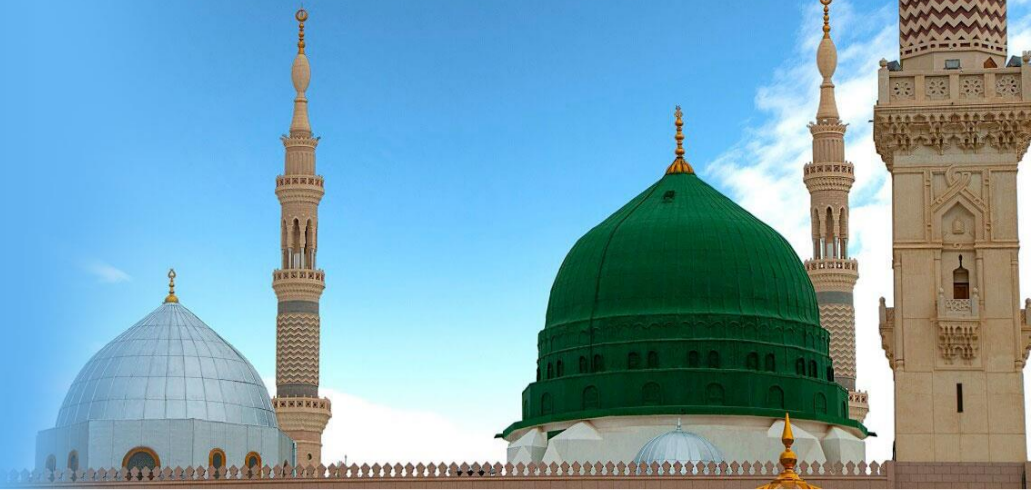


Ihyaad-Deen

An Effort to Revive Deen in Totality



Common Errors in Wudhu

In the Mubaarak Hadith, Rasulullah ﷺ said that wudhu is the key to salaah and salaah is the key to Jannah. The validity and quality of the salaah depends on the wudhu. If the wudhu is not valid, then the salaah will also not be valid. If the wudhu is valid, but is not done according to the sunnah, then the salaah performed with such a wudhu will not earn one the complete reward promised in the Mubaarak Ahaadith.

Below are some of the important aspects to keep in mind when making wudhu. People often make mistakes in these aspects of wudhu.

1. At the beginning of the wudhu, recite “bismillah walhamdu lillah”. It is reported in the Mubaarak Hadith that the one who recites this dua at the beginning of the wudhu, then as long as he remains in the state of wudhu, the malaa’ikah (angels) which protect him are commanded to continuously record good deeds for him. (Majma’ uz-Zawaaaid #1112)
2. Ensure that you make miswaak at the beginning of the wudhu when gargling the mouth. It is reported in the Hadith that the salaah performed after making miswaak is seventy times superior to the salaah performed without making miswaak. (Mustadrak #515)
3. When washing the face, ensure that water reaches all parts of the face, including the corner of the eyes and the skin between the ears and sideburns. If water does not reach these areas of the face, the wudhu will not be valid.
4. When washing the arms, ensure that the entire arm including the elbow is washed. Similarly, when washing the feet, ensure that the entire foot, including the ankle and heel, is washed. If any portion of the arm or foot remains dry, the wudhu will not be valid.
5. When washing the arms, commence washing from the fingers moving up to the elbows. Similarly, when washing the feet, commence washing from the toes moving up to the ankles. Washing the hands and feet in this way conforms to the sunnah. Do not commence the washing of the hands and feet from the elbows and ankles moving down towards the fingers and toes as this does not conform to the sunnah method of washing.
6. Making masah of one quarter of the head is fardh, and making masah of the entire head is sunnah. One should not merely suffice on the fardh amount of masah, but should also make masah of the entire head.
7. When making masah, one should adhere to the sunnah method of masah i.e. one will take both his hands and pass them over the entire head, commencing from the front and moving towards the back of the head.
8. Do not leave out khilaal of the beard and khilaal of the fingers and toes during wudhu. The khilaal of the fingers should be done after washing the arms and before making masah of the head.
9. Do not waste water while making wudhu. Wasting water at the time of wudhu is a sin and causes the perfection and quality of the salaah to be compromised.
10. Do not speak of worldly affairs while making wudhu, as this is makrooh (disliked).

Note: While making wudhu, ensure that you do not leave out any sunnat of wudhu.