

Ilm Essentials

Tahārah Lesson 8

Tayammum (Dry Ablution)



The Verse of Tayammum

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- “O you who believe, when you stand for prayer, wash your faces, (wash) your arms to the elbows, wipe your heads, and (wash) your feet to the ankles.
 - ▣ “And if you are in a state of major ritual impurity (junub) then purify yourselves thoroughly
- “And if you are sick, or on a journey, or one of you comes from relieving himself, or you have touched (i.e. had relations with) women, and you do not find water, then go to pure ground and wipe your faces and your hands” (Quran 5:6)

The History of Tayammum

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- Āishah narrates, “We went out with the Messenger of Allah on one of his journeys until we reached al-Baydā. Here, a necklace of mine broke and fell somewhere. Allah’s Messenger and the others stayed and began to look for it
 - ▣ There was no water at that place so the people went to Abū Bakr and said, ‘Do you see what Āishah has done?’
- Abū Bakr came to me while the Prophet was sleeping on my thigh. He blamed me (for the delay) and said to me whatever Allah willed him to say. He also poked me on my side. I could not move, for the Prophet was sleeping on my lap
 - ▣ He slept until morning without any water available. Then, Allah revealed the verse of tayammum
- Usayd ibn Hudhayr said, ‘Oh family of Abū Bakr, this is not the first blessing of yours’
 - ▣ The camel then got up and we found the necklace underneath it” (Bukhāri)

When Tayammum is Permissible

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- Lack of water
 - ▣ If water is not available anywhere within a 1 mile radius
 - May perform tayammum
 - ▣ Wājib to search
 - Unless you are reasonably certain water is not available
 - ▣ Must purchase water if available at a fair price
- Lack of access to water
 - ▣ If water is available, but you cannot get access to it
 - May perform tayammum
 - ▣ Or if you are unable to perform wudū by yourself
- Fear of physical harm
 - ▣ Extreme cold, sickness, injury or extreme thirst
 - Consult a reliable Muslim physician

When Tayammum is Permissible

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- Loss of an act of worship which does not have a replacement
 - ▣ Janāzah prayer
 - ▣ Eid prayer
 - If you can attend the Eid prayer elsewhere
 - Tayammum will not be permissible
 - ▣ Does not apply to the 5 daily prayers or jumuah
 - Because each of these has a replacement

What Can Be Used for Tayammum

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- Tayammum can be performed with any pure earthy substance
 - ▣ Dirt, sand, cement, clay, brick, limestone, marble, rock, soil, stone, etc.
 - ▣ Must be something which
 - Does not melt when heated (iron, copper, gold, glass, etc.)
 - Does not turn to ash when burned (bone, leaves, grass, wood, etc.)
 - ▣ Dust is considered an earthy substance
 - Any object with a layer of dust on it can be used (pillow, mirror, wood, table, etc.)

3 Fard of Tayammum

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- Intention
 - ▣ Contrary to wudū
- Wiping the entire face
- Wiping both hands/arms
 - ▣ Up to and including the elbows

Sunnah of Tayammum

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- Beginning with name of Allah
- Wiping the face first
 - ▣ Then the arms
- Performing both wipings one after another
- Keeping the fingers spread when striking the earth
- Moving the hands back and forth upon the earth
- Removing excess dirt or dust from the hands

Nullifiers of Tayammum

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- Tayammum is nullified by all those things which nullify wudū
- Also by the removal of one's excuse
 - ▣ If water became available
 - ▣ If you became wealthy enough to purchase water
 - ▣ If your sickness passed
 - If the excuse was removed while praying
 - The prayer becomes invalid

A Complete Tayammum

Performing Tayammum

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- Ensure a valid excuse exists to perform tayammum
- Find a pure earthy substance
- Remove anything which may restrict the dirt from reaching the required areas
- Make an intention
 - ▣ Intention should not be for “tayammum” only
 - Rather it should be to remove the state of minor/major ritual impurity
 - ▣ Other intentions may limit the tayammum to certain acts of worship, leaving out the prayer

Performing Tayammum

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- Begin with the name of Allah
- With your fingers spread
 - ▣ Gently strike both hands, including the palms, upon the dirt
 - Move the hands back and forth in the dirt
- Remove the excess dirt
- Wipe the entire face once

