

Chapter – 01

Ablution

(وضو)

Quran:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا قُمْتُمْ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ فَاغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ وَأَيْدِيَكُمْ إِلَى الْمَرَافِقِ
وَامْسَحُوا بِرُءُوسِكُمْ وَأَرْجُلَكُمْ إِلَى الْكَعْبَيْنِ

{O People who believe! When you wish to stand up for prayers, wash your faces, your hands up to the elbows, and pass wet palms over your heads and wash your feet up to the ankles. (05:06)}

Hadith:

Narrated Ibn Abbas:

I performed ablution (In front of Ata bin Yasar) in the following way: I took a handful of water and rinsed my mouth and took a handful of water and washed my nose. I then, took another handful of water and washed my face. Then I took water and washed my right forearm, then my left forearm. And then I passed wet hands over my head. Then I took another handful of water and poured it over my right foot and washed thoroughly and similarly took another handful of water and washed properly my left foot and said to him, "I saw Allah's Prophet performing ablution in this way." (Sahih Bukhari: 141)

Narrated Humran:

'Uthman bin 'Affan asked for a tumbler of water for ablution. He poured water over his hands and washed them thrice and then put his right hand in the water container and rinsed his mouth, washed his nose by putting water in it and then blowing it out. Then he washed his face and forearms up to the elbows thrice, passed his wet hands over his head and washed his feet up to the ankles thrice. Then he said, "Allah's Prophet said 'If anyone Performs ablution like that of mine and offers a two-rak'at prayer during which he does not think of anything else then his past sins will be forgiven.'" Then 'Uthman quoted this verse from Quran:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْتُمُونَ مَا أَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالْهُدَىٰ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا بَيَّنَّاهُ لِلنَّاسِ فِي الْكِتَابِ أُولَٰئِكَ يَلْعَنُهُمُ اللَّهُ

{Indeed those who hide the clear proofs and the guidance which we sent down, after We made it clear to mankind in the Book, upon them is the curse of Allah. (02:159)}

And said that, "I tell you this Hadith which I would not have told you, had I not been compelled by this Holy Verse. (Sahih Bukhari: 160)

Narrated Abdullah bin 'Umar, Urwa bin Mughira, Amr bin Umaiya, Mughira: During ablution the Prophet passed wet hands over his socks and he also passed over his turban. (Note: If turban and socks are put up after ablution then simple dry rubbing would be enough for cleaning). (Sahih Bukhari: 200 to 204)

Important Aspects of Islamic Doctrine

Obligatory (فرض):

(1) Cleaning full face (including beard) with water. (2) Washing both forearms up to elbows. (3) Passing wet hands over minimum 3/4 of head. (4) Washing both feet up to ankles.

Essential (واجب):

(1) To thoroughly clean the above mentioned body parts at least once with water. (2) Cleaning of extra fingers if any. (3) Passing wet hands over head, neck and both ears.

Sunnah (سنة):

(1) Intention for cleaning. (2) Reciting Bismillah. (3) Initial cleaning of both hands three times. (4) Rubbing inside of fingers. (5) Mouth wash. (6) Brushing of teeth with wood. (7) Taking water inside the nose. (8) Passing fingers inside beard. (9) Passing wet hands over full head. (10) Passing wet fingers under the two ears all over. (11) Keeping proper sequence (12) three times cleaning of body parts (13) Avoid intervals

Desirable (مستحب):

(1) All events should begin with right side, means first right then left, (2) Passing of wet fingers inside both ears simultaneously (3) Passing of both wet hands over the neck at a time.

Miscellaneous (متفرق)

(1) Ablution becomes essential on passing out of urine, gas or stool. (2) If blood or pus starts flowing from the body then ablution does not remain. (3) Vomiting with full mouth demands ablution. (4) In case of dizziness ablution is not needed, however, after a real sleep ablution is required. (5) Loud laugh during prayers demand fresh ablution.

