

The Significance of Jumu'ah Prayers



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

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.'

(62:10-11)

The month of Ramadan is coming to an end. In places today is the last day of fasting. Many among us would have attained the beneficence of Ramadan and would have gone through new spiritual experiences.

Now the prayer and effort should be to make these spiritual experiences a part of life and steps taken towards God during Ramadan should not halt.

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There is no specific mention of Fridays during Ramadan or indeed the last Friday in Ramadan

Those who come to Friday Prayers late should also think about it. They should wrap up their work in good time to come to Friday Prayers.

Those who do not attend Friday Prayer with no warrantable/genuine excuse should be concerned about the state of their faith.

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The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that those who come to Friday Prayers first are deserving of much spiritual reward. He said on Friday angels stand on each mosque door and they write names of those who come first to the mosque at the top of the tally and prepare a list of those who come to the mosque until such time that the imam finishes his sermon. This is when the angels also close their register.

Each person coming to mosque for remembrance of God gains spiritual reward

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) specifically warned against not giving importance to Friday Prayers and said that whoever knowingly leaves three Friday Prayers has a seal set on his heart by God.

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The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that Friday Prayers are obligatory on all Muslims with the exception of slaves, women, children and the sick.

Young mothers should not come to the mosque with their children as they can cause disruption in Prayers for others. Indeed, only Eid Prayers are obligatory for women, even for those who are not offering Salat on the day.

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) brought the last perfect and complete religious law. He wanted to see very high spiritual standards of his followers.

He drew our attention on how to avoid sin, on how to attain nearness to God and on how to fulfil our objective of existence.

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Citing the beauty and importance of Friday the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said Friday is the best day among days. Invoke durood (salutations) profusely on me on this day; durood invoked on this day is presented before me. This of course is yet another universal blessing of Friday. I

God states fulfil the dues of Friday keeping its significance in view and putting all other engagements and business aside. This will garner you spiritual benefits but in order to garner material benefits return to your engagements and businesses after Prayer and seek God's blessings.

Salvation cannot be attained unless one completely abandons evil and practices piety with absolute sincerity.

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May God enable us to do so Ameen

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The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said that an hour comes during Friday when prayer is accepted. We should especially pray that we leave this Ramadan having completely given up evil and having adopted piety with sincerity and that we truly abide by righteousness.

May we fulfil the objective of the advent of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and take the beautiful teaching of Islam to the world and tell them that Islam is the only religion that connects man to the Living God and this is the religion which draws attention in the most excellent manner on how to fulfil rights of each other.

May God enable the Muslim Ummah to recognise the Imam of the Age and be relieved of their pain and problems! May God stop them from the cruelty they are perpetrating against each other so that Islam may manifest itself in its true glory in each Muslim country!

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