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Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet, may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him said: "Whoever takes a bath on Friday, like the bath taken from sexual impurity, and then goes (to the mosque) on the first hour is like the one who offers a camel as a sacrifice (to attain the pleasure of Allah); and whoever goes on the second hour is like the one who offers a cow as a sacrifice. Whoever goes on the third hour is like the one who offers a horned ram as a sacrifice. Whoever goes on the fourth hour is like the one who offers a chicken as a sacrifice. Whoever goes on the fifth hour is like one who offers an egg as a sacrifice. When the Imām ascends the pulpit, the angels come in order to listen to the Dhikr."

[Sahih/Authentic.] [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]

The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) clarifies the virtue of bathing and going early to the Friday prayer, and the different levels of reward for this. He mentioned that the one who bathes for the Friday prayer before going to the mosque, and is present on the first hour will receive the reward as the one who slaughters a camel as a sacrifice for Allah. Whoever goes on the second hour is like the one who offers a cow to attain the pleasure of Allah; and he who goes on the third hour is like the one who offers a horned ram, which is normally the best type of rams, as a sacrifice. Whoever goes on the fourth hour is like the one who offers a chicken; and whoever goes on the fifth hour is like the one who offers an egg. When the Imām comes to deliver the sermon and then lead the people in prayer, the angels who are in charge of writing down the names of those who came to listen to the sermon leave, so whoever comes after the angels leave, will not be written from amongst those who offer sacrifices for Allah.

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