

## Chapter – 09

## Friday Prayer

(نماز جمعہ)

Quran:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ  
ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

{O People who believe! When the call for prayer is given on Friday (the day of congregation), rush towards the remembrance of Allah and stop buying and selling; this is better for you if you understand. (62:09)}

Hadith:

Narrated Umro bin Saleem Ansari:

Allah's Prophet said, "The taking of a bath on Friday is '*Essential*' for every adult Muslim and the cleaning of teeth with brush (Miswak), and using of perfume if it is available". (Sahih Bukhari: 834)

Narrated Abu Hurairah:

Allah's Prophet said, "Any person who takes a bath on Friday like the bath of Janaba (sexual relation) and then goes for the prayer early, it is like he had sacrificed a camel; and whoever delays in going to mosque he reduces the reward accordingly. (Sahih Bukhari: 835)

Narrated As-Saib bin Yazeed:

In the life-time of the Prophet, Abu Bakr and Umar, the Adhan for the Friday prayer used to be pronounced when the Imam sat on the pulpit/highchair. But during 'Othman's time, when Muslims increased in number, one Adhan was added. The mosque where it was initiated was "Az-Zaura Market" in Medina. (Sahih Bukhari: 864 and 865)

Narrated 'Abdullah Ibn Umar:

The Noble Prophet used to deliver two 'Khutbah' (for Friday and both Eid prayers) and sit in between them for a while. (Sahih Bukhari: 880)

Narrated Abu Hurairah:

The Prophet said, "When it is Friday, the angels stand at the gate of the mosque and keep on writing the names of the persons coming to the mosque in succession according to their arrivals. The early comers stand entitled to get better reward. (Sahih Bukhari: 881)

Narrated Abu Hurairah:

Allah's Prophet said, "When the Imam is delivering the Khutba, and you ask your companion to keep quiet and listen, then no doubt you have done an evil act." (Means the 'Friday Speeches' are to be listened with full attention). (Sahih Bukhari: 886)

Narrated Jabir:

While we were offering the prayer with the Prophet a caravan carrying food came from Sham. The people looked towards the caravan (and went to it) and only twelve persons remained with the Prophet. So, the following Verse of Quran revealed:

وَإِذَا رَأَوْا تِجَارَةً أَوْ لَهْوًا انفَضُّوا إِلَيْهَا وَتَرَكُوكَ قَائِمًا قُلْ مَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ مِّنَ اللَّهْوِ وَمِنَ  
التِّجَارَةِ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ

{And when they see some trade or sport, they move towards it and leave you standing delivering the sermon; tell them that which is with Allah, is better than sport and trade; and the sustenance of Allah is the best. (62:11)} - (Sahih Bukhari: 1931)

### Important Aspects of Islamic Doctrine

#### Obligatory (فرض):

(1) Friday prayer is categorically obligatory because clear instruction is available for this prayer in Quran. (2) It is offered at the time of Zohar and it is in place of 4 Rakat obligatory prayer of Zohar. (3) It has 2 Rakat only and the two special speeches are equivalent to the remaining 2 Rakat of Zohar. (4) Therefore the two Khutbah (خطبه) of Friday are compulsory to listen attentively.

#### Essential (واجب):

(1) Friday prayer is essential for every healthy and stationed person, whereas women, slaves and those persons who are on duty have options to attend the Friday congregation. (2) Taking Bath is essential. (3) Friday prayers may be held in proper mosque and in congregation only.

#### Sunnah (سنة):

(1) Imam to deliver the two Khutba. (2) Imam to sit for a while between the two Khutbah. (3) Imam to recite Quran loudly in the standing position and in both Rakat.

**Desirable (مستحب):**

(1) Reaching to mosque in early timings. (2) Before going for prayers using perfume. (3) Imam should face the gathering and the people should face Imam. (4). During Khutbah sitting of audience just like in the prayers (5). If gathering is large and there is no loud speaker than acting of few persons as “amplifier or مكبر” during prayers.



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