

22115 - Raising one's hands during the khateeb's du'aa' in the second khutbah

the question

What is the ruling on one who raises his hands when the khateeb makes du'aa' for the Muslims during the second khutbah? Please quote the evidence (daleel), may Allaah reward you.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

Raising the hands is not prescribed during the Friday khutbah or the Eid khutbah, neither for the imaam nor for the members of the congregation. Rather what is prescribed is to listen attentively to the imaam and to say ameen to his du'aa', saying that to oneself without raising one's voice. But raising the hands is not prescribed, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) did not raise his hands during the Friday khutbah or the Eid khutbah. When one of the Sahaabah saw one of the governors raising his hands during the Friday khutbah, he denounced him for that and said that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) did not raise his hands. Yes, if the imaam prays for rain during the Friday khutbah, then he may raise his hands whilst praying for rain, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) used to raise his hands in this case. So if he prays for rain during the Friday khutbah or Eid khutbah, then it is prescribed for him to raise his hands, following the example of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him).