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The Etiquette of the Day of Jumu'ah

On this greatest day of the week, we urge our brothers and sisters to take note of the following very important etiquettes and obligations:

Ghusl:

The person intending to perform *Salat'l-Jumu'ah* is highly encouraged to have *ghusl* (full bath or shower). The *ghusl* is performed starting from the time of Fajr Prayer. Also, if a person performs *ghusl* and then later invalidates his ablution, he need not repeat the *ghusl*. Making ablution (*wudhu*) suffices. Furthermore, one *ghusl* may be used for removing sexual defilement (*janabah*) and for *Salat'l-Jumu'ah*.

Arriving early:

There is a great reward in going early to *Salat'l-Jumu'ah*, beginning after sunrise. By leaving for *Salat'l-Jumu'ah*, one gets the reward of waiting for the Prayer, making *dhikr* (remembering Allah) and voluntary prayers during that time. Abu Umamah narrated that the Messenger of Allah (*sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said, "The angels sit at the doors to the Masjids and with them are scrolls in which they record the people [who come]. When the Imam appears, the scrolls are rolled up". Abu Umamah was asked, "Does the one who comes after the Imam still have a Friday Prayer?" he said, "Certainly, but he is not one of those who is recorded [as coming early]." [Ahmad and al-Tabarani]

Clothing:

This is a special time that requires Muslims to appear in the best manner possible. One should therefore put on his best attire for *Salat'l-Jumu'ah*. The Prophet (*sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said, "If one has the means, he should buy two pieces of clothing, other than his work clothes or [everyday clothing], to wear on Friday." [Abu Dawud]

Inside the Masjid:

- ♦ Walking to the Masjid whenever feasible as there is a reward for every step taken to the Masjid. Come relaxed and don't hurry, but rather be calm.

- ◆ Avoiding stepping over people to get to a particular spot in the Masjid.
- ◆ Avoiding dividing two people who are sitting together. Don't make someone stand and take his place.
- ◆ Not clasping one's hands and intertwining one's fingers while waiting for the prayer. Also, not holding ones knees and bringing them up to the chest. If you feel sleepy, change position immediately.
- ◆ Sitting in the front rows and close to the Imam whenever possible. **One must fill the gaps and move forward if necessary.**

Praying Tahiyat¹-Masjid:

If a person comes late to the Friday Prayer while the Imam is delivering the khutbah, should he pray the two rak'ahs of *Tahiyat¹-Masjid* (prayer of greeting the mosque) and then sit or should he simply skip them? The strongest opinion is to perform the *Tahiyat¹-Masjid* based on the Hadith of the Prophet (*sallallahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), "If one of you comes to the Masjid, he should pray two rak'ahs before he sits" [al-Bukhari and Muslim].

Listening attentively:

Remaining quiet while the Imam is delivering the khutbah. This actually includes listening to the Imam and not playing with anything while the Imam is speaking. **This is regardless whether you can hear the Imam or not, and whether other people are speaking or not.** Also, you must not tell others to be quiet.

Dua and Supplication:

Surat¹-Kahf (*Surah* 18) should be recited any time of the day as well as plenty of *Salawat* upon the Messenger. Also do not forget to supplicate during the last hour before Maghrib for it is a *du'a* that isn't rejected.

Jumu'ah Prayer at CMA:

The Jumu'ah Khutbah (in English & Arabic) will commence at 1:20pm. The jama'at will be at 1.40pm. Listening to the Khutbah as explained above is a necessary part of Jumu'ah Salah.

Please come early so that you can pray your Tahiyat¹-Masjid and Sunnah before Khutbah begins.