

Should I wake him up if he sleeps during Jumah?

Answered by Shaykh bin Baz

**Question:** Some people sleep during the Jumah sermon. So if I wake them will I be from those who are guilty of idle talk, and thus receive no reward for Jumah?

**Shaykh bin Baz:** It is recommended to wake them with an action not with speech; because speaking during the sermon is not permissible based upon the statement of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم:

إذا قلت لصاحبك أنصت يوم الجمعة والإمام يخطب فقد لغوت

If you say to your companion 'be silent' during Jumah while the Imam is delivering the sermon, then indeed you have engaged in idle talk. (Bukhari 934)

The authenticity of this narration is agreed upon.

The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم called this idle talk although the person is enjoining the good. This proves the obligation to remain silent and the prohibition of speaking during the sermon.

And with Allah lies all success.

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