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*Salaat***

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Getting closer thru Du'ā, 2:186

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ ۖ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا
دَعَانِ ۖ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾

And when My servants ask you, [O Muhammad], concerning Me - indeed I am near. I respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me [by obedience] and believe in Me that they may be [rightly] guided.

- Allah has used 7 x 1st person pronoun, only verse
- *Indeed I am near*: physically and spiritually
- He readily responds to the call of a supplicant
- Ways of achieving Divine guidance

Ninety nine names of Allah



Explanation of Hadith

In the Hadith where Amirul Mu'minin (a) is advising his son Muhammad Hanafiyyah about recitations during wudhū it appeared: *ثُمَّ غَسَلَ قَدَمَيْهِ* – 'then he washed his feet.' The response of a scholar from Qum was: This particular phrase about washing the feet is found only in *Fiqh al-Ridha* (a) and even in this work, the researcher's footnote says that it is only in one manuscript that this phrase was recorded and not in another manuscript of the same work. So we would classify it as mudhtarib (insufficiently supported) and give the possibility that it was added by someone else, if we accept this narration as being authentic in the first place.

There is no salat except by:

وَلَا صَلَاةَ إِلَّا بِإِسْبَاحِ الْوُضُوءِ وَإِحْضَارِ النِّيَّةِ وَخُلُوصِ الْيَقِينِ وَإِفْرَاقِ الْقَلْبِ وَتَرْكِ الْأَشْغَالِ وَهُوَ قَوْلُهُ فَإِذَا فَرَعْتَ فَإِنْصَبْ وَإِلَى رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ

There is no salat except by: (i) performing wudhū properly, (ii) the presence of intention, (iii) sincerity of certitude, (iv) emptying of the heart, and (v) abandoning of (other) tasks; and this is meant by His words: ﴿So when you are done with [your duties], then establish [prayers or successor-ship], and turn eagerly to your Lord (Q 94: 7 -8)﴾

Nasaba (نَصَّبَ) = to raise, setup, establish

In our text and other books on Islamic laws you will notice that these conditions are not mentioned for wudhū . Thus, these are *‘irfani* (spiritual) conditions of wudhū , and not necessarily *fiqhi* (jurisprudential).

Benefits of doing *wudhū*

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): أَمَّا أَنْتَ يَا أَخَا ثَقِيفٍ فَإِنَّكَ جِئْتَ
تَسْأَلُنِي عَنْ وُضُوءِكَ وَصَلَاتِكَ وَمَا لَكَ فِيهِمَا فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّكَ
إِذَا ضَرَبْتَ يَدَكَ فِي الْمَاءِ وَقُلْتَ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ*
تَنَازَلَتِ الذُّنُوبُ الَّتِي اكْتَسَبَتْهَا يَدَاكَ، فَإِذَا غَسَلْتَ وَجْهَكَ
تَنَازَلَتِ الذُّنُوبُ الَّتِي اكْتَسَبَتْهَا عَيْنَاكَ بِنَظَرِهِمَا وَفُوكَ بِلَفْظِهِ،
فَإِذَا غَسَلْتَ ذِرَاعَيْكَ تَنَازَلَتِ الذُّنُوبُ عَنْ يَمِينِكَ وَشِمَالِكَ،
فَإِذَا مَسَحْتَ رَأْسَكَ وَقَدَمَيْكَ تَنَازَلَتِ الذُّنُوبُ الَّتِي مَشَيْتَ
إِلَيْهَا عَلَى قَدَمَيْكَ فَهَذَا لَكَ فِي وُضُوءِكَ.

(من لا يحضره الفقيه، ج2، ص: 202)

Translation of the Hadith

The Messenger of Allah (s) said: As for you, o brother (from) Thaqeef, you have come to ask me about your wudhū and salāt and what (benefits) you have in them. So know that when you put your hands in the water [container in order to perform wudhū] saying *bismillahi-rraHmaanir-raHeem*, all sins committed by your hand fall off. And when you wash your face all sins committed by your eyes through watching [evil things] and by your mouth through speaking [wrong words] fall off. When you wash your arms, the sins fall off from your right side and your left side. And when you perform *masāh* of your head and feet, all your sins to which your feet walked to, fall off. This is the (benefit) you get for performing your wudhū (*Man lā yaHadburuh al-faqīh*, 2:202)

Du'ās when doing *wudhū* -1

Hadith: One who performs wudhū well and says following Du'as, Allah will appoint an angel for every drop who will do *tasbīh* on his behalf till the Day of Resurrection.

