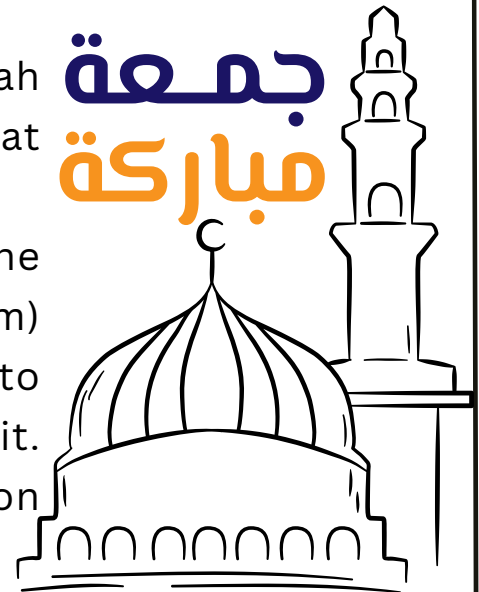


The Virtues of Friday

1- The Best Day of the Week: Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

"The best day on which the sun has risen is the day of Friday. On it, Adam (peace be upon him) was created, on it, he was admitted into Paradise, and on it, he was expelled from it. And the Hour will not be established except on a Friday." (Narrated by Muslim)



2- Has an hour of acceptance: On every Friday, there is an hour of response that Allah has specially designated for the day of Friday. Abu Sa'id and Abu Huraira (may Allah be pleased with them) narrated that the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

"There is an hour on Friday when a Muslim servant does not ask Allah for anything good, but He will grant it to him. This hour is after Asr (the afternoon prayer)." (Narrated by Ahmad.)

3- It includes the Jumu'ah prayer, which is the best of prayers. Allah, the Almighty, says:

"O you who have believed, when the call to prayer is made on the day of Jumu'ah, then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you if you only knew."

(Surah Al-Jumu'ah, 62:9)

The Obligation of Jumu'ah Prayer

The scholars have unanimously agreed that Jumu'ah prayer is obligatory (**Fard 'Ayn**) for those who are required to attend it as stated in the Qur'an: *"O you who have believed, when the call to prayer is made on the day of Jumu'ah, then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you if you only knew."* (Surah Al-Jumu'ah, 62:9)

From the Sunnah, the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:

"We are the last, but the first on the Day of Judgment. However, the People of the Book were given their scripture before us, and we were given it after them. Then, this day (Friday) is their day, but they differed about it, so Allah guided us. Thus, the people are following us in this: the Jews tomorrow (Saturday) and the Christians the day after tomorrow (Sunday)." (Bukhari and Muslim)

Additionally, the Prophet (ﷺ) said: *"Let people cease abandoning the Jumu'ah prayer, or else Allah will seal their hearts and they will be among the heedless."* (Muslim)

Who is Obligated to Perform Jumu'ah Prayer

Jumu'ah prayer is obligatory on the following:

1- Muslim 2- male 3- Adult 4- Free 5- Sane 6- resident
7- capable to attend

Exempted: The following are not required to attend Jumu'ah:

- Women: Women don't need to attend Jumu'ah.
- Children: Jumu'ah is not obligatory on children.
- Sick Individuals: Those who are ill and unable to attend Jumu'ah due to difficulty, fear of worsening their condition, or other health concerns are exempt.
- The traveler

The Time of Jumu'ah Prayer:

The time for the Jumu'ah prayer is the same as for Dhuhr prayer. This is supported by the practice of the Prophet who used to pray Jumu'ah when the sun had passed its zenith (i.e., when it started to tilt away from its highest point in the sky, which marks the beginning of the time for Dhuhr)." (Bukhari)

The time for Jumu'ah ends by the end of Dhuhr time.

The Minimum Number of Attendees:

Scholars have differed regarding the minimum number of people required for Jumu'ah (Friday) prayer to be valid:

1. Shafi'i and Hanbali Schools: They hold that forty men are required for the Jumu'ah prayer to be valid.
2. Hanafi School: According to them, the prayer is valid with three men in addition to the imam (a total of four).
3. Maliki School: They consider the minimum number to be twelve men, excluding the imam.

The Components of Jumu'ah Prayer:

Jumu'ah prayer consists of two main parts: A- the khutbah (sermon) - and B- the prayer itself.

A- For the khutbah, certain conditions must be met:

- 1- Two Khutbahs: The khutbah must consist of two parts, with a brief pause between them.
- 2- Praise of Allah
- 3- Sending blessings upon the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ).
- 4- The Shahada (Testification of Faith): The khutbah should include the shahadah: "la ilaha illa Allah, Muhammadun rasulul Allah."
- 5- Recitation of a verse from the Qur'an.
- 6- Admonition to fear Allah (Taqwa): The khutbah should remind the congregation to be conscious of Allah and to fear Him.
- 7- Making du'a for believing men and women in the second khutbah

B- For the Prayer:

After the two Khutbahs, Two rak'ah's performed as Fajr prayer. If a person catches one rak'ah of the Jumu'ah prayer with the Imam, then they have caught the prayer and must complete it by adding another rak'ah after the Imam finishes.

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: *"Whoever catches a rak'ah of the Jumu'ah prayer, let him add another rak'ah to it, and his prayer will be complete."* (Narrated by An-Nasa'i, Ibn Majah, and Al-Daraqutni)

The Etiquettes of the Jumu'ah prayer:

There are several recommended practices for those who are required to perform the Jumu'ah prayer.

