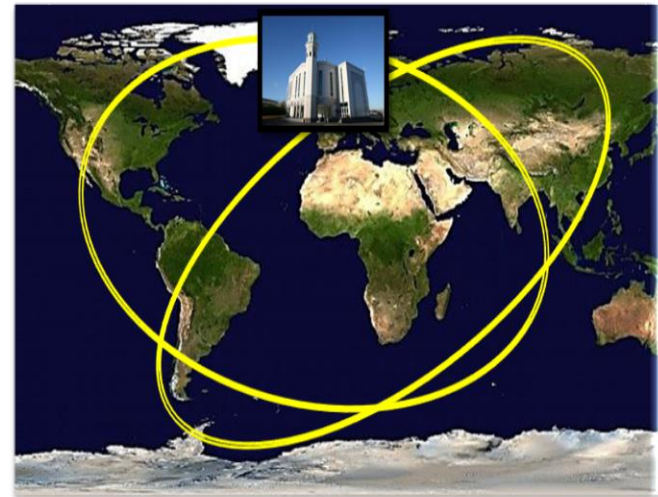


Significance of Jumu'ah Prayers



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Summary

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The fact is that in reality many people do not pay attention towards this and they waste their Friday prayers for the sake of worldly affairs and worldly pursuits.

It is the duty of a believer to always be mindful of the fact that any trade and business, or any of their affairs for that matter, can only be blessed through grace of God Almighty.

May our prayers and worship enable us to reach the level of meeting our God. May God Almighty enable us to achieve these standards.

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After reciting the *Tashahhud*, *Ta'awwuz*, and Surah Al-Fatihah, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) recited verses 10-12 of Surah al-Jumu'ah

'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. 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. 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.'

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said

God Almighty has clearly explained the significance of Friday prayers.

In the sight of God Almighty, attending the Friday prayers is of vital importance.

God Almighty has clearly stated that when one is called for the Friday prayer, one ought to pay heed immediately and attend the Friday prayer, regardless of how busy one may be.

Even if it is the peak business hour, when neglecting the business affairs and trade can result in a loss of millions for a businessman, one should attend the Friday prayers, without thinking about the potential loss that can occur.

However, only such an individual can realise this, who truly understands the importance of Friday prayers.

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Allah the Almighty also states that you are free to pursue your worldly pursuits after the Friday prayers.



You should remain focused on the remembrance of Allah the Exalted, as a result of which you will be granted with greater success than before; religiously, spiritually as well as worldly.



Allah the Almighty states that one who truly understands its worth would certainly consider these trades and businesses of secondary importance.

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The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said'

Friday is a day of Eid, and this Eid is more prestigious than the other Eid celebrations.....However, many people are unaware of the truth of this Eid, which Allah the exalted has commanded to celebrate every week'.

The fact is that in reality many people do not pay attention towards this and they waste their Friday prayers for the sake of worldly affairs and worldly pursuits.

Allah the Exalted has stated that one should know that whatever is with Allah the Exalted is far greater than these worldly objects, wealth and pursuits.

It is God Almighty alone Who grants man provisions. Hence, this is a matter of great importance and one that every believer should pay attention towards.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said

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- We in particular, who believe in the Imam of the age, must pay special attention towards this. Ahmadis are in fact true believers, as Ahmadis have accepted the Imam of the age.

- Hence, this belief places a responsibility on us to transform our actions in accordance with the teaching of Allah the Exalted as well as to try and obey His commands.

- Worldly desires should not be our preferences, rather, the pleasure of God Almighty and acquiring His pleasure should be our preference.

The Promised Messiah (as) has explained that one's actions should be in accord with the teachings of God Almighty.

Allah says in the Holy Quran,
“And I have not created the Jinn and
the men but that they may worship
Me.”

