

Class 7

'Fiqh - Wudoo'

WUDOO (Purification)

Purity (Tahârah) is a beautiful word that is pleasing to the ears, and it is a quality which everyone strives to maintain. From an Islamic perspective, purity is a word which is general in its meaning. It may mean physical cleanness, which is purity (of the body) from impure substances or states of impurity, or it may mean spiritual purity, which is the purity of one's self from vices, faults, sins, and replacing them with good deeds, whether in speech or deeds.

This comprehensive meaning of purity is indicated in the words of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as reported by Abu Hurairah, (R.A.): *"What do you think? If there was a river at the door of one of you in which he bathes five times a day, would there be any filth left on him?" They answered, "There would be no filth left." The Prophet ﷺ said, "That is like the five Prayers, through them Allâh wipes away sins."* (al-Bukhâri)

Also, the Prayer (Salât) is not accepted except if one is in a state of purity. This state of purity is achieved either through performing ablution (wudoo'), as in the case of minor impurity, or a bath (ghusl), as in the case of major impurity. The Prophet ﷺ said: *"No Prayer is accepted without purification, and no charity is accepted from earnings made from impermissible sources."* (Muslim)

If a Muslim purifies himself in accordance with Allâh's commandments and the Prophet's instructions, his Prayer will be a means for him to purify himself of sins.

Islam is a religion of both outward and inward purity. Allâh's Messenger ﷺ severely warned those who neglect physical purity which is a prerequisite for the validity of certain acts of worship, like Prayer, circumambulation (Tawâf) of the Ka'bah, touching or holding the Qur'ân, and its likes.

Ibn 'Abbâs (R.A.) said: "The Messenger of Allâh ﷺ passed by two graves and said: *"Indeed they are being punished, but for something which seemed trivial to them: this one used not to guard himself from urine; whereas the other was used to tale bearing."* He requested a green leaf of a palm branch, split it into two halves, and put a half on each grave. He then said, *"Hopefully their punishment will be lightened until they (the branches) become dry."* (al-Bukhâri)

The Unique Qualities of Purification**1. Purification is equal to half of the faith:**

The Prophet of Allâh ﷺ said in this regard: *"Cleanliness is equal to half the faith..."* (Muslim)

2. Purification is one of the ways one can please Allâh and earn His love

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Allâh ﷻ said: *"Indeed Allâh loves those who continually seek repentance and those who purify themselves."* [Surah al-Baqarah (2):222]

3. To preserve and guard purification, [by always striving to be in a state of purity by performing ablution,] is one of the qualities of believers, for it is a type of worship seen only by Allâh.

The Prophet ﷺ said: *"Always be upright, though you will not be able to perfectly, and know that the Prayer is the best of your deeds. Only a believer guards and preserves his wudoo' (ablution)."* (Ibn Maajah)

4. Maintaining purification is an act that leads to acceptance of supplication.

'Amr bin 'Abasah (R.A.) narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said, *"No Muslim who sleeps in a state of purification (having performed ablution) and then after awakening during night, mentions Allâh and asks Him anything of the good of this life and the Hereafter, except that Allâh gives him what he asked for."* (Ahmad)

5. Purification elevates one's rank and status.

Abu Hurairah (R.A.) narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said to Bilâl at the time of the Fajr (Dawn) Prayer: *"O Bilâl, Tell me the most promising deed you have done in Islâm, for I heard the sound of your footsteps in Paradise."* Bilâl answered: *"I haven't done an act more hopeful to me than this: I have never performed ablution during the day or night except that [after it] I performed what I could of voluntary Prayers."* (al-Bukhâri)

Wudhu (Ablution)

Prior to entering Salaat, the person is required to undertake a certain purification procedure known as "Wudhu" without which, the person's prayer would not be acceptable in the sight of Allah (subhanahu wa ta'ala).

Allah,-the Almighty, says: *"O ye who believe, when ye prepare for prayer, wash your faces and your arms to the elbows,- rub your heads (with water),- and (wash) your feet to the ankles"* (Qur'an 5:6).

And the Prophet ﷺ, said: *"Prayer without ablution is invalid"* (Reported by Imam Muslim).

How to Perform Wudoo

1. Making the intention to perform Wudhu as an act of sincere homage and worship for the pleasure of Allah (subhanahu wa ta'ala). The intention need not be uttered but it should be kept in mind during the Wudhu.

2. Invoking Allah (subhanahu wa ta'ala) at the start of the Wudhu by saying: BISMILLAH I ARRAHMANI ARRAHIIM (in the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful).

