

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا  
الْبَيْعَ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٩١﴾ فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ الصَّلَاةُ فَانْتَشِرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ  
وَابْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ قَالَ: مَنْ تَوَضَّأَ فَأَحْسَنَ الوُضُوءَ، ثُمَّ أَتَى الْجُمُعَةَ، فَاسْتَمَعَ وَأَنْصَتَ،  
عُفِّرَ لَهُ مَا بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ الْجُمُعَةِ، وَزِيَادَةُ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ، وَمَنْ مَسَّ الْحَصَى فَقَدْ لَعَا

Respected Believers,

Today's khutbah will be about Friday prayers and the etiquette associated with them. Friday prayers are our festivals where we gather with our fellow believers, worship in congregation, and learn about our religion and values. Undoubtedly, there are certain rules and etiquettes for Friday prayers, and we benefit greatly by adhering to these. The Almighty Allah says in the Holy Quran: 'O believers! When the call to prayer is made on Friday, then proceed 'diligently' to the remembrance of Allah and leave off 'your' business. That is best for you, if only you knew.' (Jum'ah, 62:9)

The Prophet, peace be upon him, said: 'Whoever takes a bath on Friday, cleans himself as best he can, applies oil to his hair and beard, or uses some of the fragrance in his house, then goes to the mosque, does not separate two people who are already sitting, and prays as much as Allah has decreed for him, then listens attentively to the imam without speaking, his sins between this Friday and the next will be forgiven.' (Bukhari)

Neglecting Friday prayers without a valid excuse is a great sin. The Prophet, peace be upon him, warned us about this, saying: 'Whoever abandons Friday prayer three times out of negligence, his heart will be sealed.' (Ibn Majah)

Before going to the mosque, it is necessary to perform ablution, wear clean and nice clothes, clean one's mouth and teeth, and avoid unpleasant odors like sweat, garlic, and onion. Upon arriving at the mosque, one should sit in a suitable place without disturbing others, keep one's feet away from the qibla, the Quran, religious books, and elders, avoid worldly talk in the mosque, and refrain from any behavior that disrupts the tranquility and atmosphere of remembrance, speech, and lessons. Our religion commands and advises us to do so.

Dear brothers,

Another important matter to consider on this blessed day is the Friday khutbah. I would like to remind you of some

common mistakes and errors that have become widespread during the khutbah. Let us not forget that listening to the khutbah is obligatory. The khutbah should be listened to without talking to anyone or engaging in anything else. The khutbah is advice, reminders, and warnings. The khutbah is also a condition of the Friday prayer, just like the prayer itself. Whatever is forbidden in the prayer is also forbidden during the khutbah. Just as we do not give salaam, talk, look around, or offer salawaat during the prayer, these rules also apply during the khutbah. Talking, reciting blessings, tasbeeh, and zikr, greeting or offering salutations during the khutbah are strongly discouraged. One should not pray, use a phone, or engage in any other activity during the khutbah. Even gesturing to someone who is talking to tell them to be quiet is prohibited. When the imam makes a supplication during the khutbah, one should not raise their hands or say "ameen." One should sit respectfully and listen to the khutbah until it is finished. Whoever does these things during the khutbah has committed a sin and is deprived of the blessings of Friday.

Sadly, such behaviors contrary to the spirit of Friday and the khutbah are becoming increasingly common among Muslims. However, the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, did not even approve of telling a companion who was talking during the khutbah to be quiet, and he warned his ummah about this, saying: 'If someone tells his companion to be quiet while the imam is delivering the Friday khutbah, then he too has done a vain thing.' (Muslim)

Dear brothers,

let us not forget that the khutbah is part of the prayer. Let us focus our attention solely on the khutbah during the khutbah. Let us avoid behaviors that do not conform to the etiquette and rules of our worship. Let us occupy our minds and hearts with remembrance during this blessed time when prayers are answered.

I conclude my khutbah with the glad tidings of the Prophet, peace be upon him: 'There is a moment on Friday when a servant supplicates to Allah, and Allah will surely give him what he asks for.' (Tirmidhi)