

Wuzu_Ablution

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Abbreviations:

saww: - Sal lal la ho Allay hay Wa Aal lay he Wasallam

azwj: - Az Za Wa Jalla

asws: - Allay hay Salawat Wass Salam

AJFJ: Ajal Allah hey wa Fara Jaak

ra: - Razi Allah^{-azwj}

La: - Laan Allah^{-azwj}

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

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.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَجِّلْ فَرَجَهُمْ وَالْعَنِ أَعْدَاءَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ

‘How to perform Wuzu (Ablution)’

The way to perform wuzu is mentioned in the holy Quran (5:6). However, most Muslims have deviated from the Sunnah: they wash their feet but not their head (because wiping is to be applied to both head and feet as per 5:6), and they pour water upward to their elbows. Ahadith, below, clarify the wuzu as per the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet^{-saww}. First, we review the Holy Verse 5:6.

Wuzu in the Holy Quran:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا قُمْتُمْ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ فَاغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ وَأَيْدِيَكُمْ إِلَى الْمَرَافِقِ وَامْسَحُوا بِرُءُوسِكُمْ وَأَرْجُلَكُمْ إِلَى الْكَعْبَيْنِ ۚ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ جُنُبًا فَاطَّهَّرُوا ۚ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ مَرْضَىٰ أَوْ عَلَىٰ سَفَرٍ أَوْ جَاءَ أَحَدٌ مِنْكُمْ مِنَ الْغَائِطِ أَوْ لَامَسْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ فَلَمْ يَجِدُوا مَاءً فَتَيَمَّمُوا صَعِيدًا طَيِّبًا فَامْسَحُوا بِوُجُوهِكُمْ وَأَيْدِيكُمْ مِنْهُ ۗ مَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيَجْعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ حَرَجٍ وَلَكِنْ يُرِيدُ لِيُطَهَّرَكُمْ وَلِيَنبِتَ نِعْمَتَهُ عَلَيْكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ {6}

O you who believe! When you stand to the Salat, so wash your faces and your hands to the elbows, and wipe your heads and your leg to the ankles; and if you are with sexual impurity then clean yourselves; and if you were sick or upon a journey, or one of you has come from the toilet, or you have touched the women, and you cannot find water, so perform Tayammum with pure soil and wipe your faces and your hands from it. Allah does not Want to Make a difficulty upon you, but He Wants to Clean you and to Complete His Favour upon you, perhaps you would be grateful [5:6]

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ الْحُسَيْنِ وَغَيْرُهُ عَنْ سَهْلِ بْنِ زِيَادٍ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحَكَمِ عَنِ الْهَيْثَمِ بْنِ عُزْوَةَ التَّمِيمِيِّ قَالَ سَأَلْتُ أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عليه السلام) عَنْ قَوْلِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ فَأَغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ وَ أَيْدِيَكُمْ إِلَى الْمَرَافِقِ فَقُلْتُ هَكَذَا وَ مَسَحْتُ مِنْ ظَهْرِي كَفِّي إِلَى الْمَرَافِقِ فَقَالَ لَيْسَ هَكَذَا تَنْزِيلُهَا إِنَّمَا هِيَ فَأَغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ وَ أَيْدِيَكُمْ مِنَ الْمَرَافِقِ ثُمَّ أَمَرَ يَدَهُ مِنْ مِرْفَقِهِ إِلَى أَصَابِعِهِ .

Muhammad Bin Al Hassan, and someone else, from Sahl Bin Ziyad, from Ali Bin Al Hakam, from Al Haysam Bin Urwa Al Tameemi who said,

‘I asked Abu Abdullah^{-asws} about the Words of Allah^{-azwj} Mighty and Majestic **so wash your faces and your hands to the elbows [5:6]**. I said, ‘Like this?’ – and I wiped the back of my palm up to the elbow’. So he^{-asws} said: ‘Not like this. Descend it. But rather, it (the Verse is)

فَأَغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ وَ أَيْدِيَكُمْ مِنَ الْمَرَافِقِ

Wash your faces and your hands ‘from’ the elbows [5:6].

