134741 - Can We Say Jumu’ah Mubarakah?

the question

What is the ruling on offering congratulations on Friday, because now it is the custom in our country on Friday to send text messages and people congratulate one another on the occasion of Friday by saying “Jumu`ah mubarak” or “Jumu`ah tayyibah.”.

Summary of answer

We do not think it is prescribed to exchange congratulations on Fridays, such as saying to one another ‘Jumuah mubarakah’ and so on.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Virtues of Friday

There is no doubt that Friday is an “‘Eid” or “festival” for the Muslims, as it says in the hadith narrated from Ibn ‘Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) who said: The Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: “This is a day of ‘Eid that Allah has ordained for the Muslims, so whoever comes to Jumu`ah, let him do ghusl , and if he has any perfume let him put some on, and you should use the miswak.” (Narrated by Ibn Majah, 1098; classed as hasan by al-Albani in Sahih Ibn Majah)

Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allah have mercy on him) said, describing the special virtues of Friday :

“Thirteen: It is a day of ‘Eid that is repeated every week.” Zad al-Ma‘ad, 1/369

Thus the Muslims have three ‘Eids: ‘Eid al-Fitr and ‘Eid al-Adha, which come once every year, and Jumu`ah which is repeated once every week.

Exchanging congratulations on ‘Eid

With regard to the Muslims congratulating one another on the occasions of ‘Eid al-Fitr and ‘Eid al-Adha, this is prescribed and it is narrated from the Sahabah (may Allah be pleased with them). This has been discussed previously in the answers to questions no. 49021 and 36442 .

Is it bid’ah to say ‘Jumu’ah Mubarakah’

As for congratulating one another on the occasion of Friday , what seems to us to be the case is that it is not prescribed, because the fact that Friday is an ‘Eid was known to the Sahabah (may Allah be pleased with them), and they were more knowledgeable than us about its virtues, and they were keen to respect it and give it its due, but there is no report to suggest that they used to congratulate one another on Fridays. And all goodness is in following them (may Allah be pleased with them).

Shaykh Salih ibn Fawzan (may Allah preserve him) was asked: What is the ruling on sending text messages every Friday and ending with the phrase “Jumu’ah mubarakah”?

He replied:

“The early generation did not congratulate one another on Fridays, so we should not introduce anything that they did not do.” (Ajwibat Asilah Majallat al-Da‘wah al-Islamiyyah)

A similar fatwa was issued by Shaykh Sulayman al-Majid (may Allah preserve him), when he said:

“We do not think it is prescribed to exchange congratulations on Fridays, such as saying to one another, “Jumu’ah mubarakah” and so on, because it comes under the heading of du‘as and dhikrs , which must be based on a text (of the Quran or Sunnah) because this is purely a matter of worship and if it were good, the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) and his Companions (may Allah be pleased with them) would have done it before us.

If anyone suggests that this is permissible, then that may imply that it is prescribed to say du‘as and congratulate one another after having done the five daily prayers and other acts of worship,

and du‘a at these times was not done by the early generations.” (From the Shaykh’s website (may Allah preserve him)

If a Muslim prays for his brother on Friday with the intention of softening his heart and making him happy, and seeking the time when supplications are answered, there is nothing wrong with that.

And Allah knows best.