

The Grace of the day of Friday and its rulings

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In the name of Allah Most Gracious Most Merciful

Allah says: **{You who have faith, if the prayer is called for on the day of Friday then seek out to remember Allah and refrain from selling that is better for you if you just knew. And when the prayer is over then disperse into the land and seek out from the grace of Allah and remember Allah a lot so you may do well}** 629-10. Yes, Islam has given special attention to the day of Friday. Verses in the Koran address the faithful when they talk about Friday. Allah honoured His slaves by addressing them in particular about Friday. The messenger ppbu said: **{We are the later nation, and yet we will be the first on the day of resurrection. Despite the people of the book were given the book before us, yet they disagreed over this day. Allah guided us to the day of Friday. Tomorrow is for the Jews and for the day after is for the Christians}**.

Remember that Allah has given more honour to some of His creations over others. This is done at His choosing and as an honour and respect. Some of His creations that He honoured are some selected days over others. Some days He made them to be rich with His graces and mercies. The day of Friday is one of the highest honoured days with Allah. For Allah has chose the day of Friday over all other days and other times. The messenger ppbu said: **{The best day in which the sun has even risen is the day of Friday. On Friday Allah created Adam, and on a Friday Adam was descended down from paradise, and on a Friday Allah accepted Adam's repentance, and on Friday shall be the day of resurrection. And on every Friday there is an hour during which if a**

Muslim happens to be standing doing a prayer and asks Allah anything then Allah shall grant him or her what they ask}. Friday is the master of all days. Allah has characterised it with special great characteristics and honoured it with fantastic advantages. Allah encouraged His slaves to take advantage of such opportunities of the graces on this day with some special obedience to be done on this day. The messenger ppbu said: {Days shall be summoned in their normal form, while Friday shall be summoned as a glowing radiating rose, with its people surrounding it just like a pride in a wedding procession brought to her noble groom. Its glow lights up the path, they are as white as snow, and their fragrance radiates like Musk, they roam in mountains of Camphor perfume. The two loads of deeds look at them non stop in astonishment until they enter paradise. No one joins them except those who do the calls for prayers (*Azan*) and who are God fearing}.

The messenger ppbu also said: **{Friday is the master of all days, and the greatest with Allah. It is greater than the day of sacrifice *Eid*, and greater than the *Fitr-Eid* day after Ramadan. Five things happened on a Friday: Allah created Adam, and Allah brought Adam down to Earth, and Allah received Adam's soul when Adam died, and Friday has an hour during which if a slave asks Allah anything Allah shall give as long as it is not a forbidden request. And on Friday the day of resurrection shall take place, and all angels, and all heavens and earth and wind and mountain and ocean or sea they all fear the day of Friday}**. Imam Ahmed thought that the hour of the on a Friday of a guaranteed answer to any prayer is to be just after Asr (late afternoon) prayer. The messenger ppbu said once **{.. seek it in the last hour after Asr}**.

Friday was also named by the messenger a the “Day of Mazeed” or day of extra giving. The messenger ppbu said:

{Gabriel came up to me with a mirror. I asked what that was. Gabriel said: This is Friday, you and your nation have been given this benefit. The rest of the people come next to you, that is Jews and Christians. There is goodness in it for you. And it has an hour during which if one of the faithful makes a prayer asking Allah then Allah shall answer. And for us Friday is Al-Mazeed day (*or day of extra or the More day*). I asked: and what is al-Mazeed day? He said: Your Lord has taken in the highest Garden in Paradise a valley fragranced with heaps of Musk. When Friday comes Allah brings down as many of His angels as He pleases, surrounded by pedestals of light where the prophets are seated, and surrounded those with pedestals of gold decorated with rubies and sapphire upon which the martyrs and seddiqs (*those who tell the truth and those who believed that the messenger ppbu told the truth*). Allah says to them: I am your Lord, I have made true my promise. Ask me and I shall give you. They say: Our God, we ask for your satisfaction. He says: “I am satisfied with you, and you shall be granted what you wish for. And I have more”. And they believe it was the day of Friday is the reason why their Lord bestows upon them all the goodness }

Friday has so many and unlimited number of benefits; and which are difficult to describe. Here are some of such benefits. The messenger ppbu said: {**Any Muslim who dies on the day or the night of a Friday while on faith, then he or she will be protected from temptations of the grave**}

On the day of Friday every Muslim ought to do what was commanded of compulsory and recommended deeds, and some are:

- 1) Reciting a plenty of the Koran, especially for the Imam of a mosque to read the chapters (32) As-Sajdah and (76) Al-Insan at Dawn (*Fajr*) prayer.

