22350 - Speaking during the interval when the imaam falls silent between the two khutbahs

the question

Is it permissible to speak during the interval when the imaam falls silent between the two khutbahs at Jumu’ah (Friday) prayer? Is it permissible to make a gesture by pointing to one’s lips with one’s forefinger in order to remind a person that he should not speak during the khutbah?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is permissible to speak during the interval when the imaam falls silent between the two khutbahs, if there is a need to do so. It is OK to gesture to one who speaks whilst the imaam is preaching, to tell him to be quiet, just as it is also permissible to gesture during the prayer if there is a need to do so. May Allaah help us all.