

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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THE CONTINUITY OF WORSHIP

Dear, Mumins!

If the light of the faith (eiman) that shines in a Muslim's heart is not reinforced with deeds ('amal), it may lead to a fading out of that light. Additionally, it may not suffice to take that person, after death, to infinite boons in paradise. There are many ayats and hadiths that warn us about this matter.

Our Lord (s.w.t.) has ordained in the Qur'ân as follows:

"...Worship your Lord until there comes unto you the certainty (death)."¹

"And it is not your wealth, nor your children, that bring you nearer to Us (Allah), but only he who believes and does righteous

deeds; as for such, there will be a twofold reward for what they did, and they will reside in the high dwellings (paradise) in peace and security."²

And in another verse it has been decreed: **"Give glad tidings to those who believe and do righteous deeds; that, for them, there will be Gardens under which rivers flow (paradise)..."**³

Dear, Muslims!

When the life of Rasûlullah is studied, it will be recognized that He lived a harmonious life with His sayings and beliefs. His teachings were not composed of only a faith system and mere theoretical remarks, but they showed the best example of a lifestyle. That's why He was described as the "best example" by Allah (s.w.t.).⁴

Dear, Muslims!

Similarly, His companions (ashâb kirâm) were devoted to the values that they believed, but, beyond that, they behaved very carefully about performing what they believed or said. In the event of inobservance of what they knew, those distinguished predecessors feared of not satisfying their responsibilities, regarding the Hereafter.

Dear, Muslims!

The harmony of a Muslim's deeds with his/her faith is an indication of that s/he has a strong eiman. While the fundamentals of eiman constitute the root and the body of a tree, deeds (amal) form the leaves and the fruit of that tree.

The trunk has vital importance for the tree in order to produce leaves and fruit, but the benefit of a tree without fruit is limited. Additionally, the first sign of a tree that has started to dry is that its leaves turn yellow and begin to shed. Eiman without worship resembles the same.

Dear, Brothers and Sisters!

Muslims have been warned, in many verses⁵ of the Quran, about the necessity of the harmony of their actions with their knowledge. Therefore, a Muslim, who has a perfect (kâmil) eiman, should endeavor to perform the worship of his/her faith and to win the otherworldly happiness with both the eiman and the deeds.

In finishing my khutba with a hadith of our beloved Prophet (s.a.w.), it should be noted that, *"The most beloved of deeds to Allah is the one that is continuous, even if it is little."*⁶



¹ Al-Hijr, 99.

² Saba', 37.

³ Al-Baqarah, 25.

⁴ Al-Ahzâb, 21.

⁵ Refer to: Al-Baqarah, 44; Hûd, 33; As-Saff, 23.

⁶ Bukhârî, Eiman, 32; Muslim, Musâfirîn, 221.