Performing Tayammum

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- Strike the dirt a second time in the same manner
- Wipe both arms once
 - ▣ From the fingertips up to and including the elbows
 - Begin with the right arm and then the left
- During both wipes
 - ▣ Rub to ensure no area remains unwiped

Various Issues

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- Tayammum can be used to lift both minor and major ritual impurity
- If any area which needs to be wiped remains unwiped
 - ▣ The tayammum is invalid
- If you are using a rock or stone
 - ▣ You will not beat your hands on the rock
 - Instead you will rub your hands all over the rock

Various Issues

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- The same piece of earth can be used for multiple tayammum
- Wiping must be performed with a majority of the hand
 - ▣ If only 1 or 2 fingers are used
 - The wiping will not occur

Various Issues

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- If you perform tayammum and pray
 - ▣ Water becomes available before that prayer time ends
 - You will not repeat the prayer
- If you perform tayammum and pray
 - ▣ Later you remember that you had water in the car
 - You will not repeat the prayer
- If you expect to find water before the end of the prayer time
 - ▣ Mustahabb to delay the prayer
 - But not beyond its appointed time
 - Nor into its makrūh time

Various Issues

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- The state of purity achieved through tayammum is the same as through wudū or ghusl
 - ▣ Multiple acts of worship can be performed with a single tayammum
 - ▣ Tayammum may be performed before the start of the prayer time
 - ▣ One who performed tayammum can lead those who performed wudū

Wiping Over Wounds

Wiping Over Bandages and Wounds

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- If you have an injury or wound which can be washed
 - ▣ It must be washed
- If the affected area cannot be washed
 - ▣ Wipe over that area with a wet hand
- If the affected area is covered by a bandage/cast
 - ▣ Remove it and wash or wipe
 - If the bandage/cast cannot be removed
 - Then wipe over it with a wet hand
 - If wiping is not possible, do nothing
 - ▣ Does not matter whether you were in a state of wudū when the bandage/cast was applied

Wiping Over Bandages and Wounds

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- When wiping a bandage
 - ▣ Not necessary that the entire bandage/cast be wiped
 - Although most of it must be wiped
 - ▣ Recommended to wipe the entire bandage if you can do so without undue hardship
- If you wiped over a bandage or dressing and it was later changed
 - ▣ This does not affect your state of purity

Wiping Over Bandages and Wounds

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- If you wiped over a wound or bandage
 - ▣ You will lose your state of purity as soon as the wound heals
- Intention remains a sunnah even when wiping over a wound
 - ▣ Not necessary to make a new or separate intention
- If a majority of the body is wounded
 - ▣ You may leave wudū/ghusl and perform tayammum

Wiping Over Bandages and Wounds

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- If a reliable Muslim doctor advises avoiding water completely
 - ▣ Tayammum should be performed
- Wudū/ghusl cannot be combined with tayammum
 - ▣ You should strive to perform wudū or ghusl first
 - If you cannot
 - Then perform tayammum only

Puberty

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Becoming Responsible

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- Children are not responsible for the obligation of the sharīah until they reach adulthood
 - ▣ Adulthood in Islām is based upon puberty
 - Does not mean children can do anything they want
 - ▣ Rewards are recorded for the good deeds of children
 - Parents also get a share
- “The pen (of accountability) has been raised for three people
 - ▣ An individual who is sleeping until he awakes
 - ▣ A child until he reaches puberty
 - ▣ An insane person until he becomes sane” (Tirmidhī)

The Signs of Puberty

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- For a boy puberty is indicated by
 - ▣ Ejaculation of sexual fluid, whether awake or asleep
 - ▣ Impregnation of a woman
 - ▣ 15 lunar years (approximately 14 years and 7 months)
 - Minimum age is 12
- For a girl puberty is indicated by
 - ▣ Ejaculation of sexual fluid, whether awake or asleep
 - ▣ Becoming pregnant
 - ▣ A menstrual period (after the age of 9)
 - ▣ 15 lunar years (approximately 14 years and 7 months)
 - Minimum age is 9

Questions and Discussion

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