Greeting each other after Salah

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Q: Some of our relatives are farmers who are usually busy with their work and we do not meet during the week except in Jumu`ah (Friday) Prayer. Once the Imam finishes Salah by saying Taslim (salutation of peace ending the Prayer), they greet each other in the Masjid (mosque) just after Tasbih (glorification of Allah) and before praying the supererogatory Salah. Is this act permissible? Should the Ma`mums (persons being led by an Imam in Prayer) greet each other in the Masjid before praying the supererogatory Salah or delay greeting until they leave the Masjid? Would you please explain the etiquettes the Ma`mums should observe in Jumu`ah Prayer?

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A: According to the generality of evidence on the permissibility of greeting, it is permissible for people to greet each other whether in Masjids or outside. Being inside the Masjid under the case mentioned does not prevent greeting.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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