



## Jama'ah's Perception of Friday Khutbah Material

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### **Abstract**

The Friday sermon is a mandatory thing to carry out before performing the Friday prayer service. The purpose of this study was to describe the Jama'ah's Perception of Friday Khutbah Material by looking at Jama'ah Absorption, Understanding, and Evaluation. This research uses Perception theory according to Bimo Walgito, which consists of absorption, understanding, and assessment. The research method used is a descriptive qualitative research method and data collection techniques through observation, interviews, and documentation. Based on the processing of facts and research data it was found that the Absorption of Khutbah Material by the Friday Prayer Congregation has been supported by the efforts of the Nurul Iman Mosque management Lingkar Timur Village, Singaran Pati District, Bengkulu City to improve Comfort, Security, Order in the implementation of Friday Prayers. And supported by efforts to present a Khatib of choice according to the wishes of the Jama'ah of the Nurul Iman Mosque. The understanding or understanding of the Khutbah Material by Friday Prayer Congregation at the Nurul Iman Mosque, Lingkar Timur Village, Singaran Pati District, Bengkulu City was found to have gone well. With the Khatib raising themes that suit the needs of the congregation and followed by an interesting delivery, although not all congregations can be touched due to various other factors such as not being ready to listen to the sermon, conditions that are not conducive for children.

**Keywords:** *Jumaat Friday Congregation; Friday Khutbah Material*

### **Introduction**

Da'wah is a process that aims to change, renew, and improve objects, although the results are not immediately felt in human life (Nasriah, 2012). According to Shohib (2007) in the Qur'an, there is a command that instructs Muslims to worship humans in the way of Allah (sabilillah). Sabili Rabbika (The Way of Allah) in the verse An-Nahl Verse 125 which reads "Call (humans) to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good teaching, and argue with them in a good way. Truly your Lord, He is the one who knows best who has gone astray from His way and He knows best who is guided."

In this case, Sabilillah is not interpreted as jihad, but is more general than jihad, which people usually interpret from the term Al-Qitalu-Fi Sabilillah (fighting in the way of Allah through physical means), which in Indonesian is known as "Sabil War". In Surat Ali Imran verse 104, there is an order for

a group of Muslims to work together to preach humanity to goodness, to do good, and forbid evil (social control). Apart from that, Allah ordered His Messenger to inform the revelations that were sent down to him. The three commandments emphasize that da'wah is an obligation for the Apostles and their followers. And prepare with all your might to face them with the strength that you have and from cavalry that can terrify the enemies of Allah, your enemies and those beside them that you do not know; but Allah knows it. Whatever you spend in the way of Allah will surely be rewarded sufficiently to you and you will not be wronged (harmed) (Suhandang, 2002).

Thus the meaning of sabilillah is the same as the meaning of tariquillah, His Da'wah, His Religion, and His Teachings, all of which are about faith, morals, social, humanity, politics, and education, which are contained in the Al-Qur'an. and the instructions of the Prophet (Suhandang, 2002). And one form of da'wah is through the Friday Khutbah in a series of Friday prayer services or "Jumu'ah". There is a verse that indicates the urgency for a Muslim to participate in Friday prayers. In the Al-Qur'an Surah Al-Jumu'ah verse 9. Rasulullah SAW used to face the congregation as soon as he finished praying and asked those who were not present at the congregational prayer, the friends were also used to just talking after prayer before returning home (Asma, 2021). The understanding of the Friday prayer congregation is also explained in the Sociological Study. According to Abdurrahman (1995), this is even more complex which is referred to as Perception, namely the ability to sense stimuli through hearing, sight, smell, and the sense of taste.

According to Hamdan (2007), Friday sermons are held at relatively the same time, not only in a village, village, district, province, or country, but they are held simultaneously throughout the world in places where Muslims are located. Continued by Rosidin's opinion (2018) is that the mosque is a strategic place to foster Muslims. Because the existence of a mosque is a manifestation of the ability and initiative of Muslims. So the mosque is the center of the activities of Muslims, both in the fields of worship, education, and social community.

