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Recitation in Friday prayer coinciding with the topic of the sermon

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: May Allaah treat you well, O Eminent father; a questioner asks: What is the ruling on the one who delivers the sermon of Friday reciting within the prayer, verses which appropriately fit the topic of the sermon and taking this as his regular practice in every Khutbah?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: Do you mean that he recites thus in the Salat-ul-Jumu'ah or at the end of the Khutbah? If what is meant is that he recites thus in the Salat-ul-Jumu'ah, then this has not been legislated nor has it been narrated (from the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ))².

That which has been narrated is that he should recite: "Glorify the Name of your Lord the Exalted."³ And al-Gaashiyah⁴ or al-Jumu'ah⁵ and al-Munaafiqoon⁶. This is what has been narrated; and it is not proper for him to recite that which corresponds with (the topic of) the Khutbah. This is proper within the Khutbah, that he recites from the Qur'aan that which appropriately suits the (topic) of the Khutbah; within the Khutbah its self; yes. As for the prayer, then (the recitation therein) is not to be restricted to the subject matter of the Khutbah.

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him

² (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ سورة الأعلى - Soorah al-A'laa [87:19]

⁴ سورة الغاشية - Soorah al-Gaashiyah (88th Soorah)

⁵ سورة الجمعة - Soorah al-Jumu'ah (62nd Soorah)

⁶ سورة المنافقون - Soorah al-Munaafiqoon (63rd Soorah)