



Virtue of Uthman (May Allah be pleased with him) and Quran

In the name of Allah Most Gracious and Most Merciful

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 at-Taubah**:

“O you who have believed, fear Allah and be with those who are true.” (S.9 V.119)

We remember in **Ramadan** this blessed month the lives of the righteous prior generations, first and foremost being the companions of the Prophet **SAW**. They are those who **Allah** has praised and raised their ranks, stating His being pleased with them. **Allah** says in the **Qur'an** in **Surah at-Taubah**:

“And the first forerunners [in the faith] among the Muhajireen and the Ansar and those who followed them with good conduct - Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him, and He has prepared for them gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the great attainment.” (S.9 V.100)

Indeed **Uthman RA** was an example in self-sacrifice and generosity. Serving as an exemplar in kindness and virtue, always hastening to the good, towards righteousness. Illustrative of this, once the Prophet **SAW** encouraged his companions to give charity, and it was **Uthman RA** who was first to hasten to the call, coming with a thousand **dinars** (each **dinar** was approximately equal to 4.25 grams of gold) in his garment in order to give it as charity. He did this only in seeking the pleasure of his **Lord**, and to come to the aid of his religion and nation. And he used to constantly give money to whoever was in need, bringing joy to the hearts of the poor and destitute. Likewise he also spent a great deal on the **masjids**, for it was his significant contribution of money that contributed to the expansion of the **Prophet's Masjid**.

O servants of **Allah**! And then **Uthman RA** had a special relationship with the **Qur'an**. He took it directly from hearing from the Prophet **SAW** and is reported to have been one of those who memorized the **Qur'an** during the Prophet's life. He would regularly recite it, reflect upon it and teach it. He would recite during the day and pray with it during the night. **Allah** says in the **Qur'an** in **Surah az-Zumar**:

“Is one who is devoutly obedient during periods of the night, prostrating and standing [in prayer - like one who does not]? ...” (S. 39 V.9)

When the above verse was revealed, **Umar RA** said that it described **Uthman RA**. **Uthman RA** also has a significant position in the annals of history for **Allah** preserved the religion through him. And united the **Muslims** through him. Indeed the **Qur'an** of **Allah** is summarized form of the word of **Allah**. It was first revealed in the month of **Ramadan**. A month of forgiveness and mercy, a month of freedom from the fires of perdition. The example of **Uthman RA** should encourage us as he did, to adhere to the **Qur'an**. To read it, to spread its teachings amongst people. What a beautiful example to emulate. To invest our time in this month, the way this great **Sahabi** invested his life. So let us occupy ourselves with the **Qur'an**, making it our main concern. Not only in reciting it, but in deep contemplation on its meanings. **The Messenger of Allah SAW** is reported to have said: **“The fasting [in Ramadan] and the Qur'an both intercede for the sincere servant on the Day of Judgment. The fasting of one says: ‘O my Lord! I deprived him of food and lustful desires through the day [for Your sake], so accept my intercession for him. And the Qur'an will say: ‘I deprived him of sleep in the night, so accept my intercession for him. So they will both be granted intercession for him.’ [Ahmad]**

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**