



All praises are due to **Allah** the **Lord** of all the worlds, who accepts from **His** slaves deeds that are intended sincerely for **His** sake. 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**! You should know that **Allah** created Man and has shown him the straight path which he should follow in his life, such path which leads whoever follows it to salvation in the Day of Judgment.

Almighty **Allah** says in the **Qur'an** in **Surat Al-'An'am**:

**“And, [moreover], this is My path, which is straight, so follow it; and do not follow [other] ways, for you will be separated from His way. This has He instructed you that you may become righteous. ...” (S.6 V.153)**

Moreover **Allah** has ordered **His** slaves to ask **Him** in their prayers, for guidance to righteousness. They recite **Al-Fāṭihah** in each **rak'ah** (individual unit of prayer) and utter from the depths of their hearts **“Guide us to the straight path.”** (S.1 V. 6) And the righteousness of the **Muslim** includes good treatment towards **Allah**, the self and the Human beings. From the one hand, righteousness towards **Allah** is when the human being submits his soul unto his **Lord** and entrust all his affairs unto **Him** and makes righteous deeds in secret and in public. Likewise, keeping righteous behavior towards Mankind is a result of the righteous behavior towards the **Creator**. The righteous person towards his **Lord** will necessarily be righteous toward the creatures of his **Lord**. He will act with them in the right way, be kind to them and forgive their offences. Indeed, adhering to righteousness makes the life of the Human being full of virtues, filled with purity and adorned with chastity. It is unquestionably a life of a dignified person who is honored by his **Lord** and preferred by **Him** over many others among **His** creatures. Righteousness uplifts the human being, so it purifies his heart and keeps his tongue chaste in a way that makes him refrain from committing any offense or uttering any obscene language. It is by virtue of righteousness that the human being is attributed with all virtues and prevents himself from being involved in vices. Any group whose members are characterized with righteousness get their works improved, their matters settled and invoke the promise of **Allah** to promise their provisions.

O Servants of **Allah**! If righteousness is that important, what helps to achieve it? Righteousness can be achieved or attained by a **Muslim** only when this latter has good knowledge of the religion of **Allah**, Glorified and Exalted, and is aware of the teachings of his **Lord**. Actually, what helps to achieve righteousness is by constantly judging and controlling the self. **The Prophet SAW** said, **“A wise man is the one who calls himself to account (and refrains from doing evil deeds) and does noble deeds to benefit him after death; and the foolish person is the one who subdues himself to his temptations and desires and seeks from Allah the fulfillment of his vain desires.”** Furthermore, what helps to achieve righteousness is by keeping company of honest people, from whom the **Muslim** may take advantages, and meeting with people who will strengthen his obedience to Almighty **God** and enhance his remembrance of the Hereafter. **Allah** recommended his Messenger **SAW** of the following in this saying in the **Qur'an** in **Surah Al-Kahf**:

**“And keep yourself patient [by being] with those who call upon their Lord in the morning and the evening, seeking His countenance. And let not your eyes pass beyond them, desiring adornments of the worldly life, and do not obey one whose**



heart **We** have made heedless of **Our** remembrance and who follows his desire and whose affair is ever [in] neglect.” (S.18 V.28)

So fear **Allah**, servants of **Allah**, obey **Him**, beware of sins, ask the satisfaction of your **Lord**, remember and thank **Him** constantly and observe your duty toward **Him**. Seek what your **God** Has promised for the pious and refrain from what **He** warned for the disobedient in order to be among the righteous.

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 fasting, prayers and all our **ibada** and also all our good deeds for the sake of **Your** pleasure.

**O Allah!** Guide us to the right path and accept all our worships

**O Allah!** Accept all our good deeds and forgive our sins.

**O Allah!** Accept all of us **Dawah** worker in Japan

**O Allah!** Give **rizq** in abundance to all **Muslims** in Japan

**O Allah!** Grant safety and security to everyone here in Japan as well as all over the world. **Aamin ya Rabbil Aalamin**