## Friday Khutbah of Masjid Otsuka

September 30, 2022

## One who practice piety in this world well get Paradise



All praises are due to Allah. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah the uniquely One, who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that the Prophet Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger.

O Servants of Allah! Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Al-Nabaa and Surah Maryam:

"Indeed, for the People of Tagwa there is attainment." (S.78 V.31)

"That is Paradise, which We give as inheritance to those of Our servants who were fearing of Allah." (S.19 V.63)

I advise you slaves of Allah and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, for the way of Taqwa is the path by which one attains unto Paradise. The prophet SAW said: "Indeed, in Paradise is what no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human heart has conceived." [Muslim]

O Servants of Allah! Indeed, Allah has revealed the Qur'an as a form of guidance and glad tidings for the believers, as the Divine Book was sent as Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah An-Naml:

"As guidance and good tidings for the believers." (S.27 V.2)

The Qur'an itself gives believers the tidings of a great reward. Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Bani Israa-ii:

"Indeed, this Qur'an guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward." (S.17 V.9)

So, Allah will honor the believers on the Day of Judgment with entry into a Paradise whose width is that of the Heavens and the Earth. Therein where the doors of Paradise will be opened they will be met with the Angels of Paradise. So, they will enter into Paradise with faces radiant and full of joy. They will find Paradise fulfilling all that was promised to them. Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Tauba:

"Allah has promised the believing men and believing women gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they abide eternally, and pleasant dwellings in gardens of perpetual residence; but approval from Allah is greater. It is that which is the great attainment." (S.9 V.72)

These are the people who hasten to doing good, who hasten to perform acts of devotion, who have been described by Allah. Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Baqarah:

"Who believe in the unseen, establish prayer, and spend out of what We have provided for them." (S.2 V.3)

From the beauty of their sayings and the praiseworthiness of their character is the following. Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah

Al-i-Imraan:

"Those who say, 'Our Lord, indeed we have believed, so forgive us our sins and protect us from the punishment of the Fire." "The patient, the true, the obedient, those who spend [in the way of Allah], and those who seek forgiveness before dawn." (S.3 V.16—17)

So good tidings to those who actualize Taqwa in their lives, who have attained unto the Paradise promised by their Lord.

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Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah Zumar:

"And they will say, 'Praise to Allah, who has fulfilled for us His promise and made us inherit the earth [so] we may settle in Paradise wherever we will. And excellent is the reward of [righteous] workers." (S.39 V.74)

May the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon prophet Muhammad SAW, his family and all of his Companions. May Allah be pleased with the Rightly Guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali, and all those who will follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgment.

- O Allah! Bless us with Your love. Bless us the love of those You love.
- O Allah! Accept our prayers and all our ibada.
- O Allah! Guide us to the right path and make us of those on whom You bestows Your mercy.
- O Allah! Accept all of our good deeds and forgive us for our sins.
- O Allah! Grant safety and security to everyone here in Japan as well as all over the world. Aamin ya Rabbil Aalamin.