

## Taking notes during the Friday's sermon

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

**Question:** What is the ruling regarding taking notes relating to religious science mentioned by the Imaam in the course of the Friday's sermon?

**Answer:** 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.

It is improper to take notes while the Imaam is giving the Friday's sermon, because, regardless the fact that taking notes hinders the person from hearing to the Imaam's sermon, this will also lead the people who came for prayer to look at the person who is taking notes. Actually, it will distract their attention and prevent them from the obligation of listening [to the sermon], although the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ says: "**If you say to your companion: "Listen!" while the Imaam is preaching the Friday's sermon, then you have said idle words**"<sup>1</sup>. Besides, the person may record the sermon and benefit from it later on.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ. Our last prayer is all praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon our Prophet, his Family, his Companions and Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

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<sup>1</sup> Reported by Muslim, chapter of "The Friday's prayer" (hadeeth 1965), by An-Nasaa'ee, chapter of "The Friday's prayer" (hadeeth 1402), by Ibn Maajah, chapter of "Establishing prayer" (hadeeth 1110) and by Ibn Khuzaymah (hadeeth 1806) by the authority of Aboo Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ.