

One of the good treatments that should be shown to the orphans is the preservation of their properties; fortune in the best way. Those who embezzle (take in trickery) or betray have been warned strictly. It

has been decreed about this matter as follows, "... ***Give unto orphans their property and do not exchange (your) bad things for (their) good ones; and devour not their substance to your substance. Surely, this is a great sin.***"<sup>6</sup>

### Dear Mumins!

Especially during this sacred month, let us love, pat the head of the orphans, and supply them who are in special need and compassion. Let us not forget the babies and children, particularly those who are in need of our assistance under the tragedy that has occurred in Pakistan.

I am finishing my khutbah with a hadith: "*The most loved house with Allah is the one in which an orphan is looked after.*"<sup>7</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Al-Baqarah, 220.

<sup>2</sup> Muslim, Zuhd, 42.

<sup>3</sup> Refer to: Bukharî, Wasâya, 23, 3, 195; Tib, 48.

<sup>4</sup> Ad-Duha, 9.

<sup>5</sup> Al-Fajr, 17.

<sup>6</sup> An-Nisâ', 4.

<sup>7</sup> Tabarâni, Mu'jamu'l-Kabîr, 7, 13434, 296.