In Perception, people do not just respond directly, but think, imagine mentally, and actively select a number of stimulus characteristics (Syukir, 1983). The gap in perception and understanding between the congregation and the Friday prayer khatib regarding Friday sermon material at the mosque can cause the sermon process to not function properly. An understanding of Islamic values that is not accompanied by a genuine dialogue process with the values that are actually in effect in society, will only create a sharper gap between the desired values and the existing reality. Based on this phenomenon, research was carried out that aimed to describe the congregation's perception of the Friday sermon material by looking at the absorption, understanding, and evaluation of the congregation.

## ***Methodology***

This type of research uses qualitative research, namely research that uses a natural setting, with the intention of interpreting phenomena that occur and is carried out by involving various existing methods (Moleong, 2021). The method used in this research is a descriptive method, namely a method that functions to describe research objects with data or samples or populations as they are without conducting analysis and providing generally accepted conclusions (Creswell, 2002). Qualitative research is also called naturalistic research, phenomenological methods, impressionistic methods, and post-positivistic methods. Data collection techniques are observation, interviews, and documentation. Where are the research respondents from congregations of Friday prayers with purposive sampling technique. Data analysis techniques by reducing research data.

## ***Finding and Discussion***

The Jama'ah of the Nurul Iman Mosque Tries to Absorb, Understand and Assess the Sermon Material delivered by the Khatib at the Iman Mosque. In the process, the Nurul Iman Mosque Management has taken several ways to create a safe, comfortable, and conducive atmosphere for Friday prayers so that the congregation is able to receive messages or advice contained in the sermon effectively. Starting from the procurement of facilities and pre-facilities that continue to be improved and equipped, also technically the implementation of Friday prayers through the Nurul Iman Mosque management meeting regarding Friday Khatib, Friday Prayer Imams, and other additional programs in the form of Friday Blessings.

Based on the results of interviews, observations, and documentation, it was found that the Jama'ah's Perception of Friday Khutbah material at the Nurul Iman Mosque, Lingkar Timur Subdistrict, Singaran Pati District, Bengkulu City, was as follows:

### **1. Absorption of sermon material by congregations for Friday Prayers at the Nurul Iman Mosque, Lingkar Timur, Singaran Pati District, Bengkulu City.**

Stimuli or objects that are absorbed or received by the five senses, sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste, individually or together. From the results of absorption or reception by the senses, an image, response, or impression will be obtained in the brain. This description can be singular or plural, depending on the object of perception being observed.

In this case, the community at the Friday Prayer Jama'ah at the Nurul Iman Mosque feels a comfortable atmosphere because the environmental conditions are clean and equipped with air conditioning or air conditioning and fans which add to the coolness expected by the management, that the congregation can become more solemn ' in the Friday prayer service. Then there is a parking area that is safe and spacious and equipped with surveillance cameras or CCTV, conducive and orderly. Not to mention the food provided voluntarily by donors in the Friday Blessings program which is in great demand by people from various areas outside the Lingkar Timur Village itself.

Whether the picture is clear or not depends on the clarity of the stimulus, the normality of the senses, and the time of day, recently or a long time ago. In the brain collected images or impressions, both old and recently formed. The atmosphere of the Friday prayer that is felt is what can become an attraction and form an image to the congregation that the Nurul Iman Mosque is a comfortable mosque and deserves to be a place for Friday prayers because the management also understands to provide the best service in carrying out the prayer. Friday by bringing in a Khatib who is competent in his field.

### **2. Understanding of Khutbah Material by Friday Prayer Congregation at the Nurul Iman Mosque, Lingkar Timur Kelurahan Singaran Pati District, Bengkulu City**

After the images or impressions occur in the brain, the images are organized, classified (classified), compared, interpreted, so that understanding or understanding is formed. The process of understanding or understanding is very unique and fast. The understanding that is formed also depends on the old images that have been owned by the individual before (called apperception).

