

Grace of Fridays

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Slaves of Allah, let it be known to you that Friday is the day with the greatest status with Allah, and the highest honour, and the day with the greatest grace. Allah chose it from amongst other days, and gave it preference over other times. Allah has given Friday especially to the nation of Islam. The Jews and Christians have been misguided away from the day of Friday, and the Muslim nation was guided to it as a form of honour due to the grace and blessings of its prophet ppbu. The messenger ppbu said: **{Allah misguided away off Friday those who were before us. The Jews had the Sabat (or Saturday), and the Christians had the Sunday. Allah brought us about and guided us to the day of Friday}.**

For Friday is the master of all days. Like no other day, Allah gave it numerous benefits, and honoured it with great advantages. Allah delegated that His slaves are to take opportunity of the graces and do the obedience specially assigned to Fridays. The messenger ppbu said: **{On the day of gathering, all days will be gathered together on their normal form, while the day of Friday will be present as a radiating flower, its people will gather round it like a pride on her wedding day presented to the one who honours her. They will walk in the light it shines, their colour is like snow in whiteness, and their fragrant shines like musk (*Misk*) and like being in mountains of camphor (*kafoor*). Their two masses of deeds (the good and bad deeds) will look at them but would not go near them in astonishment until they enter into paradise, No one shall join them at that point except those who make Azan (call for prayers) and who always keep count of their deeds and sins}**

One of the graces of Friday is what the messenger ppbu described when he said: **{The best day the sun has ever risen on is the day of Friday. Friday is the day Adam was created, and on Friday he was brought into paradise, and on Friday he was brought out of it, the time of resurrection will only happen on a Friday}.**

The messenger ppbu also said: **{Master of all days is the day of Friday, As far as Allah is concerned the greatest day is the day of Friday. With Allah Friday is greater than the two *Adha* and *Fitr* eed feast days. It has**

five characteristics: on this day Adam was created, and on this day Adam was descended from paradise to earth, and on this day Adam died, and on this day of Friday there is an hour during which any slave who asks Allah anything then Allah will answer and will give as long as what was asked is not forbidden (or *harram*). and the resurrection will take place on a Friday. All angels close to Allah, and all heavens, and earths, and all the winds and mountains and seas have fear and respect for the day of Friday}.

Imam Ahmed said about that hour during the day of Friday during which all prayers are answered and requests are accommodated, he said that this hour is most likely to be after *Asr* (mid-after noon prayer) prayer. The messenger ppbu was reported saying: **{seek it during the last hour after *Asr*}**.

One of the acts of worship which was associated with Friday is reciting the *Al-Kahf Surat* or chapter. The messenger ppbu said: **{Whoever recites *Al-Kahf* chapter on a Friday then that will brighten up the darkness for him/her between the two Fridays}**.

The greatest of what Allah has regulated on this blessed day and one of its highest status advantages is the Friday prayer. Friday prayer is one of the greatest prayers in status, and the most compulsory of them all, and the one which one receives the highest reward for. Friday prayer has been given extra more care by Islam. It is recommended to shower or wash before coming to prayer, and to get cleaned and put on the best of fragrant. And eliminating bad smells and bad breath (not to eat garlic etc.), and putting on the best of clothes and in full outfit, and to come to the mosque as early as possible, and to sit as close as possible to the Imam, and make effort to pay attention and put your heart into listening to the lessons told and the mentioning of Allah. The messenger ppbu said **{whoever gets a wash on a Friday. A wash fitting for a prayer (*Janabah wash*) and then goes for the prayer in the first hour (meaning real early) would be as if he has made an offering or a sacrifice of a camel. And this that goes on the second hour would be as if he has offered a cow. And this that goes on the third hour would be as if he has offered a ram with horns. And this that goes on the fourth hour would be as if he has offered a chicken. And this that goes on the fifth hour would be as if he has offered an egg. And when the Imam comes out to deliver the *khutba* (talk) angels approach to listen}**. The messenger ppbu said: **{attend the Friday prayer, and get closer to the Imam. A man who stays away from the Imam will get further and further away; up to the point that he is delayed from entering paradise;**

that is if he ever does}. When an individual attends the mosque, then they are to get himself or herself busy with worship and obedience acts like prayers and uttering of Allah's names and *duaa* and reciting of Koran up to the point when the Imam comes out to deliver the *Khutba*. When the Imam comes out then the individual is to pay attention and to listen attentively to the talk; learning from lessons mentioned or verses recited, or advice given. Then the individual ought to perform prayer in humility and tranquillity and meditation. The messenger ppbu said: **{whoever does *wodo* (pre-prayer wash) and does it well, then goes for the Friday prayer, and listens attentively, then all his sins between him the previous Friday are forgiven and three more days}**

Slaves of Allah; be warned against all that is forbidden or advised against which may cause missing out on Friday's reward, or reduction in the reward like delayed arrival to the mosque until after the Imam comes out for the *khutba*.

Be warned against walking over across other people. The messenger was delivering a talk some Friday when he saw a man walking over across people; so he said to him: **{set down for you have caused hurt and caused delay}**. Someone who does that could qualify as one of those intended by what Allah says in this verse: **{And those who harm the faithful men and women undeservedly bear (on themselves) a wrong and a clear sin}** 33:58.

Be warned against causing interference and disturbance to other people doing prayer even if the interference is caused by reciting Koran with a sound which loud enough to be heard.

It is also a cause to lose reward and lack of understanding to get involved into a conversation or to get involved in messing with another object which distracts you from listening. The messenger ppbu said: **{whoever gets distracted by messing with stones or pebbles then it is as if he has spoken during Khutba}**. He also said: **{if you say to your friend "Quite" on a Friday while the Imam is delivering the *Khutba* then you have spoken during *Khutba*}**. And the messenger ppbu said: **{who ever talks during the Khutba then it does not count as Friday for him}**.

One of the greater sins is not to attend the Friday prayer without an acceptable reason. The messenger ppbu said: **{Let some people give up the habit of not attending Friday prayers or else Allah shall have their hearts stamped then they shall become oblivious and unmindful}**. And

the messenger ppbu said: **{whoever intentionally misses Friday three times without necessity then Allah will stamp his heart}**.

Slaves of Allah, take opportunities of the greatness of rewards of the good deeds on Fridays. Fear Allah and get closer to Him with the deeds which get you closer to your creator. Allah says: **{You who believe! When the call is proclaimed to prayer on Friday (the Day of Assembly), hasten earnestly to the Remembrance of Allah, and leave off selling; that is best for you if you but knew. And when the Prayer is finished, then may you disperse through the land, and seek of the Bounty of Allah; and celebrate the Praises of Allah often (and without stint): that you may prosper}** 62:9-10.

Remember that the best of the good deeds on the day and night of Friday is to say plentiful prayers and greetings of peace upon the messenger ppbu. The messenger ppbu said: **{one of your best days is the day of Friday. Say plenty of prayers upon me. For your prayers will be shown to me}**.

The messenger ppbu is the best of all humanity, and Friday is the master of all the days. Saying a prayer upon the best human on the best of all days has an advantage which it does not have on other days. All the grace and bounty that this nation of Islam received has received through him the messenger of Allah. Allah has given the nation of Islam the goodness of this life and the goodness of the life after through the messenger ppbu. It is on Friday that they shall be sent to their homes and palaces in Paradise. And Friday is the day which is called the “**Extra reward day**” once they are in paradise. And it is a feast day for them in this life. Friday is a day where Allah answers their prayers and does not refuse a request. All this is received because of him and through him the messenger of Allah ppbu. Do say a lot of prayers upon him on the day and the night of Friday.