



Friday Sermon

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Summary

- Importance of Jummah as mentioned in
 - The Holy Qur'an
 - Hadith
 - August sayings of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)
- Importance of Durud
- Friday is indeed Eid

Huzur (aba) said praise be to God,

- During Ramadan, Friday attendance at Baitul Futuh has been extremely good overstretching the capacity. Previously such attendance was reserved for special occasions or the 'farewell' (last) Friday of Ramadan
- **Huzur (aba) stressed that we should look forward to every Friday, rather than waiting for only one Friday in the entire year.**
- Huzur (aba) said that those who have perhaps been negligent during the year should pledge to become regular in Friday Prayers.
- **Huzur(aba) prayed that this auspicious inclination to attend Friday Prayers is permanent.**

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

Chapter 62, Verse 10

O ye who believe! when the call is made for Prayer on Friday, hasten to the remembrance of Allah, and leave off *all* business. That is better for you, if you only knew.

Importance of Jummah

Huzur (aba) said when the call for Jummah is made, all else is of secondary significance.

فَإِذَا قُضِيَتِ الصَّلَاةُ فَانْتَشِرُوا
فِي الْأَرْضِ وَابْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ
وَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

Chapter 62, Verse 11

And when the Prayer is finished, then disperse in the land and seek of Allah's grace, and remember Allah much, that you may prosper.

Importance of Jummah

After the Prayers one is commanded to go back and seek prosperity with the prayer and resolve not to overlook remembrance of God.

وَإِذَا رَأَوْا تِجَارَةً أَوْ لَهْوًا انفَضُّوا إِلَيْهَا
وَتَرَكَوْكَ قَائِمًا قُلْ مَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ مِّن
اللَّهِ وَمِنَ التِّجَارَةِ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ الرَّزَاقِينَ

Chapter 62 , Verse 12

But when they see some merchandise or some amusement, they break up for it, and leave thee standing. Say, 'That which is with Allah is better than amusement and merchandise, and Allah is the Best Provider.'

Importance of Jummah

Huzur (aba) said in this age of the Messiah, there are particular blessings linked to Friday. We Ahmadis should make special effort as noncompliance of this commandment makes us makes us the target of admonition.

Huzur (aba) explained the message

The era of the Messiah is associated with unprecedented progress in trade. Electronic innovations to business have made time an important commodity. Transient loss of concentration can lead to the loss of millions on the Stock Market.

However, God states no matter how short the time, it is necessary to make every effort to attend Friday Prayers,

Today, we Ahmadis should be those true believers who are to safeguard Friday, then alone can we be the recipients of God's pleasure.

Huzur (aba) explained the context of the verse

The verses preceding this one mention Jews, for whom Torah was revealed. They disobeyed it.

They also forgot their special day designated to worship; **Sabbath**, which falls on Saturday. For their disregard of Sabbath the Jews were punished.

Huzur (aba) said our Sabbath is Friday. Each Muslim should pray for and make effort to safeguard it and pay its dues. Huzur (aba) said one pays its dues by stopping work and heading for the mosque.

وَلَقَدْ عَلِمْتُمُ الَّذِينَ اعْتَدَوْا
مِنْكُمْ فِي السَّبْتِ فَقُلْنَا لَهُمْ
كُونُوا قِرَدَةً خَاسِئِينَ

Chapter 2, Verse 66

And surely, you have known the end of those amongst you, who transgressed in the matter of the Sabbath. So We said to them: 'Be ye apes, despised

Importance of Jummah

For their disregard of Sabbath the Jews were punished. By citing the Jews who had gone astray, the attention of the Muslims is drawn to honour the dues of Friday.

فَجَعَلْنَاهَا نَكَلًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ
يَدَيْهَا وَمَا خَلْفَهَا
وَمَوْعِظَةً لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ

Thus We made it an example to those of its time and to those who came after it, and a lesson to those who fear God.

This is a clear indication that if Fridays are not honoured,

Muslims too can be punished

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Huzur (aba) explained .

Chapter 2, Verse 67

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ
عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ
آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا
تَسْلِيمًا

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said ' Profusely invoke Durud on me on this day for this is the day your invocation of Durud will be presented to me'.

Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet. O ye who believe! you *also* should invoke blessings on him and salute *him* with the salutation of peace.

Chapter 33 , Verse 57

Importance of Durud

Huzur (aba) said that invocation of Durud is closely linked to acceptance of prayers. With its blessings prayers made during other times will gain acceptance.

Huzur (aba) explained the message

After accepting the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in the latter-days, the bond of Bai'at has to be respected

It is, as if, God sent us to be tried and tested as to what extent we are true in our assertion that our pledge of Bai'at to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) will be honoured.

For this, attendance at Friday Prayers has been set as the benchmark.

Expounding the significance of Friday through ahadith

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: 'Friday Prayer is obligatory on each person who believes in God and on the Day of Judgement, apart from the ailing, the traveller, women, children and slaves. God will also not care for one who is careless about Friday.'

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: 'on Friday the reward of good deeds is enhanced manifold.'

Expounding the significance of Friday through ahadith

- *The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said . 'A person who bathes on Friday, and purifies himself, puts on oil, leaves home wearing scent and does not separate two people (that is, does not forcibly make space for himself at the mosque) and offers the Salat that is obligatory and listens to the sermon of the Imam silently, all his sins between that Friday and the next Friday will be forgiven. '*

- *The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said 'on Friday angels stand by the door of the mosque and they note down the example of one who comes in first as one who sacrifices a camel, the next as one who sacrifices a cow, the next as one who sacrifices a lamb, the next as one who sacrifices a chicken and the next as one who sacrifices an egg. When the Imam comes to the *mimber* the angels close the register and begin listening to the discourse.'*

Expounding the significance of Friday through ahadith

- *The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said 'One who speaks during the sermon of the Imam is like an ass that is carrying books and one who speaks up to quieten him is also not abiding by Jummah'*

- *The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said 'One who comes to Jummah during the sermon should quickly offer two rakats of Salat.'*

- *The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said 'On the Day of Judgement people will be seated in accordance to their attendance of Friday Prayers.'*

Huzur (aba) explained

Five significances of Friday

Hadhrat Adam was born

Hadhrat Adam was sent down to earth

Hadhrat Adam passed away

During this day a moment comes when anything that is asked for, save what is forbidden, will be granted

Day of Judgement will come on this day

أَلْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ
عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمْ
الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

The Promised
Messiah (on whom
be peace) said this
has two
significances, one
that God has
purified you,
second that He
has completed the
Book.

This day have I perfected
your religion for you and
completed My favour upon
you and have chosen for
you Islam as religion.

Friday is indeed Eid

Chapter 5 , Verse 4

‘Friday is indeed Eid’.

This verse was revealed on a Friday. Later, a Jew said to Hadhrat Umer (may Allah be pleased with him) that the day of the revelation of the verse should be commemorated as Eid. To this Hadhrat Umer (may Allah be pleased with him replied) ‘Friday is indeed Eid’.

The first man was born on this day

Surah Al Jummah was revealed.

The Qur’an was completed

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said many people do not recognise the true significance of this Eid. He said for him Eid of Friday was more important than the other Eids.

Huzur (aba) prayed



- In conclusion Huzur (aba) said we are the adherents of a most magnificent religion. May we never be negligent about it.
- May we and our children be enabled to make special effort for Friday Prayers and fulfil the measure that the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) expected of us.