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Introduction

Jumu` ah or Friday is so important in Islam. It is considered the best day of the week for Muslims. It is the day where the Muslims gather to offer prayer in congregation. The day of Jumu` ah is one of the blessings that the Muslim nation has been endowed with. Imam Ibn Kathir said, "It was named Jumu` ah because it is derived from the word *Al-Jam`* in Arabic which means to gather, as Muslims gather on this day every week, and Allah has commanded the believers to gather for His worship, as He says what means: **"O you who believe! When the call is proclaimed for Jumu` ah (Friday prayer), come fast to the remembrance of Allah."** (Al-Jumu` ah 62: 9) meaning be keen to go and attend it."

E-Da`wah Committee is pleased to present to you the most authentic hadiths regarding Friday and its merits. This includes some narrations that focus on the etiquette and rules of Friday Prayer. It also includes the preferred acts that a Muslim can do in order to get the great rewards on Friday.



1- Salman Al-Farsi narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "Whoever takes a bath on Friday, purifies himself as much as he can, then uses his (hair) oil or perfumes himself with the scent of his house, then proceeds (for the Jumua`h prayer) and does not separate two persons sitting together (in the mosque), then prays as much as (Allah has) written for him and then remains silent while the Imam is delivering the Khutbah, his sins in-between the present and the last Friday would be forgiven." (Al-Bukhari)

2- Abu Hurairah narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "On every Friday the angels take their stand at every gate of the mosque to write the names of the people chronologically (i.e. according to the time of their arrival for the Friday prayer) and when the Imam sits (on the pulpit) they fold up their scrolls and get ready to listen to the sermon." (Al-Bukhari)

3- Abu `Abs narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "Anyone whose feet are covered with dust in Allah's cause, shall be saved by Allah from the Hell-Fire." (Al-Bukhari)



4- Hudhaifah narrated that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: It was Friday from which Allah diverted those who were before us. For the Jews (the day set aside for prayer) was *Sabt* (Saturday), and for the Christians it was Sunday. And Allah turned towards us and guided us to Friday (as the day of Prayer) for us. In fact, He (Allah) made Friday, Saturday and Sunday (as days of Prayer). In this order would they (Jews and Christians) come after us on the Day of Resurrection." (Muslim)

5- Abu Hurairah reported the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) as saying: The best day on which the sun has risen is Friday; on it Adam was created. On it he was made to enter Paradise, on it he was expelled from it. And the last hour will take place on no day other than Friday." (Muslim)

6- Abu Hurairah reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, "He who takes a bath on Friday, the bath which is obligatory after the sexual discharge and then goes (to the mosque), he is like one who offers a she-camel as a sacrifice, and he who comes at the second hour would be like one who offers a cow, and he who comes at the third hour is like one who offers a ram with horns, and he who comes at the fourth hour is like one who offers a hen, and he who comes at the fifth hour is like one who offers an egg. And when the Imam comes out, the angels are also present and listen to the mention of God (the sermon)." (Muslim)

7- Abu Hurairah reported that the Prophet (peace be upon him) as saying: "He who took a bath and then came for Jumu`ah Prayer and then prayed what was fixed for him, then kept silence till the Imam finished the sermon, and then prayed along with him, his sins between that time and the next Friday would be forgiven, and even of three days more." (Muslim)



8- Abu Hurairah reported Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) as saying: "When it is Friday, the angels stand at every door of the mosque and record the people in the order of their arrival, and when the Imam sits (on the pulpit for delivering the sermon) they fold up their sheets (manuscripts of the Qur'an) and listen to the mention (of Allah). And he who comes early is like one who offers a she-camel as a sacrifice, the next like one who offers a cow, the next a ram, the next a hen, the next an egg." (Muslim)

9- Aws ibn Aws reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "Among the most excellent of your days is Friday; so invoke many blessings on me on that day, for your blessing will be submitted to me. They (the Companions) asked: O Messenger of Allah, how can our blessings be submitted to you, when your body has decayed? He (peace be upon him) said: Allah has prohibited the earth from consuming the bodies of Prophets." (Abu Dawud)



10- Abu Hurairah reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "Five prayers and from one Friday prayer to (the next) Friday prayer is an expiation (of the sins committed in between their intervals) if major sins are not committed." (Muslim)

11- Aws ibn Aws Ath-Thaqafi said: "I heard the Prophet (peace be upon him) say: 'Whoever takes a bath on Friday, and bathes completely, and goes early, arriving early, and walks and does not ride (to the mosque), and sits close to the Imam and listens to him, and does not engage in idle talk; for every step he takes he will have the reward of one year, the reward of a year's fasting and praying (at night).'" (Ibn Majah)

12- Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri narrated that Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him) said, "The taking of a bath on Friday is compulsory for every male (Muslim) who has attained the age of puberty." (Al-Bukhari)

13- Al-Ja`d Ad-Damri narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "He who leaves the Friday prayer (continuously) for three Friday on account of slackness, Allah will print a stamp on his heart." (Abu Dawud)

14- Ibn `Umar and Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with them) reported: We heard the Messenger of Allah saying (while delivering Khutbah on his wooden pulpit), "Either some people (i.e., hypocrites) stop neglecting the Friday prayers, or Allah will seal their hearts and they will be among the heedless." (Muslim)

15- Tariq ibn Shihab narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "The Friday prayer in congregation is a necessary duty for every Muslim, with four exceptions; a slave, a woman, a boy, and a sick person." (Abu Dawud)



16- Jabir bin Samurah said: "I saw the Messenger of Allah delivering the *khutbah* on Friday standing, then he sat briefly and did not speak, then he stood up and delivered a second Khutbah. So whoever tells you that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) used to deliver the *khutbah* seated, he has lied." (An-Nasa'i)

17- Ibn 'Abbas narrated that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: 'This day is an 'Eid (festival) which Allah has ordained for the Muslims. Whoever comes to Friday (prayer), let him take a bath and if he has perfume then let him put some on. And upon you (I urge to use) is the tooth stick.'" (Ibn Majah)

18- Ibn `Abbas reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) used to recite in the Dawn Prayer on Friday Surah "*Alif-Lam-Mim, Tanz'il*" (As-Sajdah), Surely there came over the man a time" (Al-Insan) and he used to recite in Jumu`ah Prayer Surat Al-Jumu`ah and Al-Munafiqun." (Muslim)



19- `Abdullah ibn `Amr narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: Three types of people attend Friday prayer; One is present in a frivolous way and that is all he gets from it; another comes with a supplication, Allah may grant or refuse his request as He wishes; another is present silently and quietly with-out stepping over a Muslim or annoying anyone, and that is an atonement for his sins till the next Friday and three days more, the reason being that Allah, the Exalted, says: "He who does a good deed will have ten times as much". (Abu Dawud)

20- Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri narrated that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "Whoever recites Surat Al-Kahf on the day of Jumu`ah (Friday), will have a light that will shine from him from one Friday to the next." (Al-Hakim and Al-Bayhaqi)

21- Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) as saying: "None of you should observe fast on Friday except that he should observe fast either one day before it or one day after it." (Agreed Upon)

22- Abu Hurairah narrated that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: "Do not single out Friday night (i.e. the night preceding Friday) among all the other nights for performing the night prayer. Also, do not single out Friday among other days for fasting, unless it coincides with the days one regularly fasts." (Muslim)

23- It was narrated from Jabir ibn `Abdullah that a man entered the mosque one Friday when the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) was delivering the sermon. He started stepping over the people's shoulders, and the Messenger of Allah said: "Sit down, for you have annoyed (people) and you are late." (Ibn Majah)



24- Jabir ibn `Abdullah narrated that a person entered the mosque while the Prophet (peace be upon him) was delivering the *Khutbah* on a Friday. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said to him, "Have you prayed?" The man replied in the negative. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "Get up and pray two *rak`ahs*." (Al-Bukhari)

25- Abu Hurairah narrated that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, "When the *Imam* is delivering the *Khutbah*, and you ask your companion to keep quiet and listen, then no doubt you have done an evil act." (Al-Bukhari)

26- Mu`adh ibn Anas Al-Juhani (may Allah be pleased with him) said: The Prophet (peace be upon him) forbade (us) from sitting with our legs drawn up to our belly (*Ihtiba'*) during the Friday *Khutbah* (religious talk before the prayer)." (Abu Dawud and At-Tirmidhi)



27- Ibn `Umar said: "The Prophet used to deliver two sermons. He would sit down when he ascended the pulpit till he (I think he meant the muezzin) finished. He would then stand up and preach, then sit down and say nothing, then stand up and preach." (Abu Dawud)

28- `Abdullah ibn `Amr narrated that the Messenger of Allah prohibited buying and selling in the mosque, announcing aloud about a lost thing, the recitation of a poem in it, and prohibited sitting in a circle (in the mosque) on Friday before the prayer." (Abu Dawud)

25- Nafi` reported that when `Abdullah ibn `Umar observed the Friday prayer and came back he observed two *rak`ahs* in his house, and then said: "The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) used to do this." (Muslim)