FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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STARTING A FAMILY







وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُن

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

يَا مَعْشَرَ الشَّبَابِ! مَن اسْتَطَاعَ مِنْكُمُ الْبَاءَةَ فَلْيَتَزَوَّجْ، فَإِنَّهُ أَغَضُّ لِلْبَصَرِ وَأَحْصَنُ لِلْفَرْجِ.

Honorable Muslims!

Established Allah's (swt) upon commandment and the Prophet's (saw) utterance, marriage contract is a sunnah. As befits our nature and via a legitimate contract, entering into a marriage is a chance for all of us to be thankful.

Dear Mothers and Fathers!

In this hour of Friday when supplications are accepted, I call on you: Building a secure future is only feasible through families filled with love and compassion built on strong religious and moral foundations. To take as reference the Messenger of Allah's (saw) following hadith while building that family: "Make things easy and do not make things difficult. Calm people and do not arouse their aversion."i

Dear Young Brother and Sister!

Our beloved Prophet (saw) provides the following advice for you: "O young people! Whoever among you can marry, should marry.

Because it helps him lower his gaze and guard his modesty."ii

Follow the advise of our Prophet (saw) to form a family that is consistent with our values. While forming and maintaining a family as such, never compromise on love and respect, affection and compassion, and kindness and gentleness. In accordance with the Almighty Allah's (swt) commandment, "They are clothing for you and you are clothing for them." iii, surround your family with love and care, and protect them from all forms of evil.

Dear Muslims!

Let us all enjoy the peace that comes with having a family, which our Lord (swt) has provided as a chance for us to have an abundance of His divine blessings. As parents and young people, let us make getting married as easy as possible. Let us seek peace and happiness not in pomposity and ostentation, but in courtesy and sincerity, love and respect, understanding and sacrifice, in short in the pleasure of our Lord (swt).

I would like to conclude this Friday's khutbah with the following du'a the Almighty Allah (swt) has taught us: "O our Lord! Grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous."iv

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ⁱ Bukhari, <mark>II</mark>m, 11.

ii Bukhari, Nikah, 3.

Bagarah, 2/187.