

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, The Entirely Merciful, The Especially Merciful.

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## Class 3

### فَرَائِضُ الْوُضُوءِ (Obligations of Wuduu)

Wuduu is legislated in the Qur'an, Sunnah and Ijma' (consensus of our scholars).

#### Evidence

Allah (SWT) says,

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

**O ye who believe! When ye prepare for prayer, wash your faces, and your hands (and arms) to the elbows; rub your heads (with water) and (wash) your feet to the ankles.**

The Messenger of Allah (SAW) said,

لَا يَقْبَلُ اللَّهُ صَلَاةً بغيرِ طَهْوَرٍ وَلَا صَدَقَةً مِنْ غُلُولٍ.

**Allah doesn't except prayer without purification and charity with ill intent.**

لَا تُقْبَلُ صَلَاةُ أَحَدِكُمْ إِذَا أَحْدَثَ حَتَّى يَتَوَضَّأَ.

**Prayer of one of you is not accepted when not in ceremonial purity until you make wuduu.**

## فَرَائِضُ الْوُضُوءِ (Obligations of Wuduu)

فَرَائِضُ الْوُضُوءِ سَبْعَةٌ (The obligations of wuduu are seven):

1. النِّيَّةُ (Intentions)
2. وَغَسَلُ الْوَجْهِ (Washing the Face)
3. وَغَسَلُ الْيَدَيْنِ إِلَى الْمِرْفَقَيْنِ (Washing the two arms up to and including the elbows)
4. وَمَسْحُ الرَّأْسِ (Wiping the head)
5. وَغَسَلُ الرَّجْلَيْنِ إِلَى الْكَعْبَيْنِ (Washing the two feet up to and including the ankles)
6. وَالذَّلْكُ (Rubbing the parts that are washed)
7. وَالْفَوْرُ (Continuity during the actual act of wudu)

The obligations of wuduu are based on the verses in Surah Al-Maa'idah.

### The 7 Obligations of Wudu

**1. Niyah (Intention)** – The intention takes place in the heart. Without intention the Wuduu is not valid. It is like the Prophet's saying,

إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ وَإِنَّمَا لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مَا نَوَى.

**“Actions are judged according to your intention, and you get that which you intended.” (Bukhari and Muslim)**

### 3 Intentions

1. Removing the state of ritual impurity caused by Hadath.
2. To perform an act of worship such as pray.

3. Making the impermissible acts permissible (Salaah is permissible only after fulfilling the obligation of performing wuduu).

**2. Wash your face** from the top of the forehead to the end of the chin and what is between the two ears (closing flaps of the ears). The mouth should be washed (e.i as if you pronounce the letter meem).

**Allah (SWT) says,**

فَاغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ  
“Wash your faces...”

**3. Wash your arms to the elbows.** Begin washing at the fingers then down the arms to the elbows. Washing and rubbing the fingernails, combing in between the fingers and washing the wrinkles of the knuckles are all obligations that shouldn't be ignored.

**Allah (SWT) says,**

وَأَيْدِيَكُمْ إِلَى الْمَرَافِقِ  
“the hands to the elbows”

**4. Wipe your head from the forehead to the back of the head.** Notice that Allah says wipe (مَسَحَ) which is different from wash.

**Allah (SWT) says,**

وَأَمْسَحُوا بِرُءُوسِكُمْ  
“wipe your head.”

**5. Wash the two feet to the ankles.**

**Allah (SWT) says,**

وَأَرْجُلَكُمْ إِلَى الْكَعْبَيْنِ

“Wash the feet to the ankles”.

6. **Ad-Delk** الدَّلْكُ is rubbing the parts of the body. The hands must pass over the limbs of wuduu.

The Prophet (SAW) said,

يَقُولُ هَكَذَا: يُدَلِّكُ

in this manner: He rubbed (his body parts).

7. **Al-Faur** الفَّور or **Al-Muwaalah** المُوَالاة (Continuity): All of the actions of wuduu should be performed with continuity. The maximum time of delay, amounts to the time it would take the limb to dry under moderate (i.e. normal) conditions. Wuduu should be performed without excessive separation. There is an exception for those who are weak, incapable or forgetful. That is the majority opinion.

- It is prohibited to leave an act of worship after you began it.

Allah (SWT) says,

وَلَا تُبْطِلُوا أَعْمَالَكُمْ

“Don’t cancel out your deeds.” (Muhammad 33)

- This is not binding on the one who has been pardoned because of some sort of incapability.

Allah (SWT) says,

لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا

“On no soul does Allah place a burden greater than it can bear.” (Baqarah 2:286)

## Questions

**1. List the obligations of wuduu.**

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**2. Which body parts of wuduu are washed?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. Which body part of wuduu is wiped?** \_\_\_\_\_

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