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**In the Name of Allâh
the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful**



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All praise is due to Allaah, Who has blessed the Muslims and favored them by guiding them to the best of all days, *Al-Jumu'ah* (Friday), as their day of congregational worship. Allaah has placed many blessings and virtues in this day that are not found in other days. In performing the acts of worship that are legislated on the day of *Al-Jumu'ah*, the Muslim gains forgiveness for his sins that he has accumulated throughout the week. He comes together with his brothers and sisters to be reminded of his duties to Allaah and his fellow Muslims. He listens quietly to the sermon and he reflects upon his own situation and the situations of his society around him. The day of *Al-Jumu'ah* is a day of celebration for the Muslims and it is considered an 'Eed (Islaamic Holiday) just as the other two 'Eeds ('Eed ul-Fitr and 'Eed ul-Adh_haa).

In this brief booklet the author gives some very important reminders concerning the etiquettes of this blessed day of *Al-Jumu'ah* and how it should be received by the Muslims. He makes his points by using *hadeeths* of the Prophet ﷺ and statements of the scholars of the past concerning the practices of *Al-Jumu'ah*. An added benefit is that all of the

hadeeths have been referenced with brief notes concerning their grades of authenticity. Though concise, this booklet provides needed encouragement for every Muslim to truly contemplate upon the importance of this day and what it means to the worshipper of Allaah. We thank the author, Abdul-Malik Al-Qaasim for allowing us to share the benefit of this work with our English readers. We also thank Mr. Abu Muhammad Abdur-Ra'uf Shakir and Mr. 'Aqeel Walker for their help in editing and translating this work. And Allaah is the Giver of success.

Abdul Malik Mujahid



In the Name of Allaah, the Most Gracious,
the Most Merciful

Introduction

All praise is due to Allaah, Who made the succession of the night and day a sign for those who see clearly. I praise Him and thank Him for His immense blessings. I also send prayers of blessings and peace upon the noblest of the Prophets and Messengers, our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and all of his companions. To proceed:

Nations continue to celebrate their holidays and enjoy their continuous occurrences. They feel delight when the names of these holidays are mentioned. Then how about the holiday of the Islaamic community and its worship of Allaah during it?

Verily the weekly holiday for the Muslims is the day of *Jumu'ah* (Friday), which Allaah has honored

this nation (the Muslims) with after He misguided the Jews and Christians concerning it. The Prophet ﷺ said,

«أَضَلَّ اللهُ عَنِ الْجُمُعَةِ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَنَا، فَكَانَ لِلْيَهُودِ يَوْمُ السَّبْتِ، وَكَانَ لِلنَّصَارَى يَوْمُ الْأَحَدِ، فَجَاءَ اللهُ بِنَا فَهَدَانَا لِيَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ، فَجَعَلَ الْجُمُعَةَ وَالسَّبْتَ وَالْأَحَدَ، وَكَذَلِكَ هُمْ لَنَا تَبِعُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ، نَحْنُ الْآخِرُونَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الدُّنْيَا، وَالْأَوَّلُونَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ [رواه مسلم ح: ٨٥٦]

“Allaah misguided those before us concerning the day of *Jumu'ah*. Thus, the Jews had *As-Sabt* (Saturday) and the Christians had *Al-Ahad* (Sunday) (i.e. as their days of worship). Then Allaah brought us and guided us to the day of *Jumu'ah*. Thus, He made the days (come in the sequence of) *Al-Jumu'ah* (Friday), *As-Sabt* (Saturday), and *Al-Ahad* (Sunday). Likewise, they (the Jews and Christians) will come after us on the Day of Judgement. We are the last (of these religions) of the people of this world and the

first on the Day of Judgement to be judged before the rest of creation.” (Muslim)

Jumu'ah is the day which the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said about it,

«خَيْرُ يَوْمٍ طَلَعَتْ عَلَيْهِ الشَّمْسُ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ»

[رواه مسلم ح: ٨٥٤]

“The best day that the sun rises upon is the day of *Jumu'ah*.” (Muslim)

This is the great day that some of the Muslims have made for long sleeping, relaxing and taking trips. Some women have designated this day for shopping in the market places and housework. Thus, they have become neglectful of the right of this day. We must know the value of this day and its special qualities so that we may devote ourselves to worship, obedience (of Allaah), increased supplicating and praying for blessings upon the Prophet ﷺ.

