



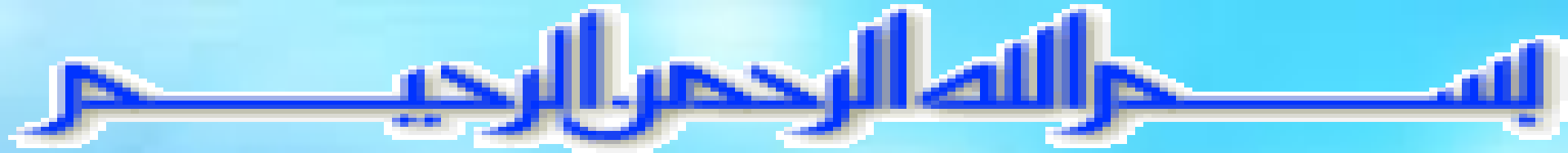
# جَابَاتَانِ اِغَامَا اِسْلَامِ سِلَانْغُورِ

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***ATTAINING THE  
BLESSINGS OF FRIDAY***



Let us altogether  
continue to remain  
*istiqamah* (steadfast) in  
increasing our *imaan* and  
*taqwa* of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*  
by performing all of

**His Commands and  
avoiding all of His  
prohibitions. With that,  
may we always remain  
bestowed with the  
pleasure and mercy of  
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa  
Ta'aala.***

Today, I solemnly invite fellow congregation to internalize ...  
upon a *khutbah* titled



# ***ATTAINING THE BLESSINGS OF FRIDAY***

Every Friday of the week we would convene at the masjid, engaging in various deeds such as performing charity (*sadaqah*), listening to the *khutbah*, praying and making *i'tikaaf* in the

**masjid, reciting al-Qur'an,  
and others. Even then,  
many are still negligent  
and heedless, as well as  
ignoring the honor that  
Allah as bestowed upon  
the day of Friday. For  
example, some of us**

would deliberately come to the masjid really late, engaging in idle talk, and even when the *khutbah* is being delivered there are those that are either dozing off or twiddling with their mobile phones.

**And even more saddening is that there are those out there that do not even attend the Friday prayer and even blatantly ignores it. Do we even know how noble is the day of Friday in the**



sight of Allah

*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala?*

Perhaps many of us are well-informed and aware that Friday is the chief of all days, it is the day that Prophet Adam

*'Alayhissalaam* was

**created, the day that Prophet Adam was made to enter Paradise and taken out of Paradise, and the Day of Judgment will not occur except on a Friday. Such privilege and honor for the day of Friday that the rising of the sun on a**

Friday that the rising of the sun on a Friday is the best sunrise compared to other days. This was mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“The best day on which the sun has risen is Friday; on it Adam was created. On it he was made to enter Paradise, on it he was expelled from it. And the Last Hour will take place on no day other than Friday.”***

***(Muslim)***

Verily, the day of Friday is a great day for the Muslim *ummah*. Allah has honored Friday over both *'Eid al-Fitr* and *'Eid al-Adha*. However, there are those that are still heedless by neglecting it

while all other creations  
are in fear of the day of  
Friday. In the narration  
of Abu Lubaabah bin  
'Abdul Mundhir  
*radiyAllaahu 'anh,*  
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“Friday is the chief of days, the greatest day before Allah. It is greater before Allah than the Day of Adha and the Day of Fitr. It has five characteristics: On it Allah created Adam;***

***on it Allah sent down  
Adam to this earth; on it  
there is a time during  
which a person does not  
ask Allah for anything but  
He will give it to him, so  
long as he does not ask  
for anything that is***



***forbidden; on it the Hour will begin. There is no angel who is close to Allah, no heaven, no earth, no wind, no mountain, and no sea that does not fear Friday.”***

***(ibn Maajah and Ahmad)***

**In this worldly life, no human being would want to lose out, if the opportunity to reap profit is wide open before his eyes. Moreover, if possible, human beings would hope for the**

**opportunity in garnering  
benefits to always come  
so that they can  
continuously take  
advantage of such golden  
opportunity. Similarly,  
that is the case with  
regard to the virtues**

regarding Friday. On every Friday, beginning from the sunset of the previous day, namely Thursday, up until the time of Maghrib, every Muslim regardless whether young or old,

male or female, will have  
the very opportunity to  
reap multitude of rewards  
provided by Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*  
on the day of Friday.  
Among the virtues of  
Friday that we usually

ignore is the period in  
which *du'aas*  
(supplications) are  
accepted by Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala.*  
Abu Burdah bin Abi  
Moosa al-Ash'ari  
*radiyAllaahu 'anh*

reported: ‘Abdullah ibn  
‘Umar *radiyAllaahu*  
*‘anhuma* said to me:

*“Did you hear anything  
from your father narrating  
something from the  
Messenger of Allah (ﷺ)*

***about the time on Friday?”  
I said: “Yes, I heard him  
say from the Messenger of  
Allah (ﷺ) (these words): “It  
is between the time when  
the Imam sits down and  
the end of the prayer.””***

