

Ghusal (Cleaning body):

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ, وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ, وَسَلَّم تَسْلِيمًا.

In the Name of Allah^{azwj} the Beneficent, the Merciful. The Praise is for Allah^{azwj} Lord^{azwj} of the Worlds, and Blessing be upon our Chief Muhammad^{saww} and his^{saww} Purified Progeny^{asws}, and greetings with abundant greetings.

Water for bathing

قَالَ أَبُو جَعْفَرٍ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَعْقُوبَ الْكَلْبِيِّ رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ حَدَّثَنِي عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ بْنِ هَاشِمٍ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ التَّوْفَلِيِّ عَنِ السَّكُونِيِّ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صلى الله عليه وآله) الْمَاءُ يُطَهَّرُ وَلَا يُطَهَّرُ .

Abu Ja'far Muhammad Bin Yaquob Al Kulayni, may Allah^{azwj} have Mercy on him, said, 'It was narrated to me by Ali Bin Ibrahim Bin Hashim, from his father, from Al Nowfaly, from Al Sakuny, from

Abu Abdullah^{asws} says that Rasool-Allah^{saww} said: 'Rasool-Allah^{saww} said: 'The water cleans and cannot (itself) be cleaned (by something else)'.¹

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْيَى وَ غَيْرُهُ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ أَحْمَدَ عَنِ الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ اللَّوْلُؤِيِّ بِإِسْنَادِهِ قَالَ قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) الْمَاءُ كُلُّهُ طَاهِرٌ حَتَّى يُعْلَمَ أَنَّهُ قَذِرٌ .

Muhammad Bin Yahya, and someone else from Muhammad Bin Ahmad, from Al Hassan Bin Al Husayn Al Lulu'ie, by his chain, said,

Abu Abdullah^{asws} said: 'The water, all of it is (to be considered as) clean, until one knows that it is dirty'.²

أَحْمَدُ بْنُ إِدْرِيسَ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ أَحْمَدَ عَنِ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ عَنْ عَمْرِو بْنِ سَعِيدٍ عَنْ مُصَدِّقِ بْنِ صَدَقَةَ عَنْ عَمَارِ السَّابَاطِيِّ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) قَالَ سَأَلْتُهُ عَنِ الرَّجُلِ إِذَا أَرَادَ أَنْ يَسْتَجْجِي بِأَيِّمَا يَبْدَأُ بِالْمَقْعَدَةِ أَوْ بِالْإِخْلِيلِ فَقَالَ بِالْمَقْعَدَةِ ثُمَّ بِالْإِخْلِيلِ.

Ahmad Bin Idrees from Muhammad Bin Ahmad, from Ahmad Bin Al Hassan Bin Ali, from Amro Bin Saeed, from Musaddaq Bin Sadaqa, from Ammar Al Sabaty,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah^{asws}, said, 'I asked about the man when he intends to cleanse himself, with which of the two should he begin with, the back part or the front?' So he^{asws} said: 'With the back part, then with the front part'.³

¹ Al Kafi – V 3 – The Book of Cleanliness Ch 1 H 1

² Al Kafi – V 3 – The Book of Cleanliness Ch 1 H 2

³ Al Kafi – V 3 – The Book of Cleanliness Ch 12 H 4

Perform Ghusal on every Friday.

حَمَّادٌ عَنْ حَرِيزٍ عَنْ بَعْضِ أَصْحَابِنَا عَنْ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) قَالَ لَا بُدَّ مِنْ غُسْلٍ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ فِي الْحَضَرِ وَ السَّكَنِ قَمَنْ نَسِيَ فَأُتِعِدَ مِنَ الْعَدِ . وَ رُوِيَ فِيهِ رُخْصَةٌ لِلْعَلِيلِ .

Hammad has narrated from Hariz from certain persons of our people who has narrated the following:

Our 6th Imam^{asws} has said: 'Taking Ghusal (bath) on Friday is obligatory, regardless of whether one is at home or on a journey. If one forgets, one must take Ghusal the next day. In the case of a person suffering from an illness it is permissible not to take a Ghusal.'⁴

The Maximum Quantity of Water for Ghusal:

محمد بن الحسن بإسناده عن الحسين بن سعيد، عن حماد، عن حريز، عن زرارة، عن أبي جعفر (عليه السلام) قال: كان رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله) يتوضأ بمد، ويغتسل بصاع، والمد رطل ونصف، والصاع ستة أرطال.

Muhammad b. al-Hasan by his isnad from al-Husayn b. Sa'id from Hammad from Hariz from Zurara from Abu Ja'far^{asws}. He said: The Messenger of Allah^{saww} used to do wuzu with a mudd (about 750 ml), and do ghusl with a saa'. And the mudd is a rotl and a half, and the saa' is six rotl (about 3.5 litres).⁵

محمد بن علي بن الحسين قال: قال رسول الله (صلى الله عليه وآله) : الوضوء مد والغسل صاع، وسيأتي أقوام بعدني يستقلون ذلك، فأولئك على خلاف سنتي، والثابت على سنتي معي في حظيرة القدس.

