

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII
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WITH GRATITUDE COMES PEACE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
فَاذْكُرُونِي أَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِي وَلَا تَكْفُرُونِ
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
مَنْ لَا يَشْكُرِ النَّاسَ لَا يَشْكُرِ اللَّهَ .

Honorable Muslims!

Allah the Almighty states in the Holy Qur'an as follows: **“So remember Me and I shall remember you; give thanks to Me and do not be ungrateful to Me for My favors!”**¹

Every human being, whether young or old, rich or poor, strong or weak, sustain their lives only through the means and offerings bestowed by Allah (swt). It is an indispensable requirement of being a believing servant of Allah to be aware of this fact, to know its value, and to express gratitude to the Owner of Blessings.

A Muslim feel, expresses, and demonstrates his gratitude to Allah thoroughly. They are thankful in heart and know that they are indebted to Allah by always feeling Him in their hearts. They express their gratitude in words by always praising Allah. They demonstrate their gratitude physically by using their hands, tongues, eyes, and ears in good and keeping them clear off any kind of evil.

Dear Believers!

The Prophet Muhammad (saw) says, **“Those who do not thank people do not show gratitude to**

Allah.”² Then, a Muslim never underrates a favor done to them, nor do they show ungratefulness or arrogance. They get happy by giving thanks to all people who have done a favor for them, including primarily their parents, their spouses, and their children.

Dear Muslims!

Allah is al-Shakur, Who rewards any beneficial work done. He (swt) loves the servants who are not desirous and greedy but on the contrary are contented and satisfied with the available blessings. I would like to conclude this Friday's khutbah with a verse expressing this truth: **“Also call to mind when your Lord proclaimed: “If you give thanks, I will certainly grant you more; but if you are ungrateful for My favours, My chastisement is terrible.”**³

¹ Baqarah, 2/152.

² Tirmidhi, Birr, 35.

³ Ibrahim, 14/7.