On seeing the water:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَ الْمَاءَ طَهُورًا وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْهُ نَجَسًا

In the name of Allah and all Praise is for Allah who made water pure and did not make it unclean

Du'ās when doing *wudhū* -2

When putting the hand into the water, or when pouring water into the hand, say:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَبِاللَّهِ اَللّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنَ التَّوَّابِيْنَ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنَ الْمُتَطَهِّرِيْنَ

In the name of Allah, and by Allah: O Allah, make me amongst those who are repentant; and make me amongst those who purify themselves. (Cf. Holy Qur'an 2:222)

When gargling:

اَللّٰهُمَّ لَقِّنِي حُجَّتِيْ يَوْمَ اَلْقَاكَ، وَاَطْلِقْ لِسَانِيْ بِذِكْرِكَ

O Allah, grant me the proof of my faith when I meet You, and loosen my tongue in Your remembrance

Du'ās when doing *wudhū* -3

When rinsing the nose:

اَللّٰهُمَّ لَا تُحَرِّمْ عَلَيَّ رِيْحَ الْجَنَّةِ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ يَشْمُ رِيْحَهَا وَرَوْحَهَا وَطِيْبَهَا

O Allah, do not deprive me of the fragrance of Paradise, and make me from those who smell its scent, and its freshness, and its perfume

When washing the face

اَللّٰهُمَّ بَيِّضْ وَجْهِيْ يَوْمَ تَسْوَدُّ فِيْهِ الْوُجُوْهُ وَلَا تُسَوِّدْ وَجْهِيْ يَوْمَ تَبْيَضُّ فِيْهِ الْوُجُوْهُ

O Allah, brighten my face on the Day when You will make [some] faces dark, and do not darken my face on the day when You will make [some] faces bright (Cf. Holy Qur'an 3:106 & 107)

Du'ās when doing *wudhū* -4

When washing the right hand:

اللَّهُمَّ اَعْطِنِي كِتَابِي بِيَمِينِي وَالْخُلْدَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ بِيَسَارِي وَحَاسِبْنِي حِسَابًا يَسِيرًا

O Allah, give me my Book in my right hand, and eternity in Paradise in my left hand, and make my accounting easy (Cf. Holy Qur'an 17:71, 39:67, 69:19 & 84:7)

When washing the left hand

اللَّهُمَّ لَا تُعْطِنِي كِتَابِي بِشِمَالِي وَلَا تَجْعَلْهَا مَغْلُولَةً إِلَى عُنُقِي وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ مُقَطَّعَاتِ النَّيِّرَانِ

O Allah, do not give me my Book in my left hand, nor chain it to my neck, and I seek refuge in You from the parts of Fire (Cf. Holy Qur'an 69:25)

When doing masāh of the head

اللَّهُمَّ غَشِّنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ وَبَرَكَاتِكَ وَعَفْوِكَ

O Allah, cover me with Your mercy, Your blessings and Your pardon

Du'ās when doing *wudhū* -5

When doing masāb of the feet:

اَللّٰهُمَّ ثَبِّتْنِيْ عَلٰى الصِّرَاطِ يَوْمَ تَزُلُّ فِيْهِ الْاَقْدَامُ وَاجْعَلْ سَعْيِيْ فِيمَا يُرْضِيْكَ عَنِّيْ
يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ

O Allah, keep me firm on the Bridge on the day when feet will slip, and make my efforts be in that which pleases You; O the owner of Majesty and Beneficence.

Upon completion of wudhū' say:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّيْ اَسْئَلُكَ تَمَامَ الْوُضُوْءِ وَتَمَامَ الصَّلَاةِ وَتَمَامَ رِضْوَانِكَ وَالْجَنَّةِ

O Allah, I ask for perfection in wudhū, perfection in salāt and Your complete pleasure, and Paradise.

Then say: اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِيْنَ followed by recitation of Sūrat al-Qadr three (3) times.