

Dear Researchers,

We are pleased to present the June 2026 (25/1) issue of the Hitit Theology Journal, featuring a selection of research articles.

More than 250 articles were submitted for consideration in the June 2026 issue of our Journal. Following the preliminary evaluation by the Editorial Team and the careful review of the Editorial Board, 21 research articles were selected for the peer-review process. As a result of the reviewers' evaluations, a total of 19 research articles, including 17 in Turkish and 2 in English, were deemed suitable for publication.

Hitit Theology Journal continues to strengthen its position through the increasing number of submissions it receives, its growing national and international visibility, and its commitment to maintaining high standards in academic publishing. Behind this progress lies the dedicated effort of many individuals who contribute at different stages of the publication process. From the implementation of editorial policies and the management of peer-review procedures to technical preparation and index monitoring, the Journal's activities are sustained through strong teamwork and collective commitment.

On this occasion, I would also like to share a personal note. With the publication of this issue, my term as Editor of Hitit Theology Journal comes to an end. Throughout my tenure, our editorial team has worked diligently to enhance the Journal's academic quality, conduct its publication processes in accordance with national and international standards, and increase its scholarly visibility. I believe that the achievements attained during this period are the result not only of the efforts of the Editorial Team, but also of the collective contributions of our Editorial Board members, reviewers, authors, and readers.

I have full confidence that the Journal will continue its development in the years ahead with the same commitment to academic excellence and quality. I would like to wish every success to the incoming Editorial Team and express my sincere gratitude to the members of the Editorial Team and Editorial Board for their support throughout my term, to the reviewers whose evaluations have helped shape the published studies, to the authors who have chosen our Journal for the dissemination of their research, and to our readers who continue to follow our work with interest. I would also like to extend my special thanks to Associate Editor Dr. Hüseyin Taha Topalođlu and Editor Dr. Abdullah Sıtkı İlhan, who have undertaken significant responsibilities in the Journal's editorial activities for many years, for their dedicated efforts and valuable contributions.

I hope that the studies presented in this 25/1 issue will make a valuable contribution to the scholarly literature.

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