ثُمَّ أَمَرَ يَدَهُ مِنْ مِرْفَقِهِ إِلَى أَصَابِعِهِ

Then he^{-asws} passed his^{-asws} hand from his^{-asws} elbow down to his^{-asws} fingers’.¹

How to perform Wuzu from Ahadith:

الشيخ: عن المفيد محمد بن محمد بن النعمان، عن أحمد بن محمد بن الحسن - يعني ابن الوليد - عن أبيه، عن محمد بن الحسن الصفار، عن أحمد بن محمد بن عيسى، و عن الحسين بن الحسن بن أبان، عن الحسين بن سعيد، عن ابن أبي عمير، عن ابن أذينة، عن ابن بكير، قال: قلت لأبي عبد الله (عليه السلام): قوله: إِذَا قُمْتُمْ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ مَا يَعْني بِذَلِكَ - إِذَا قُمْتُمْ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ؟ - قال: «إِذَا قُمْتُمْ مِنَ النُّومِ». قلت: يَنْقُضُ النُّومُ الوُضُوءَ؟ فقال: «نَعَمْ، إِذَا كَانَ يَغْلِبُ عَلَى السَّمْعِ، وَ لَا يَسْمَعُ الصَّوْتِ».

Al Sheukh (Al Sadouq) from Al Mufeed Muhammad Bin Muhammad Bin Al No’man, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad Bin Al Hassan – meaning Ibn Al Waleed, from his father, from Muhammad Bin Al Hassan Al Saffar, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad Bin Isa, and from Al Husayn Bin Al Hassan Bin Abaan, from Al Husayn Bin Saeed, from Ibn Abu Umeyr, from Ibn Azina, from Ibn Bakeyr who said,

‘I said to Abu Abdullah^{-asws}, ‘(What about) His^{-azwj} Words **When you stand to the Salat [5:6]** – what is Meant by that – when you stand to the *Salat*?’ He^{-asws} said: ‘When you rise up from the sleep’. I said, ‘The sleep invalidates the ablution?’ So he^{-asws} said: ‘Yes, when the hearing is overcome, and he does not hear the sound’.²

و عنه: عن علي بن إبراهيم، عن أبيه، عن ابن أبي عمير، عن أبي أيوب، عن محمد بن مسلم، عن أبي عبد الله (عليه السلام)، قال: «الأذنان ليسا من الوجه، و لا من الرأس».

And from him, from Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father, from Ibn Abu Umeyr, from Abu Ayoub, from Muhammad Bin Muslim,

¹ Al Kafi – V 3 – The Book of Cleanliness Ch 18 H 5

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(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah^{-asws} having said: 'The two ears are not from (Part of) the face, nor from (part of) the head'.

قال: و ذكر المسح، فقال: «امسح على مقدم رأسك، و امسح على القدمين و ابدأ بالشق الأيمن».

He (the narrator) said, 'And I mentioned the wiping, so he^{-asws} said: 'Wipe on the top of your head, and wipe upon the two feet, and begin with the right'.³

و عنه: عن علي بن إبراهيم، عن أبيه، عن ابن أبي عمير، عن حماد بن عثمان، عن الحلبي، عن أبي عبد الله (عليه السلام)، قال: سألته عن قول الله عز و جل: أَوْ لَامَسْتُمُ النِّسَاءَ، قال: «هو الجماع، و لكن الله ستر يحب الستر، فلم يسم كما تسمون».

And from him (Yaquoub Al Kulayni), from Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father, from ibn Abu Umeyr, from Hamaad Bin Usman, from Al Halby,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Abdullah^{-asws}, said, 'I asked him^{-asws} about the Words of Allah^{-azwj} Mighty and Majestic **or you have touched the women [5:6]**, he^{-asws} said: 'It is the copulation, but Allah^{-azwj} is the Concealer. He^{-azwj} Loves the secrecy, so He^{-azwj} did not Name it like what you are naming it as'.⁴

العياشي: عن أبي بكر بن حزم، قال: توضأ رجل، فمسح على خفيه، فدخل المسجد فصلى، فجاء علي (عليه السلام) فوطئ على رقبته فقال: «ويلك، تصلي على غير وضوء؟!» فقال: أمرني عمر بن الخطاب.