Each congregation has a different understanding of the material, this is due to the way they absorb the information itself so that an overview of the sermon material presented is also different. There were congregations who said that the selection of themes and topics raised was actual, in accordance with the needs of the community regarding what was hotly discussed by the community at that time.

The understanding of the Friday Prayer Congregation at the Nurul Iman Mosque the material is also limited by the choice of words and the language of the sermon material, which not all of them have the same educational background, same age, and even the intensity or fluency in using Indonesian so that

the sermon material seems convoluted, twisted. This understanding is also followed by the length of duration and presentation of the sermon material by the khatib himself. Where this determines the attention or attention of the congregation to listen to the sermon.

### **3. Assessment of Khutbah Material by Congregation for Friday Prayers at the Nurul Iman Mosque, Lingkar Timur, Singaran Pati District, Bengkulu City**

After understanding or understanding is formed, there is an assessment of the individual. The individual compares the newly acquired understanding or understanding with the criteria or norms that are subjectively owned by the individual. Individual judgments vary even though the object is the same, therefore perception is individual.

Through perception, individuals can realize and be able to understand the state of the individual concerned. Perception is an integrated activity, so all that exists within the individual such as feelings, experiences, thinking abilities, frames of reference, and other aspects that exist within the individual in society will play a role in that perception.

There are congregations who consider that the Khatib has carried out his duties well and even very well, that is because the congregation has absorbed the sermon material well and is followed by the fulfillment of the desired new knowledge from a theme raised by the Khatib in his sermon material. So as to produce a satisfactory assessment and form the perception that Khatib A is a khatib who is able to master what is conveyed, is not provocative, not agitative, not politicized, and is able to guide the congregation through his Friday Khutbah material so as to form the congregation's interest in continuing to follow the message existing messages. Even in practice, situations are often encountered where the administrators inevitably find a replacement for the preacher who is unable to attend, resulting in the delivery of a sermon that is not optimal and is not liked because it is considered less effective.

However, there are also Jama'ah who consider that a khatib is not judged only in terms of delivering his sermon, because they concurrently serve as Friday prayer priests, so reading their prayers is also an important aspect, but this can be immediately known by the congregation and the management who also participates together provides annual and situational evaluations if a preacher is found who is not in accordance with what is expected.

### **Conclusions**

Based on the processing of facts and research data that the author conducted regarding the Jama'ah's Perception of Khutbah Material at the Nurul Iman Mosque, Lingkar Timur Kelurahan Singaran Pati, Bengkulu City, the following conclusions can be drawn; 1) Absorption of sermon material by the congregation for Friday Prayers has been supported by the efforts of the management of the Nurul Iman Mosque in the East Ring Village, Singaran Pati District, Bengkulu City to improve Comfort, Security, Order in the implementation of Friday Prayers. And supported by efforts to present a Khatib of choice according to the wishes of the Nurul Iman Mosque Jama'ah, 2). The understanding or understanding of the Khutbah Material by Friday Prayer Congregation at the Nurul Iman Mosque, Lingkar Timur Village, Singaran Pati District, Bengkulu City was found to have gone well. With the Khatib raising themes that suit the needs of the congregation and followed by interesting delivery, although not all congregations can be touched due to various other factors such as not being ready to listen to the sermon, conditions that are not conducive for children, and 3). The assessment of sermon material by Friday Prayer Congregation at the Nurul Iman Mosque, Lingkar Timur Village, Singaran Pati District, Bengkulu City, in general, was good, even very good. This is due to the ability of the preacher who is able to master what is conveyed, not provocative, not agitated, not politicized, and able to guide the congregation through the Friday Khutbah material so as to form the congregation's interest in continuing to follow the existing messages.

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