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Question:

Is it permissible for someone to give the khutba and someone else to lead the salaah on Friday?

Answer:

All praise is due to Allaah as many times as the number of His Creation and May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon the Final Prophet Muhammad, his family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

Summary:

Shaikh Bin Baz said:

“The Sunnah is for the same person to lead the prayers as gave the khutbah, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) used to do both himself, as did his successors (the khulafa’). But if one man gives the khutbah and another leads the prayer for a valid reason, this is permissible. The reason why it is permissible may be because the khutbah is separate from the prayer, as if it is two separate acts of worship”.

A Comprehensive Answer with Proofs:

Imaam Ibn Qudaamah (may Allaah have mercy on him) said:

“Section: the Sunnah is for the same person to lead the prayers as gave the khutbah, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) used to do both himself, as did his successors (the khulafa’). But if one man gives the khutbah and another leads the prayer for a valid reason, this is permissible. This is what Ahmad stated...because if it is permissible for someone else to take over leading the prayer for a valid reason, then this applies even more so in the case of the khutbah with the prayer. If there is no reason, then Ahmad (may Allaah have mercy on him) said: ‘I do not like it if there is no excuse.’ The reason why it is not liked may be because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) used to do both of them, and he said, ‘Pray as you have seen me praying’ (Reported by al-Bukhaari and Ahmad),

and because the khutbah takes the place of two rak’ahs. The reason why it is permissible may be because the khutbah is separate from the prayer, as if it is two prayers.”

(al-Mughni, part 2, Kitaab al-Jumu'ah: Fasl: yatawallaa al-salaah man yatawallaa al-khutbah. See also: al-Badaa'i', 1/262, al-Sharh al-Kabeer, 1/499).

Allah Knows Best

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