

Friday prayer for the traveller

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: A person travelled from Algiers to Chlef and stayed there three days. The second day was a Friday. So, could he pray the Friday prayer in the mosque or not?

Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Farkous al-Qoobee (*May Allaah preserve him*): All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

He could perform Friday prayer in the mosque or perform Ad-Dhuhr (noon prayer) by shortening it. However, there is a divergence among scholars as whether it is better to perform Friday prayer or Ad-Dhuhr prayer.

It is preferable for me to attend Friday prayer and congregational prayers if the person is not travelling and walking. Performing Ad-Dhuhr prayer by shortening it is better, as there is no proof that the Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) performed Friday prayer during his journeys, nor did the rightly guided Caliphs after him. Furthermore, it is not reported that they abandoned praying in a congregation whether they were travellers, non-travellers or in a holy war (Jihaad).

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah (*Mighty and Majestic is He*). Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*), his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.