

Making a Collection while the Khutbah is in Progress

Q: Salaah-523: A box is circulated for collecting money after the first Adhaan of Jumu'ah while the Imaam is delivering a lecture and people are engaged in performing their Sunnah salaah. It sometimes continues even after the Khutbah has started. What is the ruling in this regard?

Answer: It is not permissible to pass through the rows to collect monies while the lecture is being delivered because it disturbs the audience, thus defeating the purpose of the lecture. It also distracts people performing their Sunnah salaah. Hadhrat Umar RADI. was leading the salaah when a person placed his goods in front of the rows and joined the salaah. When the salaah was over, Hadhrat Umar RADI. punished the man because he had distracted the people in their salaah.

This applies when the Khutbah starts as well. In fact, it is even more emphasised during this time because no salaah or speech is allowed when the Khutbah starts. And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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