Ibn Al-Qayyim said in his book *Zaad Al-Ma'aad*: “It was from his (the Prophet’s) guidance to magnify

this day, honor it, and designate it for acts of worship, making it more special than other days. The scholars differ as to which is better between *Jumu'ah* and the Day of 'Arafah..." Then Ibn Al-Qayyim counted more than thirty merits and virtues that this great day contains. From these special qualities and virtues are the following:

1. It is a recurrent holiday ('Eed). Thus, it is forbidden to single it out for fasting in opposition of the practice of the Jews and Christians. This is also so that the servant (of Allaah) will have strength to perform its particular acts of obedience, such as prayer (i.e. *Salaatul-Jumu'ah*), supplications and other things.
2. It is the Day of Increase (*Yawm ul-Mazeed*). On this day Allaah will appear before the believers in Paradise (so they can see Him). Allaah says,

[ق: ٣٥]

﴿وَلَدَيْنَا مَزِيدٌ﴾

"And We have more (for them, i.e. seeing Allaah)." (50:35)

Anas ؓ said, "He (Allaah) will appear before them every *Jumu'ah* (Friday)."¹

3. It is the best of days. The Prophet ﷺ said,

«خَيْرُ يَوْمٍ طَلَعَتْ عَلَيْهِ الشَّمْسُ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ»

[رواه مسلم ح: ٨٥٤]

"The best day that the sun rises upon is the day of *Jumu'ah*." (*Muslim*)

4. It contains the hour when supplications are answered. The Prophet ﷺ said,

«فِيهِ سَاعَةٌ لَا يُوَافِقُهَا عَبْدٌ مُسْلِمٌ، وَهُوَ قَائِمٌ يُصَلِّي يَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى شَيْئًا إِلَّا أَعْطَاهُ إِيَّاهُ» وأشار بيده يقللها.

[رواه البخاري ح: ٩٣٥، ٥٢٩٤، ٦٤٠٠ ومسلم ح: ٨٥٢]

"There is an hour during it (i.e. *Jumu'ah*) that no Muslim servant catches while he is standing and praying, asking Allaah for something, except

¹ This narration was recorded by Ibn Katheer in his *Tafseer* (Vol. 4) in explaining this verse, and he referenced it to *Al-Bazzaar* and *Ibn Abee Haatim*. A.W.

that Allaah will give it (what he is asking for) to him." Then the Prophet ﷺ made a gesture with his hand to indicate how short that time is. (*Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim*)

5. The virtue of performing righteous deeds during it. The Prophet ﷺ said,

«خَمْسٌ مَنْ عَمَلَهُنَّ فِي يَوْمٍ كَتَبَهُ اللهُ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ: مَنْ عَادَ مَرِيضًا، وَشَهِدَ جَنَازَةً، وَصَامَ يَوْمًا، وَرَاحَ إِلَى الْجُمُعَةِ، وَأَعْتَقَ رَقَبَةً»

[رواه ابن حبان في صحيحه ح: ٧١٣ وصححه الألباني في

السلسلة الصحيحة رقم: ١٠٢٣]

"There are five (deeds) that whoever does them in a day Allaah will write him among the people of Paradise: Whoever visits a sick person, joins a funeral prayer (or procession), fasts a day, goes to the *Jumu'ah* prayer, and frees a slave." [Al-Albaanee graded this *hadeeth* authentic (*Saheeh*) in *As-Silsilah As-Saheehah*, no. 1023] The intent here is that his fasting coincides with the day of *Jumu'ah* without him intending to single it out for fasting.

6. It is the day when the Final Hour will be established. This is based on a *hadeeth* in which the Prophet ﷺ said,

«وَلَا تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ إِلَّا فِي يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ»

[رواه مسلم ح: ٨٥٤]

"The Hour will not be established except on the day of *Jumu'ah*." (*Muslim*)

7. It is a day in which sins are expiated. It is narrated from Salmaan ؓ that the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ said,

«لَا يَغْتَسِلُ رَجُلٌ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ، وَيَتَطَهَّرُ مَا اسْتَطَاعَ مِنْ طَهْرٍ، وَيَدَّهِنُ مِنْ دُهْنِهِ، أَوْ يَمَسُّ مِنْ طِيبِ بَيْتِهِ، ثُمَّ يَخْرُجُ فَلَا يُفْرَقُ بَيْنَ اثْنَيْنِ، ثُمَّ يُصَلِّي مَا كَتَبَ لَهُ، ثُمَّ يُنْصِتُ إِذَا تَكَلَّمَ الْإِمَامُ، إِلَّا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا بَيْنَهُ وَبَيْنَ الْجُمُعَةِ الْأُخْرَى»

[رواه البخاري ح: ٨٨٣، ٩١٠]