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Lesson 32

Tayammum (Purity through Dust)

وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ مَرْضَىٰ أَوْ عَلَىٰ سَفَرٍ أَوْ جَاءَ أَحَدٌ مِنْكُمْ مِنَ الْغَائِطِ أَوْ لَمَسْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَلَمْ تَجِدُوا مَاءً فَتَيَمَّمُوا صَعِيدًا طَيِّبًا

But if you are sick or on a journey, or any of you has come from the toilet, or you have touched women, and you cannot find water, then perform Tayammum on clean ground...(Chapter Al-Nisa, verse 43)

- **Tayammum** – القصد الى الشيء (to intend something; to pursue something).
- Technically, Tayammum means to purify oneself with dust.
- In the presence of water and if water is not harmful for someone, the only means of purification is water itself.

When does tayammum become obligatory?

1. In the absence of water or if water is insufficient for Wudu/Ghusl.
2. Water is available but harmful for the body.
3. If someone has access to water and it is not harmful for him, but performing Ghusl is extremely embarrassing for him, he can perform Tayammum instead of Ghusl.
4. If water is available but needed for a greater purpose than Wudu, like saving someone's life, then Tayammum must be done instead.
5. If someone woke up late for prayer and did not have enough time to perform Wudu, he must perform Tayammum.

- Tayammum will become valid only when one is certain that water is unavailable and it shall remain unavailable till the end of prayer time.



- Hadith: On a flat surface, one must fetch water around the radius of the shot of two arrows. If the area is mountainous and rocky, one must fetch water only in the radius of one arrow.
- If someone has access to water before the prayer time and is certain that he will not have water at the time of Azan, most scholars agree that one must preserve that water for Wudu.
- If the doctor recommends someone not to fast or not to use water as it might be harmful for him, but the patient feels confident that fasting or using water will not harm him, he can act on his personal opinion.
- If water is harmful for a person's health, performing Wudu is prohibited for him and nothing but Tayammum will be valid for him.
- If one has enough money to buy water for Wudu, and water is not very expensive for him, then it is mandatory for him to buy the water.