



Sharayi' al-Islam (Salat)

Lesson 40

The Conditions of the Friday Prayer

1. Presence of a **just ruler** (Infallible Imam) **or his deputy**
2. The Required **Number** of people
3. The Friday **Sermons**
 - ✚ The two sermons **can be delivered before the *zawal*** in a way that they end when *zawal* happens.
 - ✚ The sermons must be delivered **before the *salah***.
 - ✚ The preacher must **stand when delivering** the sermons if possible.
 - ✚ It is *wajib* to **sit for a bit in between** the two sermons.
 - ✚ ***Taharah* is not required for the sermons** (this decree is '*ashbah*' i.e., more probable according to the rules).
 - ✚ **The preacher must raise his voice** so that the least number of the required people (four or six) can hear it.

4. ***Jama'ah*** (congregation)

The Friday prayer must be offered in ***jama'ah***. If the original Imam is present, it is *wajib* on him to attend and lead the Friday prayer but if there is an obstacle, he can appoint a representative.

5. **Two Friday prayers must not be held close to each other.**

The least distance to be observed is three miles (1 *farsakh*: 3 miles: 4000 cubits \approx 5.5 km); otherwise the one started (by *takbirat al-ihram*) first is valid.