Dear Researchers,

We are pleased to present you with valuable research articles in the December 2024 (23/2) issue of Hitit Theology Journal.

Before moving on to the content of our new issue, I would like to point out some developments regarding our journal. Our journal has started to be indexed in Index Islamicus and PhilPapers. We would like to thank the Editorial Support Team for their contributions.

The rapid development and widespread use of artificial intelligence tools in recent years has made it necessary to set ethical and scientific standards regarding the use of AI in articles submitted to our Journal. In this direction, an "Artificial Intelligence Policy" has been created and announced by our Editorial Board. As of the December 2024 issue, AI ethical declaration has started to be received from the authors. The main goal of this policy is to ensure the proper use of AI in writing and analyzing academic articles and to uphold data privacy and academic integrity principles.

150 articles were submitted to our Journal for publication in the December 2024 issue. After the review of the Editorial and the evaluation of the Editorial Board, 25 articles went through the referee evaluation process and 23 research articles, 3 in English and 20 in Turkish, received the approval of the referees and took their place in this issue. We are extremely pleased with the intense interest shown in our Journal and the increase in the number of articles submitted in each issue. However, this intensity requires a meticulous working process. The evaluations of our Editorial and Editorial Board members were decisive in determining the articles to be included in the referee evaluation and in the ranking of the articles published in the December issue. On this occasion, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our Editorial Board members who took the effort to evaluate a large number of articles and contributed to the articles. I would also like to thank our authors who enriched our December 2024 issue with their articles, the Editorial who played a major role in the preparation of the issue with their dedication and efforts, and our referees who contributed to the articles with their evaluations for their hard work.

May our 23/2nd issue, which is in front of you with valuable studies, will contribute to the literature.

I would like to thank you for your interest in our journal and hope to see you again in our June 2025 issue.

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Editor