

THE TASMIYAH – ITS EXTREME AND OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE

Allaamah Abdul Wahhaab Sha'raani (rahmatullah alayhi) said: "Everything on which the Name of Allah is not taken is like *maitah* (carrion). This applies also when making wudhu. When the Name of Allah is taken on using water, life is acquired. Whilst the water purifies the external surface of the body, the Name of Allah purifies the soul. On the contrary, the one who neglects Tasmiyah, his heart is either dead or diseased. *(It is like carrion.)*

The people say that wudhu is valid even if Tasmiyah is omitted. However, they do not understand the spiritual dimension. O my Brother! Be observant of this. It is Mustahab to repeat the wudhu if Tasmiyah was not recited.

The importance of Tasmiyah is amply conveyed in the Hadith: "*There is no wudhu for the one who does not recite the Name of Allah.*"

According to Hadhrat Hasan, Nakh'i Ishaq Ibn Raahwiyah and the Ahlus Zaahir, Tasmiyah is Waajib in wudhu. If it is intentionally omitted, wudhu should be repeated (compulsorily according to these authorities).

For practical purposes, forget about the Fiqhi technicalities of the Math-habs on this issue. Just give practical implementation to the Naseehat of Allaamah Sha'raani (Rahmatullah alayh) – Naseehat which is that of Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam). Do not deprive yourself of the wonderful virtues of Tasmiyah mentioned by Allaamah Sha'raani (Rahmatullah alayh).

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