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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا
إِلَى ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ.
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
خَيْرُ يَوْمٍ طَلَعَتْ عَلَيْهَا الشَّمْسُ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ.

THE FRIDAY PRAYER AND ITS IMPORTANCE

Dear brothers and sisters, today is Friday, the best day of the week. It is the day of joy for believers, a day of mercy and forgiveness, a day special for its value and virtue. Our Prophet ﷺ said about this day: **“The best day on which the sun has risen is Friday.”**¹ In *sūrat al-Jumu‘a*, Allah ﷻ says: **“O you who believe! When you are called to the Friday prayer, hasten to the remembrance of Allah and leave your affairs behind. That would be better for you if you knew!”**² Dear Muslims, Allah ﷻ declares that the most important thing we have to do on this day is Friday prayers. The Prophet ﷺ warned whoever misses Friday prayers without a valid reason that his heart will be sealed. So let us prepare for this important prayer according to the *sunna* of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, let us perform *ghusl*, put on clean clothes, put on a pleasant fragrance, perform a lot of *ṣalawāt* and above all let us listen carefully to the Friday sermon. May Allah ﷻ unite us and make us an *umma* again in these days. *Āmīn*.

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¹ Muslim, Al-Jumu‘a, 18.

² Al-Jumu‘a, 62: 9.