

The Friday Jumu'ah Salah is Fardh (obligatory) on all adult Muslims, who are free, of good health and (resident) Muqem.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ

ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ ۗ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ۝

فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ الصَّلَاةُ فَانْتَشِرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَابْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ

وَإِذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ۝

"O you who believe! When the call for Jumu'ah Salah (the day of Assembly) is made, hasten towards the remembrance of Allah and leave all transactions. This is best for you if only you know! 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." (Qur'an, 62: 9, 10)

In this verse "remembrance" refers to the Jumu'ah Salah and Khutbah. "Hasten" means that one should go with great concern and care.

- Hazrat Abi Al-Ja'de-Damri ؓ narrates Rasulallah ﷺ said; "He who leaves the Jumu'ah Prayer (continuously) for three Friday on account of slackness, Allah ﷻ will print a stamp on his heart." (Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi, Nasa'i, Ibn Maajaah, Ahmad)
- Hazrat Salman Al-Farsi ؓ narrates Rasulallah ﷺ said; "Anyone who takes a bath on Friday and cleans himself as much as he can and puts oil (on his hair) or perfume himself, and then proceeds for the Prayer and does not force his way between two persons (assembled in the Masjid for the Friday Prayer) and Prays as much as is written for him and remains quiet when the Imam delivers the Khutbah, all his sins in between the present and the last Friday will be forgiven." (Bukhari)
- Hazrat Abu Sa'eed ؓ narrates Rasulallah ﷺ said; "Ghusl on Friday is obligatory (Waajib) on every adult, as is using a toothbrush and applying some perfume." (Bukhari, Muslim)
- Hazrat Abu Hurayrah ؓ narrates Rasulallah ﷺ said; "On the day of Jumu'ah the Angels stand at the entrance of that Masjid in which Jumu'ah Salah is to be offered. They write down the name of the person who enters the Masjid first, and thereafter the name of the person who follows, and they continue doing this. The person who entered first will receive the reward of sacrificing a camel in the path of Allah ﷻ; the one who followed him will get the reward of sacrificing a cow, thereafter a chicken, thereafter the reward of giving an egg as charity in the path of Allah ﷻ. Once the khutbah commences, the angels close the register and begin listening to the khutbah." (Bukhari, Muslim)
- Hazrat Abu Sa'eed ؓ narrates Prophet ﷺ said; "If anyone recites Surah Al-Kahf on Friday, a light will shine brightly for him till the next Friday." (Tirmidhi)

- Hazrat Abdullah ibn Amr ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "Any Muslim who dies on Friday or on Thursday night will be protected by Allah ﷻ from the testing in the grave." (Tirmidhi)

There are some conditions for offering the Jumu'ah Salah:

- Hazrat Tariq ibn Shihab ؓ narrates Rasulullah ﷺ said; "Al-Jumu'ah is a duty upon every Muslim in the community save four: a slave, a woman, a child or a person who is ill." (Bukhari, Muslim)

It is not obligatory on Muslim women; they are permitted to attend this Prayer at the Masjid. The condition is that they wear proper 'Hijab' (covering of the head and body), a separate room with Wudhu facility is available and that there is a separate entrance and exit door for them, so that men cannot look at women.

- 1- The Jumu'ah Salah is lead by an Imam in al-Jama'at (congregation); you cannot perform it by yourself.
- 2- In order to perform the Jumu'ah Salah.
- 3- To give a Khutbah (sermon) first and then to offer the Fardh Prayer with al-Jama'at.
- 4- The Jumu'ah Salah must be offered in a city or a town.
- 5- Not to Pray the Jumu'ah Salah a small Masjid – it must be in a central Masjid.

How to perform the Jumu'ah Prayer:

The Imam first of all sits on the "**Mimbar**" (Pulpit- the raised platform in the Masjid) and the Mu'azzin calls the Adhan. Then the Imam delivers his speech or Khutbah (sermon) in the community language (understandable to everybody in the al-Jama'at). Then the congregation offers 4 Raka'at of Sunnah Muakkadah individually. Then the Adhan is read before the Imam gives his "Khutbah-e-Masnoonah" in Arabic (everybody should listen to the Khutbah quietly and not offer any Nafil Prayer). Then the 2 Fardh of Jumu'ah Salah is performed in congregation after Iqamah/Takbeer, Intention (Niyah) for Jumu'ah Salah.

Once the 2 Fardh are completed, the Imam recites du'a. Then the Muqtadee (followers) can complete their Sunnah Prayers by themselves and after that, they are free to go about their business.

Note: The Jumu'ah Salah is offered in al-Jama'at at the time of Zohr Salah. During the Jumu'ah Salah you do not perform the 4 Fardh Raka'at of Zohr Prayer; instead the 2 Fardh Raka'at are Prayed in place of the 4 Fardh of Zohr Salah. If you miss the Friday Prayer then you cannot repeat by doing 'Qazaa' (atonement), instead you will have to Pray Zohr Salah.

- Hazrat Ibn Mas'ud ؓ says; "Whoever catches one Raka'at from Jumu'ah Salah, then is to add another one Raka'at to it. Whoever misses both Raka'at, then he is to Pray four Raka'at." (Tabarani)
- Hazrat Imam Abu Hanifah and Hazrat Imam Abu Yusuf say that if one catches the Tashahhud with the Imam, then he has caught al-Jumu'ah. He should Pray two Raka'at after the Imam makes the Taslim (Salam) and his Jumu'ah Salah would be complete.

Summary:

- Adhan is read to announce the time of Jumu'ah and Khutbah whilst the Imam is present.
- Imam does a speech in the community language.
- Offer the 4 Raka'at of Sunnah Muakkadah by yourself.
- Second Adhan is read before Khutbah.
- Imam then reads the Khutbah in Arabic in two parts.
- 2 Raka'at Fardh of Jumu'ah Salah offered with the Imam.
- 4 Raka'at Sunnah Muakkadah by yourself.
- 2 Raka'at Sunnah Muakkadah by yourself.
- 2 Raka'at Nafil by yourself and Salah ends with du'a.