1. Performing Ghisl (Ritual Bath):

It is recommended to perform ghisl (a full ritual washing) on Friday before attending the Jumu'ah prayer. The time for ghisl begins at dawn (Fajr).

2. Cleanliness and Beautification for Jumu'ah:

It is recommended to wear good and clean clothes, use the siwak, and apply perfume. It is even encouraged to have specific clothes for Jumu'ah. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: *"What would be wrong with one of you if he bought two special clothes for Friday, other than the clothes of his work?"* (Narrated by Al-Bukhari)

3. Early Arrival for Jumu'ah:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: *"Whoever performs ghisl on Friday like the ghisl for janabah, then comes early, it is as if he offered a camel. Whoever comes at the second hour, it is as if he offered a cow. Whoever comes at the third hour, it is as if he offered a ram with horns. Whoever comes at the fourth hour, it is as if he offered a chicken. Whoever comes at the fifth hour, it is as if he offered an egg. When the Imam comes out (to deliver the khutbah), the angels come to listen to the remembrance."* (Narrated by Al-Bukhari)

4. Not Stepping Over People's Necks:

It is disrespectful to push or step over people in the mosque to reach a better spot during Jumu'ah. Abdullah ibn Busr (may Allah be pleased with him) reported:

A man was stepping over the necks of the people on Friday while the Prophet (ﷺ) was delivering the khutbah. The Prophet (ﷺ) said to him: "Sit down, for you have harmed (the people)."

(Narrated by Abu Dawood)

5. Getting Closer to the Imam:

The Prophet (ﷺ) encouraged the worshipers to get closer to the Imam during the khutbah. He said:

"Whoever performs ghusl, arrives early, gets close, listens attentively, and moves forward during Jumu'ah, every step he takes will earn him the reward of standing for a year in prayer and fasting." (Narrated by At-Tirmidhi)

6- Listening attentively to the Friday sermon (khutbah):

On the authority of Abu Hurairah, the Prophet (ﷺ) said:

"If a man says to his companion on Friday while the imam is delivering the sermon, 'Be quiet,' he has engaged in idle talk."

(Reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim)

Etiquettes of Friday

1. Increasing prayers and blessings upon the Prophet.
2. Performing the ritual bath (ghusl) on Friday.
3. Applying perfume and performing voluntary prayers before Friday prayers.
4. Using the siwak (tooth-stick).
5. Seeking out the hour of acceptance (when supplications are answered).

QUIZ

Multiple Choice Questions

1- What is the best day on which the sun has risen?

- A. Monday
- B. Friday
- C. Saturday
- D. Sunday

2- On which day was Adam (peace be upon him) created?

- A. Thursday
- B. Friday
- C. Saturday
- D. Monday

3- When is the hour of acceptance on Friday?

- A. Before Fajr
- B. After Asr
- C. During Dhuhr
- D. At Maghrib

4- How many khutbahs (sermons) are there during Jumu'ah?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four

5- What is the ruling on Jumu'ah prayer for Muslim men who are residents?

- A. Optional
- B. Recommended
- C. Obligatory
- D. Disliked

6- How many rak'ahs are performed for Jumu'ah prayer?

- A. Four
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. One

7- Which group is exempted from Jumu'ah prayer?

- A. Men
- B. Women
- C. Residents
- D. Adults

8- What does the khutbah include?

- A. Recitation of a verse from the Qur'an
- B. Praising Allah
- C. Sending blessings upon the Prophet (ﷺ)
- D. All of the above

9- What should worshipers avoid during the khutbah?

- A. Talking
- B. Listening
- C. Moving forward
- D. Sitting quietly

10- What is the reward for arriving early for Jumu'ah?

- A. Offering a chicken
- B. Offering a camel
- C. Offering an egg

QUIZ

Answer the Questions

- 1- What are the virtues of Friday as mentioned in the hadith of Abu Hurairah?
- 2- What happens during the hour of acceptance on Friday?
- 3- What verse in the Qur'an emphasizes the obligation of Jumu'ah prayer?
- 4- Who is exempted from attending Jumu'ah prayer?
- 5- What are the components of Jumu'ah prayer?
- 6- Why is it recommended to arrive early for Jumu'ah prayer?
- 7- What did the Prophet (ﷺ) say about abandoning Jumu'ah prayer?
- 8- What is the importance of listening to the khutbah attentively?
- 9- What should be included in the khutbah?

QUIZ

True or False

1. Friday is the best day of the week.
2. Adam (peace be upon him) was created on a Saturday.
3. The hour of acceptance on Friday occurs before Fajr prayer.
4. Women are obligated to attend Jumu'ah prayer.
5. The khutbah consists of two parts.
6. It is recommended to use perfume and clean clothes for Jumu'ah.
7. It is acceptable to talk during the khutbah.
8. The time for Jumu'ah prayer is the same as Dhuhr prayer.
9. Stepping over people's necks during Jumu'ah is permissible.
10. Performing ghusl on Friday is recommended.

Fill-in-the-Blank

1. The Jumu'ah prayer consists of ____ rak'ahs performed after the ____ is delivered.
2. It is highly recommended to perform ____ (ritual bath) before attending the Jumu'ah prayer.
3. Allah said: "O you who believe, when the call for Jumu'ah is proclaimed, hasten to the ____ of Allah and leave off ____."
4. The Prophet (ﷺ) advised Muslims to wear their ____ clothes for Jumu'ah.
5. The khutbah during Jumu'ah consists of ____ parts.
6. The ____ prayer is obligatory for adult men but not for ____ or travelers.
7. There is an hour on Friday during which ____ are accepted. This hour is often associated with the time after ____ prayer.