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Basic Teachings of Islam

Purity and Cleanliness – Tayammum

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Wiping over socks

- If a person will find it difficult to wash his feet during Wudu, he can perform *Masah* [wiping over the socks]. These must be strong socks.
- To do Masah, a person must:
 - Perform full wudu [washing his feet fully]
 - Wear the socks
 - For the next wudu, a person can simply wipe his feet with wet hand
 - For non-travellers, *masah* remains valid for 24 hours
 - For travelling persons, *masah* remains valid for 72 hours

Wiping over socks

- One should wet the right hand fingers and put them at the front of the right foot and wipe including the ankles.
- And do the same with left hand and wipe the left foot including the ankles. The fingers should be spread out slightly.
- The wiping is to be done only on the top of the socks and not the bottom.

What invalidates Masah

- The followings invalidates (ends) Masah. If the Masah becomes invalid, a person has to wash his feet fully:
- If the socks get a big hole
- If a person pulls down one of the socks so that's most of his foot becomes bare
- Time is expired

Tayammum

- Almighty Allah says:
- "If you are ill or on a journey or any one of you has answered the call of nature or had relationship with wife and you do not find water (then) you must do dry ablution with clean earth by wiping your faces and hands, surely Allah is purifying and pardoning." (Qur an:4:43)

Tayammum

- Tayammum literally means to make intention. And in Shari'ah it is the wiping of the face and both hands with clean earth with the intention to perform prayer and other duties.
- Tayammum is a special gift of Almighty Allah for the Muslims not to be found in previous nations.
- Tayammum is permissible with anything clean that is from the earth like stone, sand, dust or plaster etc.

Tayammum

- Tayammum can be performed if the person intending to make prayer is unable to use water [for *wurlu'* or *ghusl*] in the following situations:
 - owing to its distance [over one mile];
 - due to fear of illness;
 - due to fear of a delay in one's recovery;
 - due to the fear *of* worsening one's condition;
 - due to one's fear of an enemy lurking near the supply of water] or of an animal;
 - due to thirst or fear of it;

Tayammum

- Then, in each case, that person will have permission to make *Tayammum*, instead of *wudu'* or *ghusl* with any earth related substance, whether it be dust, sand, lime, or marble; provided that it be free of impurity.

How to perform Tayammum

- The performance of the following is obligatory in Tayammum:
 1. to make the intention, *niyah*;
 2. to gently beat one's hands on the earth, and then to wipe them over the entire face;
 3. and to gently beat one's hands on the earth and wipe them over both arms, up to and including the elbows and the hands.
 4. [A person can shake off any excess dust before rubbing his hands on the face and arms]

How to perform Tayammum

- If the slightest area like that of even a fingernail on the face or arms remain untouched, the *tayammum* will be invalid. So if a ring is worn, it will have to be twisted; [or removed]. It is also necessary to rub between the fingers.
- If the body or clothing of the one intending to make prayer is impure, and one is unable to obtain water, then one will be permitted to make prayer with the impurity on one's body or clothing after performing *tayammum*.
- One may use impure clothing as long as there is no clean clothing large enough to cover one's private parts.

What breaks Tayammum

- It is permitted to both make *tayammum* before the coming in of the time for prayer, and to perform with that one *tayammum* any number of *fard* and *nafal* prayers.
- At the time of one's becoming able to use water, one's *tayammum* will be broken; even if one should be engaged at the time in reciting prayer.
- That which breaks *wudu'* or calls for the performance of the *gusl* also breaks *tayammum*.