## Friday Khutbah of Masjid Otsuka February, Friday 03. 2023



## In the name of Allah Most Gracious and Most Merciful

All praises are due to Allah. We believe in Him and His Angels, His Books, His Messengers, the Last Day and in Destiny its good and apparent bad. We are content with Allah as our Lord, Islam as our religion. 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-Lail:

"As for he who gives and fears Allah." "And believes in the best [reward]," "We will facilitate him toward ease." (S.92 V.5--7)

The Prophet SAW said as if Allah says: "O My servants! Were the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you to rise up in one place and make a request of Me, and were I to give everyone what he requested, that would not decrease what I have, any more that a needle decreases the sea if put into it." [Sahih Muslim]

This is a gift from Allah, Who has created the universe through His grace, generosity and bounty. He created through His omnipotence, and He gave everything its form through His wisdom. He then guided His creation to that which honored them, and inspired to them that which benefitted them.

The Prophet Moses SAW said while describing the Lord in the Qur'an in Surah Taha:

"Our Lord is He Who gave each thing its form and then guided [it]." (S.20 V.50)

O servants of Allah! Exalted is Allah, the One Who gives with Ihsan, who has gifted us the state of being settled and being in peace and security. He is the One Who has given us the wellbeing of health in our bodies. Indeed, Allah is the One Who gives, the One Who has facilitated for His creation their provision, who has spread His blessings unto the horizons, being the most noble of the noble. Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah al-Isra':

"...And never has the gift of your Lord been restricted." (S.17 V.20)

Exalted is Allah Who gave His creation the means of understanding in the sciences of religion and to seek knowledge of the cosmos. And glorified be Allah, the One Who hears those who call Him, and Who answers their call, who gives freely unto His creation, for the Prophet SAW said: "When half of the night or two-third of it is over, Allah, the Blessed and the Exalted, descends to the lowest heaven and says: 'Is there anyone asking [something] so that they can be given?" [Muslim] From the blessings that Allah gives His slaves, is the blessings of good character. So the believer should strive to hold forth to good character, and take the means to ensure he attains to it, just as he would attain unto his provision. He should adom himself with the attributes of nobility and generosity as a way of devotion to the Lord, in following and emulating the Prophet SAW, for he used to give without any fear of poverty. He SAW used to advise one of his companions saying: "Join those who cut you off, give to the one who forbids you, and forgive those who wrong you." [Ahmad] So let our lives be a means of giving, giving to our families, to our societies and to our nations. For indeed, a human being has been gifted existence, and this itself is a mercy (Rahma) from the Most merciful (Rahman). So if he loves and is devoted to Allah, he will enter Paradise, after which he will find endless blessings, a goodness that will never end. Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah an-Naba:

"[As] reward from your Lord, [a generous] gift [made due by] account." (S.78 V.36)

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! Accept our prayers and all our ibada.
- O Allah! Accept all of our good deeds and forgive us for our sins.
- O Allah! Guide us to the right path and accept all our worships
- O Allah! Accept us for Your service and for the service of Islam and Muslims.
- O Allah! Accept all of us Dawah worker in Japan
- O Allah! Grant safety and security in Japan and all over the world. Aamin ya Rabbil Aalamin