

Lesson 16:

Topic: **Taharah / Ghusl**

B)Ghusl

Obligatory Ghusls

The obligatory ghusls are seven:

1. Ghusl of **janabah**
2. Ghusl of **hayd** (menstruation)
3. Ghusl of **childbirth**
4. Ghusl of **istihadah** (undue menses)
5. Ghusl of **touching a corpse**
6. Ghusl of the **corpse**
7. Ghusl of **nadhr, pledge, covenant, etc.**

Ghusl of Janabah

The state of **Janabah** is acquired as a result of **two issues**:

- a) Sexual **intercourse** – whether or not condom or suchlike is used.
- b) **Discharge of semen** – regardless of when asleep or awake, a small or large amount, with lust or without, voluntarily or involuntarily.

Case: **If a fluid is discharged** from an individual, and he does not know whether it is semen, urine, or something else, **one can conclude it is semen if it is associated with three characteristics...**

... if this is discharged **with lust**, results in **ejaculation**, and also in **the body becoming slack**. If it is not associated with all these three characteristics or some of them, it is not deemed to be semen.

Case: The Janabah ghusl is mostahab in itself¹, obligatory for the mandatory salah and suchlike.

Case: At the time of ghusl, it is not obligatory to have the intention – *niyyah* – of obligatory or desirable (mostahab), **but it is sufficient for the niyyah to be seeking closeness**, i.e. by performing the ghusl one is seeking nearness to Almighty Allah and abiding by the divine orders.

Issues prohibited for Jonob

Case: One who is in a state of Janabah is referred to as Jonob. **Five acts are forbidden for a Jonob:**

i. **Touching the script of the Noble Qur'an**, or the name of Almighty **Allah** with any part of the body. Furthermore, as per obligatory precaution, the names of the **Prophets, the Ma'soom Imams, and Fatima al-Zahra'** peace be upon them, must also not be touched.

ii. **Entering Masjid al-Haram and Masjid al-Nabiy** – peace be upon him and his pure family – **or even passing through them.**

iii. **Stopping and staying in other mosques, and the shrines of the Ma'soom Imams** peace be upon them.

iv. **Entering a mosque with the intention of placing something in it.**

v. **Reading the Sajdah ayah from the ‘Aza’im Surahs**, (The ‘Aza’im Surahs (chapters) are those that contain verses (ayat) for the reading or listening of which sujud or prostration is obligatory).

These are four surahs:

1. Surah al-**Sajdah** (Prostration), #32,
2. Surah **Fussilat** (Explained), #41,
3. Surah al-**Najm** (Star), #53,
4. Surah al-‘**Alaq** (Clot), #96.

Methods of Performing the Ghusl

The ghusl – whether mostahab or obligatory – may be done in two ways:

- a) *Tartibi* or sequential
- b) *Irtimasi* or by immersion

a) Tartibi or Sequential Ghusl

Procedure

Case: In the Tartibi or Sequential ghusl, after making the *niyyah* of the ghusl, it is required to wash the **head and neck first, then the right half of the body, and then the left half** of the body.

b) Irtimasi or ghusl by immersion

Procedure

Case: In the case of ghusl by immersion, it is obligatory to have **total immersion** such that water surrounds the entire body at one time.