Al Ayyashi, from Abu Bakr Bin Hazam who said,

'A man performed *Wudu*, so he wiped upon his socks, and he entered the Masjid and Prayed *Salat*. So Ali^{-asws} came up and held him by the neck and said: 'Woe be unto you! You are Praying without *Wudu*?' So he said, 'Umar Bin Al-Khattab ordered me such'.

قال: فأخذ بيده، فانتهى به إليه، فقال: «انظر ما يروي هذا عليك» و رفع صوته، فقال: نعم أنا أمرته، إن رسول الله (صلى الله عليه و آله) مسح. قال: «قبل المائدة، أو بعدها؟» قال: لا أدري. قال: «فلم تفتي و أنت لا تدري؟ سبق الكتاب الخفين».

He (the narrator said), 'So he^{-asws} grabbed him by his hand and ended him up to him and said: 'Look at what he is reporting against you' – in a raised voice. So he (Umar) said, 'Yes, I did order him such. Rasool-Allah^{-saww} wiped (the socks)'. He^{-asws} said: 'Was that before (Revelation of Surah) Al-Ma'ida or after it?' He said, 'I do not know'. He^{-asws} said: 'So why did you issue a verdict (Fatwa) and you don't know? (Wiping upon) the two socks was before the (Revelation) of the Book (Surah Al Ma'ida)'.⁵

عن زرارة، قال: سألت أبا جعفر (عليه السلام) عن التيمم، فقال: «إن عمار بن ياسر أتى النبي (صلى الله عليه و آله) فقال: أجنبت و ليس معي ماء. فقال: كيف صنعت يا عمار؟ قال: نزع ثيابي، ثم تمسكت على الصعيد. فقال: هكذا يصنع الحمار، إنما قال الله: فامسحوا بوجوهكم و أيديكم منه».

³ الكافي 3: 2 / 29

⁴ الكافي 5: 5 / 555

⁵ تفسير العياشي 1: 46 / 297

ثم وضع يديه جميعا على الصعيد، ثم مسحهما، ثم مسح من بين عينيه إلى أسفل حاجبيه، ثم ذلك إحدى يديه بالأخرى على ظهر الكف، بدءا باليمين».

From Zarara who said,

'I asked Abu Ja'far^{-asws} about the '*Tayammum*', so he^{-asws} said: 'Amaar Bin Yaasir came to the Prophet^{-saww} and said, 'I am with sexual impurity and there is no water with me'. So he^{-saww} said: 'What did you do, O Amaar?' He said, 'I removed my clothes and rolled upon the ground'. So he^{-saww} said: 'This is what the donkeys do. But rather, Allah^{-azwj} Says **and wipe your faces and your hands from it [5:6]**'. Then place the whole of your hand upon the dust, then wipe it, then wipe what is in between your eyes up to the bottom of your eyebrows, then wipe one of your hands upon the other to the back of the palm, beginning with the right'.⁶

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ ابْنِ أَبِي عُمَيْرٍ عَنْ عُمَرَ بْنِ أُذَيْنَةَ عَنْ زُرَّارَةَ وَبُكَيرٍ أَهْمًا سَأَلَا أَبَا جَعْفَرٍ (عليه السلام) عَنْ وُضُوءِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ (صلى الله عليه وآله) فَدَعَا بِطَسْتٍ أَوْ تَوْرٍ فِيهِ مَاءٌ فَعَمَسَ يَدَهُ الْيُمْنَى فَعَرَفَ بِهَا عُرْفَةَ فَصَبَّهَا عَلَى وَجْهِهِ فَعَسَلَ بِهَا وَجْهَهُ ثُمَّ عَمَسَ كَفَّهُ الْيُسْرَى فَعَرَفَ بِهَا عُرْفَةَ فَأَفْرَعَ عَلَى ذِرَاعِهِ الْيُمْنَى فَعَسَلَ بِهَا ذِرَاعَهُ مِنَ الْمِرْفَقِ إِلَى الْكَفِّ لَا يَرْدُّهَا إِلَى الْمِرْفَقِ ثُمَّ عَمَسَ كَفَّهُ الْيُمْنَى فَأَفْرَعَ بِهَا عَلَى ذِرَاعِهِ الْيُسْرَى مِنَ الْمِرْفَقِ وَصَنَعَ بِهَا مِثْلَ مَا صَنَعَ بِالْيُمْنَى ثُمَّ مَسَحَ رَأْسَهُ وَقَدَمَيْهِ بِبَلَلِ كَفِّهِ لَمْ يُحَدِّثْ لَهَا مَاءً جَدِيداً

