

Guidance of the Prophet (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) Concerning The Eid Day
Al-'Allaamah Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah
(May Allaah Have Mercy Upon him)

1. He (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) used to always perform the two *Eid* prayers in the **Musallaa** (outside prayer grounds). He only performed this *Salaah* in the Masjid one time, due to rain.
2. He (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) used to wear his **best clothing** when he went out for the two *Eid* prayers.
3. He (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) used to eat an **odd number of dates** before going out for the *Eid al-Fitr* (prayer). As for the *Eid al-Adhaa* (prayer), he would *not eat* until he returned from the *Musallaa* (outside prayer grounds), in which case he would eat from the **Ad-heeyah** (sacrificed animal).
4. He (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) used to take a **Ghusl** (complete bath) for both of the *Eids*.
5. He (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) used to go out to the two *Eid* prayers **walking**.
6. Whenever he (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) reached the *Musallaa* (outside prayer grounds) he would begin with the *Salaah* – without **A-dhaan** and without **'Iqaamah**, and without saying **"as-Salaatu Jaami'atan"** (i.e. "Salaah, in Congregation").
7. Whenever he (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) finished the *Salaah*, he would **stand - facing the people** – while the people would be *sitting*. Then, he would deliver the **religious advice and exhortation**; and he would begin the *Khut-bah* with **'Praise of Allaah'**.
8. He (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) gave *permission* to those who attended the *Eid* prayer to either **sit** for the *Khut-bah* or **leave**.
9. He (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) used to **go** (to the place of prayer) by one road and **return** by another road.

Summarized from 'Zaad al-Ma'aad Fee Hadyi Khair al-'Ibaad'
[Translation: Abu Muhammad, 18th Ramadaan 1433 AH (August 6, 2012 CE)]