

ALI 332: Islam 101 for Reverts – Session 3

Conditions of Wudhū

If the following are present, the wudhū will be correct, and if they are not present then it would be void (*bātil*)

1. The water for wudhū must be *tābir* (ritually pure), and according to *Ihtiyāt Wājib*, there must not be any uncleanness like the urine of a halal animal or pus in it.
2. The water for wudhū must be *Mubāh* (permissible for use), i.e. it is not stolen property.
3. The water for wudhū must be Mutlaq, i.e. not mixed with other items.
4. The container holding the water must be *Mubāh*.
5. The container holding the water must not be made of gold or silver, according to *Ihtiyāt Wājib*.
6. The parts of the body that are to be wiped or washed at the time of wudhū must be *tābir*.
7. There must be no obstruction on the body that prevents the water from reaching the body.
8. The wudhū must be done with the *niyyat* of *qurbatan illallah* -nearness to Allah, and not for showing off [any other reason].
9. Succession & sequence (*Tartīb*) in actions must be observed (as was explained earlier).
10. No unusual gap of time (*Muwālāt*) in the actions (there should not be a big time gap between the actions of wudhū).
11. One must not acquire the help of other people.
12. There should be no constraint in using the water.
13. There must be enough time to perform wudhū and to perform the *salāt*.

Upon completion of wudhū' say:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ تَمَامَ الْوُضُوءِ وَتَمَامَ الصَّلَاةِ وَتَمَامَ رِضْوَانِكَ وَالْجَنَّةِ

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

Then say: *فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا* followed by recitation of Sūrat al-Qadr three (3) times.

Wudhu is part of Divine Worship, so do not associate others

1) The Holy Prophet (s): "Two things which I do not like to join others in their performance. Wudhu for it is from my prayers and my charity." (*Khisal* p. 33)

2) Amir al-Mu'minīn (a) while performing *Wudhu*, did not permit anybody to pour water for him. When asked he said: *I do not like to include anybody in my worship (of Allah). Allah the Almighty says: فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا* – "Then whosoever desires to meet his Lord, then he must act righteously and not include anybody in the worship of his Lord." (18: 110) (*Wasā'il*, 1:477)

3) Imam Al-Ridhā (a): *Here, I am performing Wudhu for Salat. And it is worship which I do not like to share with anybody* (*Al-Kāfī*, 1:21)

Today we will also demonstrate how to perform wudhu, tayammum and ghusl.