

WUDU' - Fard and Sunnah

Fard in WUDU'

❖ Allah, the Exalted, says:

"O you who believe! When you intend to offer As-Salat (the prayer), wash your faces and your hands (forearms) up to the elbows, wipe (by passing wet hands over) your heads, and (wash) your feet up to the ankles." [5:6]

Commentary: *In this verse Allah commands his followers on the subject of Wudu'. Furthermore, this verse describes the washing of body parts, emphasizing the need for washing these body parts with water, because Wudu' shall be incomplete and unacceptable if a very small area on these parts remains dry and unwashed.*

The merits of WUDU'

❖ Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said, "When a Muslim, or a believer, washes his face (in the course of Wudu'), every sin which he committed with his eyes, will be washed away from his face with water, or with the last drop of water; when he washes his hands, every sin which is committed by his hands will be effaced from his hands with the water, or with the last drop of water; and when he washes his feet, every sin his feet committed will be washed away with the water, or with the last drop of water; until he finally emerges cleansed of all his sins." [Muslim] [Riyad As. #1028]

Commentary: *This Hadith has the same meaning mentioned in the preceding Ahadith. That is to say, such minor sins are washed off by Wudu'. In other words, Wudu' is a means of purification of the body as well as the soul*

❖ Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: I heard my Khalil (the Messenger of Allah (PBUH)) as saying, "The adornment of the believer (in Jannah) will reach the places where the water of Wudu' reaches (his body)." [Muslim] [Riyad As. #1025]

Sunnah in WUDU'

1. To begin with "Bismillah", meaning, to begin with the name of Allah, the most gracious, most merciful
2. To brush your teeth using "Miswak".
3. To wash both your hands thrice up to your wrists
4. Gargle thrice with water
5. To suck in water with your nose up to your bone thrice, for cleaning the nostrils
6. To graze the fingers of your hands and feet with water
7. To graze your beard with water
8. To wash every body part thrice
9. To rub all body parts whilst washing them
10. To graze your ears with water
11. Body parts occurring in pairs should be washed in the following sequence: right first, left second
12. To keep continuity whilst performing Wudu', i.e. to wash all parts one after the other
13. Wudu' should only be performed according the method prescribed in respective verses of the Koran