

Making Duas: Supplicating for the Muslims during the khutbah is a confirmed sunnah (Zarabozo p84). Prophet^{SAW} raised no more than his index finger during the khutbah (M⁶4:1895), so no one should raise their hands. Any *dua* can be made as none is specifically reported for *jumuah*. Also, the rhyming of *duas* is disliked (B⁵75:349).

Shortening the Khutbah: Prophet^{SAW} said, "The lengthening of prayer by a man and the shortness of the sermon is the sign of his understanding (of faith). So lengthen the prayer and shorten the sermon, for there is charm (in precise) expression" (M⁶4:1889).

Salaah

Making the Rows Straight and Gap-less: Once Prophet^{SAW} was about to start the prayer when he saw that the row is not straight, so he said, "Servants of Allah! You must straighten your rows or Allah would create disunity amongst you" (M⁶4:875).

Reciting Special Surahs: Prophet^{SAW} used to recite *Surah al-Jumuah* (62) in the 1st and *Surah al-Munafiqun* (63) in the 2nd rakah (M⁶4:1905). He also recited *Surah al-A'ala* (87) & *Surah al-Ghaashiyah* (88) in the 1st & 2nd rakahs, respectively (M⁶4:1909).

Prolonging Salaah: Prophet^{SAW} said, "Lengthen the prayer and shorten the sermon" (M⁶4:1889). However, if a child starts crying, the *imam* should hasten (B⁵11:675).

Perfecting Salaah: Prophet^{SAW} said, "If the *imam* leads the prayer correctly then he and you will receive the rewards but if he makes a mistake (in the prayer) then you will receive the reward for the prayer and the sin will be his" (B⁵11:663).

After Salaah: 1 "The Prophet^{SAW} used to face us on completion of the prayer" (B⁵12:806). **2** One should do the after-*salaah dhikr* prescribed by the Prophet^{SAW}. **3** There is no sound hadith that the Prophet^{SAW} ever made a congregational *dua* after *salaah*. Imam Ibn Taimiyah^{RA}, Ibn Qayyim^{RA}, Ibn Hajar^{RA}, and many others consider it an innovation. **4** No announcement for promoting a business (T⁵1324) or searching for a lost item should be made (M⁶4:1153).

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Friday Khateeb's Guide

Khutbah

in a week

Feeling the Responsibility: Remember, you are standing in the place of our beloved Prophet^{SAW}. You are responsible for every person who prays behind you. It is the biggest gathering for receiving religious instruction & guidance.

Memorizing Certain Texts: Every *Khateeb* should know the *Khutbat-ul-Haajjah* by heart. Also, memorize/revise the *surahs* Prophet^{SAW} recited in the Friday prayer.

Choosing a Topic: see "*Drafting the Khutbah*". Available at: <http://www.KhutbahCentral.com>

Drafting the Khutbah: Ibid

Verifying the Authenticity of the Khutbah: Ibid

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Performing Ghusl: Prophet^{SAW} said, "The taking of a bath on Friday is compulsory for every *muhtalam* (adult male) and (also) the cleaning of his teeth with *siwak*, and the using of perfume if it is available" (B⁵13:5, M⁶4:1841). Ibn Umar^{RA} used to clip his nails & moustache before going for *Jumuah* (authenticated, Zarabozo p48).

Using Siwak: Ibid

Wearing Perfume: Ibid

Wearing Best Clothes: Prophet^{SAW} said, "If one has the means, he should buy two pieces of clothing, other than his regular clothes, to wear on Friday" (F^S1095). Also, see B^S13:11.

Avoiding Odorous Foods: "He who eats onion and garlic and leek, should not approach our mosque for the angels are harmed by the same things as the children of Adam" (M^F4:1147).

Khutbah

in an hour

Not Running to the Masjid: Prophet^{SAW} said, "When you come for prayer, there should be tranquillity upon you" (M^F4:1253).

Saying Dua upon entering the Masjid: Prophet^{SAW} said, "When any one of you enters the mosque, he should say: "O Allah! open for me the doors of Thy mercy" *اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ* (M^F4:1538).

Performing Tahiyat-ul-Masjid: Prophet^{SAW} said, "When any one of you enters the mosque, he should observe two *rak'ahs* (of *nafl* prayer) before sitting" (B^S8:435, M^F4:1540).

Khutbah

in 5 min

Purifying Intention: Prophet^{SAW} said, "The reward of deeds depends upon the intentions and every person will get the reward according to what he has intended" (B^S1:1, M^F20:4692). Know that honour & material gain is only in Allah's control (ibn Qayyim). Think of the congregation as pebbles & stones who can bring you no grief or comfort. Desiring to hear compliments from people is a subtle form of *riya* & even more subtle is to simply want people to think good of you (al-Ghazali). Keep asking yourself, "Why am I doing this?" & do not give khutbah for any other reason than to get closer to Allah (Khurram Murad).

Greeting the Congregation: Uthman ibn Affan^{RA} & Umar ibn Abdul Aziz^{RA} used to greet the congregation before sitting on the *minbar* (authenticated, Zarabozo p76).

Reference Key		S – Sahih
B – Bukhari	M – Muslim	H – Hasan
A – AbuDawud	T – Tirmidhi	D – Daef
N – Nasai	I – IbnMajah	M – Mawdoo

Sitting on the Minbar during Adhan: see below.

Responding to the Adhan: While sitting on the pulpit, Muawiyah^{RA} responded to the *adhan* & said, "O people, when the *muedh-dhin* pronounced the *adhan* I heard Allah's Apostle on this very pulpit saying what you have just heard me saying" (B^S13:37).

Khutbah

in progress

Standing while delivering Khutbah: Prophet^{SAW} used to deliver sermons while standing (B^S13:43, M^F4:1874). "Whoever informed you that he (Prophet^{SAW}) delivered the sermon while sitting told a lie" (M^F4:1876). Also, see 62:11.

Sitting halfway between the Khutbah: "The Prophet^{SAW} used to deliver two *Khutbahs* and sit in between them" (B^S13:43, M^F4:1874).

Starting with Khutbat-ul-Haajjah: Prophet^{SAW} used to begin most of his speeches with *Khutbat-ul-Haajjah* (Zarabozo p95).

Testifying Faith: Prophet^{SAW} said, "The Friday khutbah that does not contain the testimony* of faith is like a defective hand" (A, T, authenticated-Zarabozo p95). **Testifying the oneness of Allah and the prophethood of Muhammad^{SAW}*.

Reciting verses from the Qur'an: "He recited it (*Surah Qaaf*) on the pulpit every Friday" (M^F4:1892). Also, see M^F4:1875.

Reminding of Allah & Admonishing: "While listening to his *khutbah*, the hearts would be filled with belief in Allah, His oneness & His majesty. His *khutbahs* referred to Allah's dealings with others in the past so as to warn his listeners against His wrath & exhort them to remember Him, thank Him & win His pleasure & love. Those who heard these *khutbahs* were inspired with the love of Allah & they looked forward eagerly to meeting their Lord" (ibn Qayyim). Prophet^{SAW} used to exhort the people (M^F4:1875). Also, see 62:9.

Instilling Emotion: Believe every word you say. "When the Prophet^{SAW} delivered the sermon, his eyes became red, his voice rose and his anger increased so that he was like one giving a warning against the enemy" (M^F4:1885).