During the day of Friday it is desirable to recite chapter (18) “Al-Kahf” (the Cave). The messenger ppbu said: **{whoever reads Al-Kahf chapter on the day of Friday, a light will brighten up for him/her in between the two Fridays}**.

- 2) Doing a plenty of prayers upon the messenger ppbu on the day or night of Friday. The messenger ppbu said: **{say plenty of prayers upon me on the day or night of Friday. For this who says one prayer upon me, then Allah will say ten prayers upon him/her}**.
- 3) The messenger ppbu said: **{The wash (or shower) on Friday is compulsory for every mature Muslim, and brushing the teeth (or using Miswak) and if available is to put on some fragrance}**.
- 4) The messenger ppbu said: **{Who ever washes on a Friday, and brushes the teeth (or use miswak), and wears perfume if he/she has it, and puts on the best outfit he has; then goes out till he reaches the mosque, then he does not step over the heads of people, then he does as many as he likes of voluntary prayers, then he sits and listens until the Imam comes out and he does not talk until he finishes his prayer, then that will for him wipe out all his sins between that Friday and the Friday before it}**.
- 5) It is recommended to do *Takbeer* or glorifying Allah on the way to the Mosque. The messenger ppbu said: **{whoever washed and cleaned well, and went to the mosque and went early, and sat near and got closer (to the Imam), and listened and listened attentively, then for each step he stepped he gets the reward of fasting and the reward of night prayers of one full year}**. The messenger ppbu also said: **{whoever washes on a Friday the wash fit for purity off *Janabah*, then he leaves (for the mosque) early then it is as if he offered a camel, and whoever leaves at the second hour then it is as if he offered a cow, and whoever leaves at the third hour**

then it is as if he offered a ram with its horns, and whoever leaves at the fourth hour then it is as if he offered a chicken, and whoever leaves at the fifth hour then it is as if he offered an egg. And when the Imam comes out for Khutba then angels come to listen to the talk}. Dear Muslims, do not forget about glorifying Allah on Fridays (*Takbeer*) and about coming early for Friday prayer.

- 6) Walking towards the Friday prayer is desirable. And it is also desirable to set closer to the Imam, and to absolutely listen attentively to the Friday talk (*or Khutba*). And do not get distracted with or by anything else. Listen with your heart to the lessons. The messenger ppbu said: **{attend the Friday prayer, and get closer to the Imam. An individual may set further and further away from the Imam to the point that he shall be delayed in entering paradise, yet eventually he will still enter}**.
- 7) If you come a little late, do not walk over or across the heads of others who are seated for the Friday seeking to get a front row. Some scholars warned against that and said it is a despised act and others went further to classify it as a forbidden act. The messenger ppbu was delivering a Friday khutba once when he saw a man who walked in the mosque and started crossing over others to get closer. The messenger ppbu denying that to him said: **{set down for you have caused harm to others and you have come late}**. Dear slaves of Allah, be warned and avoid anything which may take away the Friday rewards from you.
- 8) Finally, do not disturb others by loud voices or otherwise. This can be by talking out loud, or by the ringing of your mobile phone. The messenger ppbu said to some Muslim who recited the Koran out loud: **{do not recite the Koran out loud over each other}**. The messenger ppbu said: **{even messing or playing with pebbles (*or keys or other items during khutba*) is the same as speaking out loud}**. The messenger ppbu said: **{if you say to your friend**

“Quit” or “Listen” on a Friday while the Imam is delivering the khutba then you have spoken out loud}. The messenger ppbu said: {this who says to his friend “Quit” while the Imam is delivering the khutba then he has spoken out loud, and whoever speaks out loud then Friday does not count for him}.

Do not miss Friday prayers

The messenger ppbu said: {let many people stop staying away from Friday prayers or else Allah will seal their hearts then they shall be amongst the heedless and oblivious}. The messenger ppbu said: {whoever misses Friday three times without a necessity then Allah will seal off his heart}.

Slaves of Allah, fear Allah and ask His forgiveness.