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father, from Ibn Abu Umeyr, from Umar Bin Azina, from Zurara and Bukeyr,

(It has been narrated) both having asked Abu Ja'far^{-asws} about the *Wudu* of Rasool-Allah^{-saww}. So he^{-asws} called for a tray, or bucket wherein was water. So he^{-asws} immersed his^{-asws} right hand in it and scooped with it a scoop (of water) and poured it upon his^{-asws} face, and he^{-asws} washed his^{-asws} face with it. Then he^{-asws} immersed his^{-asws} left palm and scooped with it a scoop (of water) and emptied it upon the right arm, washing his^{-asws} arm from the elbow up to the wrist, nor returning it back to the elbow (one-way motion). Then he^{-asws} immersed his^{-asws} right hand and emptied with it upon his^{-asws} left arm from the elbow, and did with it similar to what he^{-asws} did with the right hand. Then he^{-asws} wiped his^{-asws} head and his^{-asws} feet with the remnant of (the water in) his^{-asws} palm, nor renewing for these both, the new water'.

ثُمَّ قَالَ وَ لَا يُدْخِلُ أَصَابِعَهُ تَحْتَ الشَّرَاكِ قَالَ ثُمَّ قَالَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ يَقُولُ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِذَا قُمْتُمْ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ فَاغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ وَ أَيْدِيَكُمْ فَلَيْسَ لَهُ أَنْ يَدَعَ شَيْئاً مِنْ وَجْهِهِ إِلَّا غَسَلَهُ وَ أَمَرَ بِغَسَلِ الْيَدَيْنِ إِلَى الْمِرْفَقَيْنِ فَلَيْسَ لَهُ أَنْ يَدَعَ شَيْئاً مِنْ يَدَيْهِ إِلَى الْمِرْفَقَيْنِ إِلَّا غَسَلَهُ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَقُولُ فَاغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ وَ أَيْدِيَكُمْ إِلَى الْمَرَافِقِ

Then he (the narrator) said: 'And he^{-asws} did not enter his^{-asws} fingers underneath the slipper- straps. Then he^{-asws} said: 'Allah^{-azwj} Mighty and Majestic is Saying **O you who believe! When you stand to the Salat, so wash your faces and your hands [5:6]**, therefore it is not for him that he should leave anything from his face except that he washes it, and Commanded with the washing of the hands up to the elbow, therefore it is not for him that he leaves anything from his hands up to the two elbows except that he washes it because Allah^{-azwj} is Saying **so wash your faces and your hands to the elbows [5:6]**.

ثُمَّ قَالَ وَ امْسَحُوا بِرُءُوسِكُمْ وَ أَرْجُلَكُمْ إِلَى الْكَعْبَيْنِ إِذَا مَسَحَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنْ رَأْسِهِ أَوْ بِشَيْءٍ مِنْ قَدَمَيْهِ مَا بَيْنَ الْكَعْبَيْنِ إِلَى أَطْرَافِ الْأَصَابِعِ فَقَدْ أَجْرَاهُ

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Then He^{-azwj} Said **and wipe your heads and your leg to the ankles [5:6]**. Thus if he were to wipe with something from his head, or with something from his feet what is between the two ankles up to the sides of the toes, so it would suffice him’.