***(Muslim)***



Similarly with the  
*hadeeth* of Jaabir bin  
'Abdillaah  
*radiyAllaahu 'anh*  
that: the Prophet ﷺ  
said:

***“Friday is twelve hours in which there is no Muslim slave who asks Allah for something but He will give it to him, so seek it in the last hour after ‘Asr.”***

***(an-Nasaa’i)***

The *hadeeth* mentioned just now clearly indicated the time period in which supplications are answered (*mustajab*) on Friday. As slaves of Allah having many weaknesses and shortcomings,

definitely we have lots of need and *du'aas* to be answered by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. But what a great loss that with such great opportunity given

**on a Friday, and yet  
we would decorate it  
with heedlessness  
and unbeneficial  
deeds.**

Therefore, let us make it a habit to immerse in the *sunnah* acts of Friday such as performing *wudoo*' with perfection and *ghusl* (bath) before heading out to the masjid, putting on nice fragrance,

coming to the masjid early,  
increase our recitation of  
al-Qur'an, cutting our  
nails, and other  
supererogatory acts. In the  
*hadeeth* of Salman al-  
Faarisee *radiyAllaahu 'anh*,  
Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“Whoever takes a bath on Friday, purifies himself as much as he can, then uses his (hair) oil or perfumes himself with the scent of his house, then proceeds (for the Jumu‘ah prayer)***



***and does not separate  
two persons sitting  
together (in the  
mosque), then prays as  
much as (Allah has)  
written for him and then  
remains silent while the***

***Imam is delivering the khutbah, his sins in-between the present and the last Friday would be forgiven.”***

***(al-Bukhaari)***

Aside from that, we have been commanded to increase our *salawaat* on Friday. This was stated in the *hadeeth* of Aws bin Aws *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“One of the best of your days is Friday. On this day, Adam was created and on this day he died, on this day the Trumpet will be blown, and on this day all creatures will swoon. So send a great***

***deal of salaah [peace and blessings] upon me on this day, for your salaah will be presented to me.”***  
***They said: “O Messenger of Allah (ﷺ), how will our salaah be presented to you when you have***

***decomposed (after death)?” He said: “Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, has forbidden the earth to consume the bodies of the prophets, peace be upon them.”***

***(Abu Dawood, an-Nasaa’i, ibn Maajah)***

**We are also encouraged to come to the masjid as early as possible so that we can perform the supererogatory prayer with tranquility, as well as finding a suitable spot to sit. Moreover, those**

arriving early, their names will be written down by the angels stationed at the doors of the masjid. These angels will stop recording the names once the *adhaan* is pronounced.



In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah ﷺ said:

***“On every Friday the angels take their stand at every gate of the mosque to write the names of the***

***people chronologically (i.e. according to the time of their arrival for the Friday prayer) and when the Imam sits (on the pulpit) they fold up their scrolls and get ready to listen to the sermon.”***

***(al-Bukhaari)***

**In addition to these virtues, there are several matters that must be given due attention so that the rewards that we are striving for will not render in vain. While in the masjid, we must**

observe proper *adab*  
(etiquette) and maintain  
its serene atmosphere.  
Moreover, we have been  
reminded by Rasulullah ﷺ  
to not indulge in idle acts  
while the *khateeb* is  
delivering the *khutbah*.

This was mentioned  
in the *hadeeth* of Abu  
Hurayrah  
*radiyAllaahu 'anh,*  
where Rasulullah ﷺ  
said:

***“If you say to your companions: ‘Be quiet’ on a Friday while the Imam is delivering the sermon, you have engaged in Laghw (idle talk or behavior).”***

***(ibn Maajah)***

**Take note, dear  
respected audience, that  
even reprimanding others  
by saying 'be quiet' our  
deeds are rendered in  
vain. So imagine if we  
would be talking or  
engaging in idle**

**conversation in the  
back and outside the  
masjid? Do we not  
realize then how our  
presence today is of no  
avail?**



To end the *khutbah*, there are several important matters that we can derive as lessons and reflections. Among them:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must duly realize and have certainty with penitence that Friday is a day that is full of *barakah* from

**Allah *Subhaanahu  
Wa Ta'aala*. That  
even the Day of  
Judgment will take  
place on a Friday.**

2. The Muslim *ummah* must hasten to seize every opportunity and rewards from the various deeds that conforms to the *Sharee'ah* on Friday.

**3. The Muslim *ummah* must strive to make its day better than the previous ones, so as to become an *ummah* that is excellent and successful.**

***“Say, [O Muhammad], “Shall we [believers] inform you of the greatest losers as to [their] deeds? [They are] those whose effort is lost in worldly life, while they think that they are doing well in work.””***

***(al-Kahf 18:103-104)***



**THE SECOND  
KHUTBAH**



***“Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.” (al-Ahzaab 33:56)***





**O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *barakah* upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents**



**united under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.**



**Hence, we sincerely beseech  
You, O Allah, strengthen our  
*imaan* and creed according to  
that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-  
Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from  
teachings that are outside the  
fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani***



**and deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*. O Allah, *Ya Rahmaan*, *Ya Raheem*, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah,**



**bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board),**



**making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor *Waqf Corporation*) and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).**



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