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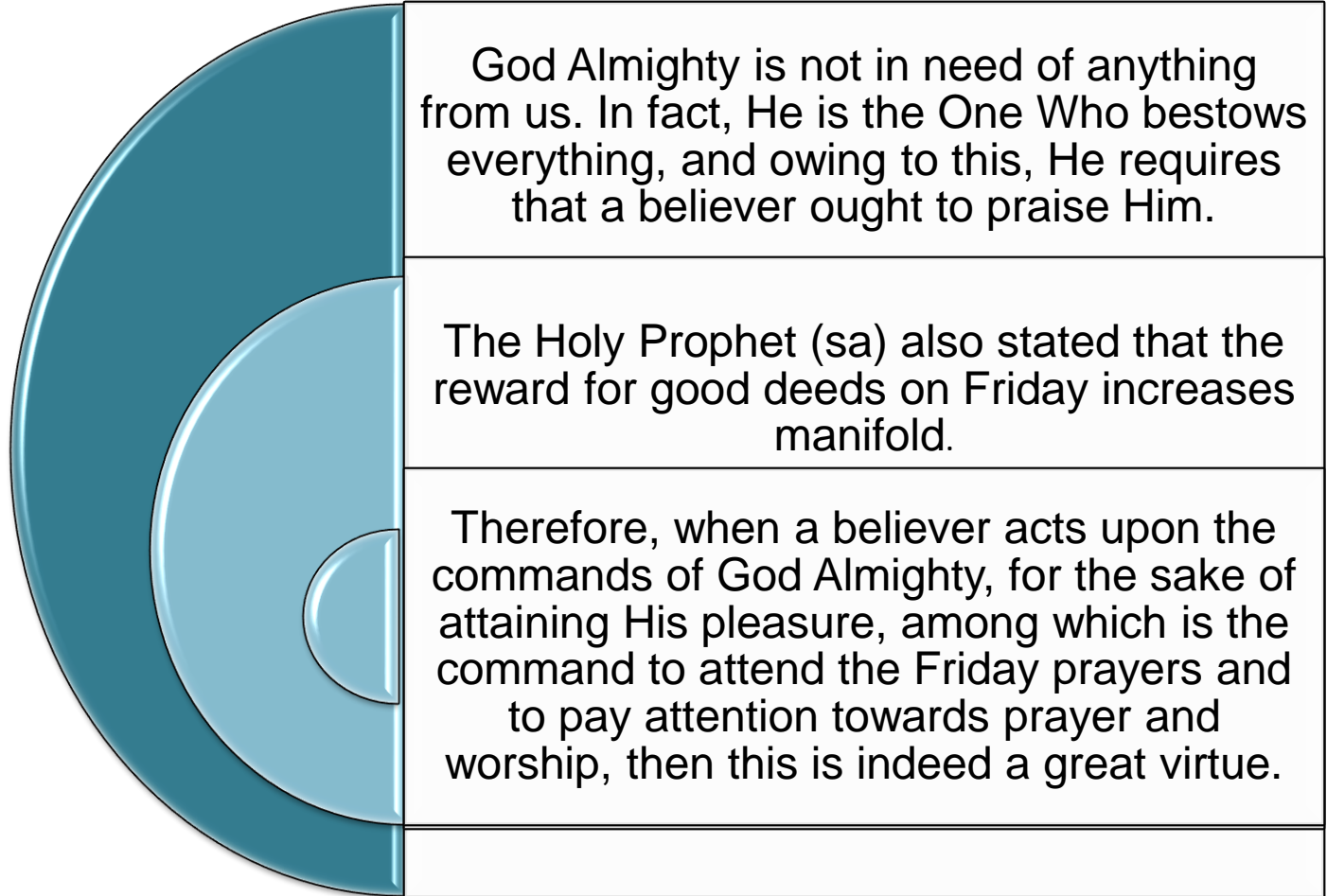
The Holy Prophet
(sa) stated that
whoever believes in
God and the
hereafter, it has
been made
incumbent upon
them to offer the
Jumuah prayer on
Friday

except for the sick,
the wayfarer,
women, children
and the bondsman,
as they are all
compelled and
have certain
restraints.

He then stated that
he who shows
carelessness to the
Friday prayers due
to an activity,
pastime or his
trade, God Almighty
will also give them
no regard, surely
Allah is Self-
Sufficient,
Praiseworthy.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said

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- Regarding those who forsake the Friday Prayer without reason, the Holy Prophet (sa) gave an alarming instruction that they shall be marked as hypocrites in the book of records.

- Then he stated that he who misses three consecutive Friday prayers out of negligence, God Almighty shall place a seal on their hearts.

- Hence this is a very alarming case, for once the seal is set, the ability to do good deeds also continues to diminish and attending the prayers and the Friday prayers unwillingly will continue to foster hypocrisy.

THIS IS A VERY WORRYING SITUATION WHICH REQUIRES MUCH ATTENTION.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said

A businessman may say that he doesn't want to lose the customer for who knows if such a customer will ever come again.


An employee may feel that if he were to seek leave for the Friday Prayer may upset his superior and he will be deprived from receiving any favour from him.

For them their worldly desires take precedence over God Almighty.


At that moment, one forgets the admonishment of the Holy Prophet (sa) that when one forsakes God Almighty and gives precedence to their worldly desires over Him, then God Almighty also forsakes that person and despite him deserving of entering paradise, he is deprived of Paradise owing to his neglectful attitude.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said

It is the duty of a believer to always be mindful of the fact that any trade and business, or any of their affairs for that matter, can only be blessed through grace of God Almighty.



Hence, if one can only attain these blessings through the grace of God Almighty, then they ought to strive to fulfil His rights first.



If this principal is understood, then for the five daily prayers and the Friday Prayers, our mosques will remain populated.

Indeed, this was the very purpose of the Promised Messiah (as)'s advent to bring mankind closer to God Almighty and this is also the objective of our Bai'at i.e. to attain His nearness, develop a bond with Him and to become His true servant.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) said

Thus, it is our responsibility as those who have accepted the Promised Messiah (as) to raise the standards of our worship.

We should continue to elevate the status of your prayers and maintain the attendance at Friday prayers, obey the commandments of God Almighty and strive to become counted amongst those people who always pray for God Almighty alone.

May our prayers and worship enable us to reach the level of meeting our God. May God Almighty enable us to achieve these standards.