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WHY WE  
SHOULD NOT  
MISS THE FRIDAY  
PRAYER



Let improve our piety  
(taqwa) and good deeds by  
obeying Allah's entire  
commands and omitting all  
the forbidden.

Allah subhaanahu wata'ala  
says in Al-Qur'an:

**“O you who have  
believed, when [the  
adhan] is called for the  
prayer on the day of  
*Jumu‘ah* [Friday],**

**then proceed to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you, if you only knew.”**

**(Al-Jumu'ah verse 9)**

This verse clearly states that the Friday prayer is an obligation for all Muslim men, that they should leave their businesses or offices to attend the Friday prayer. Rasulullah sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam said:

**"*Al-Jumu'ah* (Friday prayer) is a duty upon every Muslim in the community, except four: a slave, or a woman, or a child, or a person who is ill."**

(Abu Dawood)

Today, the escalation in the number of people who neglect the Friday prayer without a valid reason is worrying. These people have disobeyed a command of Allah.

Allah commands us to establish specific daily and weekly *Salaah* (prayers) in order to instill and build the best behavior in us.

Without *Salaah*, Islam is no longer part of our characteristic, though we may call ourselves a Muslim. Without it, we will easily distrust the *Shari'ah*.

Furthermore, it will be the reason for the failure of our society and country. Rasulullah sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam said:

**“The one who does not pray three Jumu‘ah prayers without a valid (religious) excuse then he is written with *al-Munafiqeen* (the hypocrites).”** (Reported by at-Tabarani)

Hence, in the *Shari'ah* Criminal Enactment of Selangor 1995, Section 20, it is stated that:

**“Any male who reaches the age of puberty, and does not perform the Friday prayer at the mosque**

**in his Qariah (territory)  
three times in a row without  
any valid *Shar'ie* excuse is  
guilty and can be  
compounded for an amount  
of not more than RM 1000 or  
six month prison or both.”**

Because of that, it is the responsibility of every parents, teachers and leaders to ensure that our sons, male students and fellow Muslims do not take the Friday prayer lightly.

Friday is a blessed day in Islam.

It is the leader of all days.

Rasulullah sallallahu ‘alaihi  
wasallam said:

**“Whoever makes *ghusl* on the  
day of *Jumu'ah* and then goes  
to the mosque and prays what  
has been prescribed for him,**

**and remains quiet while the imam delivers the *Khutbah* (sermon), and then prays with the imam, he will have forgiven for him what is between that *Jumu'ah* and the next and an additional three days.”**

**(Muslim)**

Rasulullah sallAllahu ‘alaihi  
wasallam said:

**"Friday is the best of all days  
and the most virtuous in the  
sight of Allah Most High. In the  
sight of Allah Most High it has  
more greatness than ‘Eid ul-Fitr  
and ‘Eid ul-Adhaa.” (Ibn Majah)**

In another Hadith, he said:

**"The best day on which the sun rises is Friday. [On Friday] Adam was created and on that day he entered paradise and on that day he was expelled from paradise. And the Hour will come to pass on Friday."**

(Muslim, Abu Dawud, an-Nasa'i and at-Tirmidhi)

He then said in another Hadith:

**''There is such an hour in this day that no Muslim will make *du'a* in it except that his dua will be accepted. And he does not seek protection from anything except that Allah Most High will grant him protection.''**

(At-Tirmidhi)

Because of that, we should perform *I'tiqaf* (to sit in the masjid only to worship Allah) in the mosque on Friday. Among the objectives is to catch the recommended time of *du'a* (do'a, supplication), in which if we ask from Allah at that time, our supplication will be responded to.

Indeed, this is the ultimate objective for any who sinned and wants to repent; that is to seek for Allah's forgiveness. Rasulullah sallallahu 'alaihi wassalam said:

**“Any person who showers on Friday like the bath of *Janaba* i.e. *ghusl* and then goes for the prayer (in the first hour i.e. early), it is as if he had sacrificed a camel (in Allah's cause); and whoever goes in the second hour it is as if he had sacrificed a cow;**

**and whoever goes in the third hour, then it is as if he had sacrificed a horned ram; and if one goes in the fourth hour, then it is as if he had sacrificed a hen; and whoever goes in the fifth hour then it is as if he had offered an egg.**

**When the Imam comes out (i.e. starts delivering the Khutbah), the angels present themselves to listen to the Khutbah.''** (Bukhari)

Allah subhaanahu wata'ala  
chooses Friday as the leader of  
all days because this is the day  
in which we get to increase our  
closeness to Allah as an  
*Ummah* by performing the  
Friday prayer together. It is  
recommended to take Friday as

so that we have time to  
prepare our minds and souls  
for the prayer instead of  
running to catch it and to  
leave it because of other  
less important matters  
before and after it.

