

Etiquettes of ablution

The following acts are Desirable in Ablution. The person should:

1. sit on a raised place for Ablution so that droplets of Used-up water do not reach him.
2. sit facing the Qiblah
3. not seek help from others.
4. speak words of conversation with humans.
5. recite the invocations reported from Allah's Prophet salallahu alayhi wasallam during Ablution.
6. combine the intention for Ablution in his heart with verbal intention.
7. recite Tasmiya while washing every organ.
8. insert his wet little fingers inside his ear-holes while wiping the ears.
9. shake his loose-fitting ring. (If the ring is tight-fitting, shaking it is essential for the Ablution to be valid.)
10. lift up water for rinsing and sniffing in his right hand.
11. Use the left hand for nose-picking
12. Perform Ablution before the time for Salah starts unless he is in the category of the excused person for whom performing Ablution in the period of every Salah is essential.
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أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ
 وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ
 اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنَ التَّوَّابِينَ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنَ
 الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ

There is no God besides Allah who is the One and Who has no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger. O Allah! Make me among those who repent and Make me among those who purify themselves.

Makruhaat (disliked) acts of Ablution

The following acts are to be avoided in Ablution. The person should NOT:

1. squander water during Ablution.
2. be stingy in use of water during Ablution.
3. hit the face with water.
4. speak words of human conversation.
5. take help from others.
If he has some excusable difficulty, then there is no problem in taking help from others.
6. wipe with wet hands his head thrice taking fresh water every time

Kinds of Ablution

There are three kinds of Ablution:

1. Obligatory (Fardh)
2. Compulsory
3. Desirable

When is Ablution Obligatory (Fardh)?

Ablution is Obligatory for a person in each of the following four cases:

1. For offering Salah irrespective of whether it is Obligatory or Desirable.
2. For funeral Salah.
3. For prostrations of Quran recitation.
4. For touching the holy Quran.
5. Ablution is also Obligatory for him when he intends to touch a Quranic verse inscribed in a wall paper or coin.

When is Ablution Compulsory (Wajib)?

Ablution is Compulsory in only one case, that is for circumambulation of Ka`bah.

When is Ablution Desirable?

Ablution is Desirable in the following cases:

1. Sleeping with ceremonial Purity.
2. On getting up from sleep.
3. To be with ceremonial Purity perpetually.
4. For Ablution over the existing Ablutionary state with the intention of earning reward.

5. After committing an act of backbiting, slander or lying.
Ablution is also Desirable after committing any other kind of sin.
6. After reciting a sinful poetic couplet.
7. After loud laughter outside Salah.
8. For Bathing a dead body.
9. For carrying a dead body towards grave.
10. At the time of every Salah.
11. Before Bathing oneself on account of major de jure Filth.
12. Before eating, drinking or sleeping, for a person in a state of major de jure Filth.
13. When angry.
14. For reciting the Holy Quran verbally.
15. For reading or narrating Hādīths.
16. For studying any Islamic science.
17. For major Salah-call.
18. For minor Salah-call.
19. For Friday's Arabic sermon.
20. For visiting Prophet's ﷺ grave.
21. For 'Arafah stay during Major Pilgrimage.
22. For to and fro running between Safa and Marwah during Pilgrimage.

Invalidators of Ablution

Ablution is invalidated if one of the following happens:

1. Anything (like urine, excrement or flatus) comes out of either the penis or the anus.
2. Blood or pus comes out of the body and spreads to the skin such that the skin's purification becomes necessary.

3. Blood comes out with saliva in a quantity greater than or equal to saliva.
4. The person vomits out food, water, blood clot or bile and the quantity is mouthful.
5. The person sleeps and his buttocks do not remain on the ground. Similarly, if his buttock rises from the ground before he awakes.
6. He falls unconscious.
7. He loses sanity.
8. He gets intoxicated.
9. A non-sleeping adult laughs with sound during a Salah consisting of bowings and prostrations.
 - a) If a child laughs loudly in a Salah, his Ablution will not be invalidated.
 - b) The Ablution of a sleeping person is also not invalidated due to loud laugh.
 - c) Similarly, if the person laughs loud in Funeral Salah or Quran Recitation prostration, his Ablution remains valid.

Things which do not invalidate Ablution

The following things appear similar to Ablution invalidators but they are not Ablution invalidators.

1. Blood appears at a cut but does not flows over its place.
2. A piece of flesh falls down but blood does not flows out as in the disease of Al 'irq al madani
3. A worm comes out of a wound or ear.
4. The person vomits but the vomit is not mouthful.

5. He vomits phlegm. Whether the phlegm is small or large in quantity makes no difference.
6. A Salah-offerer falls asleep during Salah – while standing, sitting, bowing or prostrating – provided that he remains in the prescribed Salah posture.
7. A person in a state of Ablution falls asleep but his bottom remains fixed on the ground.
8. He touches his penis with his hand.
9. The person touches another person of opposite sex.
10. A sleeping person sways while in a posture that does not invalidate Ablution.