

Lesson 14

Topic: **Taharah /wodu'**

Criteria of Wodu'

1. That the water used for wodu' is **tahir**.
 2. That the water used for wodu' is **motlaq**
 3. that the water used for wodu' and the space in which the wodu' is performed is **mobah** or permissible for him to use.
 4. that **the container** of the water used for wodu' is **mobah** or permissible for him to use.
 5. That **the container** of the water used for wodu' is **not made from gold or silver**.
 6. That **the parts of the body** on which wodu' is performed is **tahir**.
 7. That there should be **enough time** to perform the wodu' and the prayers. If time is so short that if one performs the wodu', all or some of the prayers would be outside the allotted time, one should perform tayammum.
- However, if the time for wodu' is the same as that for tayammum, then one must perform the wodu'.
8. That one performs the wodu' with the **intention of qurbah** i.e. seeking nearness to and abiding by the orders of Almighty Allah].
 9. That one should be **sincere in his intention**, for if it is accompanied with *riya'* (an element of show or boast), the wodu' would be rendered void.
 10. That one observes the **sequence** in the mentioned procedure of wodu' (Tarteeb).
 11. That the sequence of the wodu' procedure is done one after the other [without a gap in between]. (**Muwalat**)
 12. that one performs the wodu' himself, i.e. one should wash one's face and hands, and wipe the head and feet **without the help of others**.
 13. That there is **no constraint for one to use water**. If there were a fear of catching a disease if one performed wodu', or feared thirst if he did not drink the water but used it to perform wodu', it is mandatory for him not to perform wodu'.
 14. That there is **no obstacle** on the parts wodu' is performed that prevents water from reaching the skin.

If the fingernails were unusually long, it is mandatory to remove the dirt under them [before performing wodu'].