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Lesson 7

The Impurity of Blood and the Dead

Impurities:

4. Blood

- ✚ Imam Sadiq (as) said: If blood comes in contact with a man's clothes and he prays in it unknowingly, he does not have to repeat the prayer. However, if he knew before offering the prayer but forgot and prayed in it, he must repeat the prayer.

(Al-Istibsar, vol. 1, pg. 182)

- ✚ Imam Sadiq (as) was asked about the blood of fleas. He said: There is no harm in it. He was told: It is sometimes full of blood, which spreads everywhere. The Imam (as) said: Even then.

(Wasa'il al-Shia, vol. 3, pg. 435)

- ✚ The blood of warm-blooded animals is *Najis*; irrespective of whether its meat is *Halal* or not.

General Rule for Blood:

Group 1: Every blood is *Najis* except for the blood of cold-blooded animals and that which remains in the body of the slaughtered animal.

Group 2: Every blood is pure except for the blood whose impurity can be proved, like warm-blooded animals.

- ✚ قاعده الحرج - The Law of Difficulty: Allah has not imposed any unusual hardship on us in the matter of religion.



Impurities:

5. Dead body

✚ الميتة – Any dead animal or dead body that was not slaughtered in the Islamic way.

✚ Imam Baqir (as) was asked about a well in which a dead body fell. The Imam (as) said: If it has a (foul) smell, twenty buckets will be drawn from it. (Man La Yahduruhu al-Faqih, vol. 1, pg. 21)

✚ The general ruling is that the blood of warm-blooded animals is *Najis* and the blood of cold-blooded animals is pure; irrespective of whether its meat is *Halal* or not.

✚ A human dead body becomes clean after receiving three *Ghusls* of *Mayyah*.

✚ The lifeless parts of the dead body (i.e. the parts which don't have nerves or blood flowing through them), such as the hair, horns, nails, feather, wool and the bones are not *Najis*.

✚ All the body parts of a dog and pig are *Najis*.

✚ A *Najasah* (impurity) transfers from one body to the other only through moisture or wetness found on either one of them. It cannot transfer through dry surface.

✚ If a part of one's body (like finger) is cut from the living body, it is considered pure.