3. Washing the hands up to the wrists three times, while rubbing them and letting the water reach between the fingers.



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4. Rinsing the mouth with water thrice, preferably using the "Miswak" (tooth stick), toothbrush, or fingers to brush the teeth and the gum. Regarding the importance of the Miswak, the Prophet ﷺ said: *"If it had not been too great a burden on my Ummah, I would have ordered them to use the Miswak at every Wudhu"* (Reported by Imam Malik).
5. Cleaning the nostrils by sniffing water in and out three times.
6. Washing the entire face thrice using both hands from the top of the forehead down to the bottom of the chin and from ear to ear.
7. Washing the arms three times up to the upper end of the elbows: right arm first, and then, left arm. Arms should be rubbed while they are being washed.
8. Wetting both hands and passing the same over the head starting from above the forehead down to the nape (the back of the neck) and from there, returning both hands up to above the forehead.
9. From the head, without wetting the hands again, the person wipes the earlobes, using the fore fingers to wipe the inner part of the lobes and the thumbs for the outside part.
10. Washing both feet up to the ankles three times, beginning with the right foot and then with the left foot. Both feet should be rubbed while they are being washed and water should freely pass between the toes.

Important Points on Wudhu

1. Much virtue is attached to Wudhu which is properly performed as can be noted from the following saying of the Prophet ﷺ: *"A person who performs Wudhu properly will have his sins removed from his body, so much that the sins are removed even from underneath his nails"* (Reported by Imam Muslim).
2. Having completed the Wudhu, the person may recite the "SHAHADA", i.e. the words of witness and the supplication for concluding the Wudhu as follows:

ASHHADUANLAA ILAHA ILLA-LAAHU WA ASH-HADU ANNA MUHAMMADAN ABDUHU WA RASUULUHU. ALLAHUMMA IJ'ALNII MINA T-A WABIIN WA IJ'ALNII MINA-L MUTAHIRIIN, which means: I bear witness that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is His servant and messenger... O Lord, make me among those who return to you in repentance and of those who are undefiled.

Regarding the virtue of the above supplication, the leader of the faithful, Umar Ibn-ul Khattab (may Allah be pleased with him) reported the Prophet ﷺ as saying: *"If anyone performs the Wudhu completely and then says, I testify that there is no god but Allah alone, He has no partner: and I testify that Muhammad is His servant and messenger, the eight gates of Paradise will be opened for him and may enter by whichever of the gates he wishes"* (Related by Imam Muslim).

3. When performing Wudhu, it is recommended to let the water reach beyond the area required to be washed (e.g., when washing the arms the person may wash beyond the elbows or beyond the



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ankles when washing the feet). Great virtue has been attached to this fact, as can be noted from the following saying of the Prophet ﷺ: *“My nation (Ummah) will be called (distinguished) on the Day of Judgement as a people with bright faces and limbs from the effect of their Wudhu practices. Therefore, anyone of you who wishes to increase his brightness may do so (by washing beyond the required areas when performing Wudhu)”* (Reported by Imams Bukhari and Muslim).

4. The importance of the Miswak, the Prophet ﷺ said: *“If it had not been too great a burden on my Ummah, I would have ordered them to use the Miswak at every Wudhu”* (Reported by Imam Malik).

Matters which Invalidate the Wudhu

The person will remain in a state of Wudhu until any of the following matters is committed:

1. Passing of excrement, urine or wind. When someone passes urine and/or excrement, it becomes mandatory upon such a person to remove the foulness of these things before performing Wudhu. Pure water should be used for this purpose, but in case, it is not available after earnest search for it, the person may resort to the use of certain dry objects, such as stones, dry woods and tissue paper to remove the filth. This is known as "Istijmaar". Odd numbers of the object to be used is preferred, such as 3, 5, etc. The person should ensure that no drops of urine or stains of foulness are left on his/her body or clothes. However, in the case of persons afflicted with permanent wetting or permanent passing of wind, or of women who are suffering from prolonged flows of blood, such persons are required to perform Wudhu only once before the start of each prayer and their Wudhu would remain valid even if the above problems may occur later in the course of the prayer.
2. Eating of camel's meat.
3. Sleeping in which the person loses consciousness.
4. Loss of consciousness resulting from insanity, fainting, etc.
5. Touching of the sexual organs intentionally, directly and unclothed.

P.S.: - If anyone wants a video to show the children for better understanding please check out the link it is pretty good... But yes there are many videos on youtube aswell... This just looks good for children though 😊: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jj8DbMqQTgY&feature=share>

WORKSHEET:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B00ZLczzYj-KUHBKcGF5UFJoRFk/view?usp=sharing> Download the sheets from the link above... There are three PDF files, download them and print them. The Worksheets are to make it interactive, fun and easier to learn, it is not mandatory for everyone to do it. Please remember **Sis Metinee Adam** who volunteered to make these Worksheets for the course. JazakAllah Khair!

TIPS FOR TESTS

1. Do not need to memorise the Ayaahs & Hadeeths but get a good understanding of it.
2. Know the Qualities of Purification.
3. Memorise the things about Wudoo as that is needed in daily life and not only for the Test.
4. Memorize the Dua to be recited after Wudoo.