Muhammad b. `Ali b. al-Husayn said: The Messenger of Allah^{saww} said: The wuzu is a mudd and the ghusl is a saa'. And there will come groups after who will belittle that. So those ones are in opposition to my sunna. And the one who remains steady upon my sunna is with me in the abode of holiness.

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عِيْسَى عَنْ يُونُسَ عَنْ بَعْضِ أَصْحَابِنَا عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) قَالَ نَهَى رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صلى الله عليه وآله) أَنْ يَسْتَنْجِيَ الرَّجُلُ بِيَمِينِهِ .

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from Muhammad Bin Isa, from Yunus, from one of our companions,

⁴ Al-Kafi, Vol. 3, pg. 40 (Arabic Version)

⁵ Manla Hazarul Faqih, Vol. 1.

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah^{asws} having said: 'Rasool-Allah^{saww} forbade the man to cleanse himself with his right hand'.⁶

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ ابْنِ أَبِي عُمَيْرٍ عَنْ جَمِيلٍ عَنْ زُرَّارَةَ عَنْ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ (عليه السلام) قَالَ الْجُنُبُ مَا جَرَى عَلَيْهِ الْمَاءُ مِنْ جَسَدِهِ قَلِيلٌ وَكَثِيرُهُ فَقَدْ أَجَزَاهُ .

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father, from Ibn Abu Umeyr, from Jameel, from Zurara,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Ja'far^{asws} having said: 'The one with sexual impurity, whatever water flows upon his body, be it little or a lot, so it has sufficed him'.⁷

عَلِيُّ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ النَّوْفَلِيِّ عَنِ السَّكُونِيِّ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) قَالَ قُلْتُ لَهُ الرَّجُلُ يُجْنِبُ فَيَرْتَمِسُ فِي الْمَاءِ ارْتِمَاسَةً وَاحِدَةً فَيُخْرِجُ يُجْزِيهِ ذَلِكَ مِنْ غُسْلِهِ قَالَ نَعَمْ .

Ali, from his father, from Al Nowfaly, from Al Sakuny,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah^{asws}, said, 'I said to him^{asws}, 'The man has sexual impurity, so he immerses himself into the water with one immersion, and he comes out, would that suffice him from his washing?' He^{asws} said: 'Yes'.⁸

عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ وَغَيْرُهُ عَنْ سَهْلِ بْنِ زِيَادٍ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ بْنِ شَمُونٍ عَنْ حَمَّادِ بْنِ عِيسَى عَنْ حَرِيزٍ عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) قَالَ إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَلَكًا يَكْتُبُ سَرَفَ الْوُضُوءِ كَمَا يَكْتُبُ عُذْوَانَهُ .

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from someone else, from Sahl Bin Ziyad, from Muhammad Bin Al Hassan Bin Shamoun, from Hammad Bin isa, from Hareyz,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah^{asws} having said: 'For Allah^{azwj} there is an Angel who records the extravagance in the Ablution (Wuzu) just as he records his (other) transgressions'.⁹

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⁶ Al Kafi – V 3 – The Book of Cleanliness Ch 12 H 5

⁷ Al Kafi – V 3 – The Book of Cleanliness Ch 14 H 4

⁸ Al Kafi – V 3 – The Book of Cleanliness Ch 14 H 8

⁹ Al Kafi – V 3 – The Book of Cleanliness Ch 14 H 9

¹⁰ Al Kafi – V 3 – The Book of Cleanliness Ch 14 H 4

Etiquette of Bathing (from Amir-ul-Momineen^{asws}, 400 Sayings)¹¹

إذا أراد أحدكم الغسل فليبدأ بذراعيه فليغسلهما

If you want to wash yourselves, begin with the arms.

تنظفوا بالماء من الريح المنتنة و تعهدوا أنفسكم فإن الله ييغض من عباده القاذورة الذي يتأفف به من جلس إليه

Remove malodours with water and keep your bodies clean, Allah^{azwj} dislikes dirty servants and those who have malodours that disturb their associates.

إذا خرج أحدكم من الحمام فقال له أخوه طاب حميمك فليقل أنعم الله بالك و إذا قال له حياك الله بالسلام فليقل و أنت فحياك الله بالسلام و أحلك دار المقام

When you come out of bath and someone says to you, "Nice bathing," then answer him with: "Allah^{azwj} may comfort your mind." But if your brother says to you, "Allah^{azwj} Greets you with peace," you should answer him: "May Allah^{azwj} Give you long life'. You may then say: May Allah^{azwj} Give you long life and lodge you in the Paradise."

Obligatory Bath

من مس جسد ميت بعد ما يبرد لزمه الغسل

It is obligatory upon those who touch a cold dead body to perform the obligatory 'Ghusal' (bathing).

من غسل مؤمنا فليغتسل بعد ما يلبسه أكفانه و لا يمسه بعد ذلك فيجب عليه الغسل

For those who wash corpses ceremoniously, they should perform the ritual bath after enshrouding the corpse. They should not touch the corpse lest; it will be obligatory upon them to perform the ritual bathing.

(For more Ahadith see, Al-Kafi, Vol. 3)

<https://www.hubeali.com/alkafivol3/>

¹¹ Imam Ali^{asws} Teaches 400 Golden Rules for the World and the Hereafter, 611 ج : 2 ص :