

Friday Salah

Allah said:

{ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ
وَدَرُّوا الْبَيْعَ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ } [الجمعة: ٩]

When the call for Salah is proclaimed on Friday, hasten for the remembrance of Allah, and leave off business. That is much better for you, if you only knew.

Allah's Prophet ﷺ said:

He who performed ablution well, then came to Friday prayer, listened (to the khutba), kept silence, all (his sins) between that time and the next Friday would be forgiven with three days extra. And he who touched pebbles caused an interruption. (Muslim)

Allah's Prophet ﷺ said:

He who leaves the Friday prayer (continuously) for three Friday on account of slackness, Allah will print a stamp on his heart. (Abu Dawood)

Friday Salah consists of two Salah-units performed audibly. It is an individual obligation in its own right. It is not a substitute of Zuhr. However, if a person misses Friday Salah, the four Salah-units of Zuhr become obligatory for him.

Prerequisites for Friday Salah to become obligatory

Friday Salah is obligatory for a person who fulfills the following prerequisites:

1. He should be a male. Friday Salah is not obligatory for a female.
2. He should be free. Friday Salah is not obligatory for a slave.
3. He should be resident in a city or a large village equivalent de jure to a city. So, it is not obligatory for a traveler, nor for a person residing in a village.
4. He should be healthy. It is not obligatory for a sick person.
5. He should be safe. It is not obligatory for a person who is hiding in fear of a tyrant.
6. He should be able to see. It is not obligatory for a blind person.
7. He should be capable of walking. It is not obligatory for a person incapable of walking. If a person on whom Friday Salah is not obligatory, performs it, then his Salah will be valid and the obligatoriness of Zuhr upon him will become void. In fact, it is desirable for him to perform Friday Salah. However, a woman should perform Zuhr in her house as she has been forbidden from attending congregational Salah.

Prerequisites for validity of Friday Salah

Friday Salah is valid only if the following conditions are met:

1. City or its outskirts: Friday Salah is not valid in villages. Holding Friday Salah at several places in a city and its outskirts is valid.
2. Either the sovereign Caliph or his deputy should be present in the Friday Salah.
3. The Friday Salah should be held in the time of the Zuhr Salah. It will not be valid if it is held before or after the time of Zuhr Salah.
4. Arabic khutba: It should be delivered in the time of Zuhr Salah and before performing the Friday Salah. It is essential that at least one person out of those for whom Friday Salah is obligatory should be present to listen to the khutba.
5. General permission: The place where Friday Salah is being held should be open to all who want to enter. Friday Salah is not valid in a house whose gate has been closed to prevent people from entering.
6. Performing in congregation: Friday Salah is not valid if the people perform it individually. Congregation for a Friday Salah is valid if there are at least three men other than the Imam. If a traveler or a sick person is the Imam in Friday Salah, it will be valid.

Traditions of the Arabic khutba

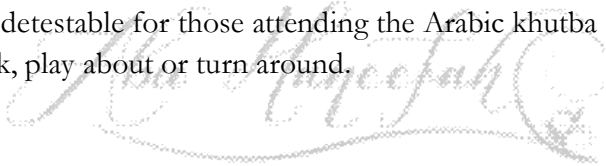
The following things are traditions in the Arabic khutba:

1. The khutba-deliverer should be free from de facto and de jure filths.

2. The khutba-deliverer should be covering his organs to be hidden.
3. The khutba-deliverer should sit on the pulpit before starting the khutba.
4. Salah-call should be delivered in front of the khutba-deliverer.
5. He should deliver the khutba while standing.
6. He should start the khutba with praise of Allah.
7. He should extol Allah as is appropriate for Him.
8. He should deliver the two testimonies regarding oneness of Allah and the prophethood of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.
9. He should recite the supplication of blessings upon the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.
10. He should counsel and exhort the people and recite at least one verse of the holy Quran.
11. He should deliver two khutbas separating them with a short sitting.
12. He should begin the second khutba as well with praise and extolment of Allah and supplication for blessings upon the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.
13. He should supplicate for and seek Allah's forgiveness for all male and female Believers during the second khutba.
14. The Arabic khutba should be delivered in a loud voice so that the audience is able to hear.
15. He should keep the khutba short, to the length of a Quranic chapter in the Tiwal e Mufassal (Hujarat – Burooj) category.

Other rulings related to Friday Salah

- At the first Salah-call, it is compulsory to hasten and leave off business.
- When the Imam comes out for the Arabic khutba, then neither Salah nor conversation is permitted. So one should neither respond to a Salam greeting nor respond to a sneezer till the Friday Salah is over.
- It is detestable for the khutba-deliverer to lengthen the Friday khutba.
- It is detestable for the khutba-deliverer to leave out any of the traditions of the Arabic khutba.
- It is detestable for those attending the Arabic khutba to eat, drink, play about or turn around.



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