On this day, it is also a good habit to bring along the children to the mosque so as to instill in them the practice of performing *Salaah* in congregation at the mosque. They too could come early to perform *I'tiqaf* with supererogatory prayers,

reciting Al-Qur'an,  
supplicating to Allah,  
listening to the *Khutbah*  
and so on. Abu Sa'eed al-  
Khudri reported that  
Rasulullah sallallahu  
'alaihi wasallam said:

**"Whoever recites *Surah*  
*al-Kahf* on the day of  
*Jumu'ah* will have  
illumination from the  
light from one *Jumu'ah*  
to the next."**

**(An-Nasa'i, Al-Bayhaqi, Al-Haakim)**

When these Islamic educational programs run well, it will produce good impact. Muslims will benefit in terms of the rise in quality human capital, spiritual, ‘*Aqli* (mind) and *Akhlaq* (manners).

Everyone will realize the responsibilities given by Allah and will begin to deliver them. This will then lessen problems in the society and our lives will be safer and more peaceful.

Neglecting the *Salaah* and the Islamic educational program in general will cause us to forget our responsibilities of educating ourselves and our families.

Consequently, we will dare to disobey Allah and destroy the harmony in society, which only means that we are inviting the wrath of Allah.

Today we see that many tend to ignore attending the Friday prayer, especially attending it in its time. Some are busy with lunch or talking idly in coffee shops, while others are performing the Friday prayer. Some even take this opportunity to sleep in the comfort of their own homes shamelessly.

Some go to the mosque, but without the intention to attend the prayer. Instead they just hang around on their bikes and motorcycles without shame or guilt, and then leave with those who performed the prayer.

However, what we do not know is that missing the Friday prayer is a great sin and we will be punished for doing so without a valid reason.

Missing the Friday prayer  
will cause our hearts to be  
closed and thus prevented  
from goodness and guidance.  
We will also be prevented  
from the blessings of Allah  
subhaanahu wata'ala.

Worst, we will be grouped among the people of hypocrisy. Al-Qur'an states in chapter An-Nisa' that on the Day of Judgment, the hypocrites will be thrown in the lowest and deepest hellfire. Allah says:

**“Indeed, the hypocrites will be in the lowest depths of the Fire – and never will you find for them a helper.”**

**(An-Nisa’ verse 145)**

The Selangor state authority has circulated certain laws and regulations regarding this issue. Among them are, the religious authority will see that the names of those who do not attend the Friday prayer

will be erased from the list of the recipients of *Zakaat* or any other special support. They will be identified and will be dealt with according to the *Shari'ah* law .

As Muslims, we should honor Friday as it is one of the most blessed days in Islam. Rasulullah sallallahu 'alaihi wasallam said about the excellence of Friday:

**"The Muslim who passes away on the night or during the day of Friday, Allah Most High saves him from the punishment of the grave."**

**(At-Tirmidhi)**

It has been clearly presented that Islam teaches the believers to perform the Friday prayer, including listening to the *Khutbah*. By continual effort in performing the daily and the Friday prayers, listening to the khutbah,

reciting Al-Qur'an, supplicating to Allah and listening to the reminders before the *Khutbah*, we will increase our Islamic knowledge, and have a better idea of what we should do in order to attain Allah's guidance and blessings.

**“Indeed, those who have believed and done righteous deeds will have gardens beneath which rivers flow. That is the great attainment.”**

**(Al-Buruj verse 11)**

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلْ  
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

In conclusion, the Friday prayer is obligatory on every able man who has reached the age of puberty based on all 4 schools of thought (madhhab) of Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaah.

Therefore, any other opinion in this particular matter is against the established understanding of the major scholars.

Neglecting the Friday prayer  
will cause a person to be  
placed among the  
hypocrites, and the  
hypocrites will be thrown in  
the lowest level of Hellfire  
as promised by Allah.



O Allah,

The most merciful god, we thank you for all the mercy and pleasure that you gave so that we can enhance and strengthen our Islamic country especially Selangor as a developed and peaceful country.



O Allah,

We beg you to increase our practice,  
brace up our unity, give us  
prosperous life, make us rich with  
good knowledge, flourish our soul  
with noble character, bring back our  
youngsters to the right path, save us  
from your biggest test such



as huge flood, drought, epidemic,  
disputing between ourselves,  
poorness and anything else so that  
this country will be more prosperous  
and blessed.



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