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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:
إِذَا قُلْتَ لِصَاحِبِكَ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ أَنْصِتْ وَالْإِمَامُ يَخْطُبُ فَقَدْ
لَعَوْتَ.

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Dear Muslims, Allah ﷻ says in a verse: **“O you who believe! When you are called to prayer on Friday, hasten to the remembrance of Allah and leave trade. That is better for you if you knew.”**¹ This verse was revealed in Mecca. The Prophet ﷺ was looking forward to Friday prayers, but the environment did not allow it yet. The Prophet ﷺ and his companions decided to emigrate to Madinah. On Monday 8 Rabī al-Awwal 622 they reached the village of Qubā’ near Medina. There the Prophet ﷺ and his companions stayed for four days and on Friday they travelled from there to Madinah. When they reached the Ravine of Rānūnā’, they prayed the first Friday prayer at noon. Here the Prophet ﷺ delivered his first Friday sermon and led the first Friday prayer. Dear brothers and sisters, the Prophet ﷺ said in a *ḥadīth*: **“When you say “be silent!” to your friend on Friday while the *imām* is delivering the *khuṭba*, then you are truly guilty of idle/meaningless talk.”**² Dear Muslims, let us always listen attentively to the message of the Friday sermon and not concern ourselves with other matters.

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¹ Al-Jumu‘a, 62: 9.

² Al-Tirmidhī, Al-Birr, 33.