22278 - Can one use the miswaak during the khutbah?

the question

When should a person refrain from playing with pebbles on the ground and using miswaak during the Jumu’ah prayers? Is it from the time when the imaam ascends the minbar or from the beginning of the khutbah? Because I see many people who do not stop using the miswaak until after the imaam has started the khutbah, and some of them continue to use the miswaak during the khutbah.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

The Sunnah is to pay attention to the khutbah and to stop using the miswaak or fidgeting in any other way from the moment the khutbah begins until it is over, acting in accordance with the saheeh ahaadeeth that have been narrated to that effect.

But if a person enters the mosque when the khateeb is preaching he should pray (two rak’ahs) to “greet the mosque” before he sits down, because the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “When any one of you comes on a Friday and the imaam is preaching, let him pray two rak’ahs and make them short.” (Narrated by al-Bukhaari, al-Jumu’ah, 1100; Muslim, al-Jumu’ah, 1449. This version was narrated by Muslim).