قَالَ فَعَلْنَا أَيْنَ الْكَعْبَانِ قَالَ هَاهُنَا بَعْضُ الْمَفْصَلِ دُونَ عَظْمِ السَّاقِ فَعَلْنَا هَذَا مَا هُوَ فَقَالَ هَذَا مِنْ عَظْمِ السَّاقِ وَالْكَعْبُ أَسْفَلُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ فَعَلْنَا أَصْلَحَكَ اللَّهُ فَالْعُرْفَةُ الْوَاحِدَةُ تُجْزَى لِلْوَجْهِ وَ عُرْفَةُ اللَّذْرَاعِ قَالَ نَعَمْ إِذَا بَالَعَتْ فِيهَا وَ الْبَيْتَانِ تَأْتِيَانِ عَلَى ذَلِكَ كُلِّهِ .

He (the narrator) said: ‘We said, ‘Where are the two ankles?’ He^{-asws} said: ‘Over here, meaning the joint bellowed the bones of the leg’. So we said, ‘This, what is it (exactly)?’ So he^{-asws} said: ‘This is from the bone of the leg, and the ankle is below from that’. So we said, ‘May Allah^{-azwj} Keep you^{-asws} well! So the one scoop (of water) would suffice for the face, and a scoop (each) for the arms?’ He^{-asws} said: ‘Yes, when you exceed in it, and the two (is the most which would) would both come to be upon that, all of it’.⁷

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ الْحُسَيْنِ وَ غَيْرُهُ عَنْ سَهْلِ بْنِ زِيَادٍ عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحَكَمِ عَنِ الْهَيْثَمِ بْنِ غُرْوَةَ التَّمِيمِيِّ قَالَ سَأَلْتُ أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) عَنْ قَوْلِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ فَأَغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ وَ أَيْدِيَكُمْ إِلَى الْمَرَافِقِ فَقُلْتُ هَكَذَا وَ مَسَحْتُ مِنْ ظَهْرِي كَيْفِي إِلَى الْمَرَافِقِ فَقَالَ لَيْسَ هَكَذَا تَنْزِيلُهَا إِنَّمَا هِيَ فَأَغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ وَ أَيْدِيَكُمْ مِنَ الْمَرَافِقِ ثُمَّ أَمَرَ يَدَهُ مِنْ مِرْفَقِهِ إِلَى أَصَابِعِهِ .

Muhammad Bin Al Hassan, and someone else, from Sahl Bin Ziyad, from Ali Bin Al Hakam, from Al Haysam Bin Urwa Al Tameemi who said,

‘I asked Abu Abdullah^{-asws} about the Words of Allah^{-azwj} Mighty and Majestic **so wash your faces and your hands to the elbows [5:6]**. I said, ‘Like this?’ – and I wiped the back of my palm up to the elbow’. So he^{-asws} said: ‘Not like this. Descend it. But rather, it (the Verse is) **wash your faces and your hands from the elbows [5:6]**’. Then he^{-asws} passed his^{-asws} hand from his^{-asws} elbow down to his^{-asws} fingers’.⁸

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ وَ مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ إِسْمَاعِيلَ عَنِ الْفَضْلِ بْنِ شاذَانَ جَمِيعاً عَنْ حَمَّادِ بْنِ عَيْسَى عَنْ حَرِيزِ بْنِ زُرَّارَةَ قَالَ قُلْتُ لِأَبِي جَعْفَرٍ (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ) أَلَا تُخْبِرُنِي مِنْ أَيْنَ عَلِمْتَ وَ قُلْتَ إِنَّ الْمَسْحَ بِبَعْضِ الرَّأْسِ وَ بَعْضِ الرَّجْلَيْنِ فَصَحِّحْ لِي ثُمَّ قَالَ يَا زُرَّارَةُ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ) وَ نَزَلَ بِهِ الْكِتَابُ مِنَ اللَّهِ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ يَقُولُ فَأَغْسِلُوا وُجُوهَكُمْ فَعَرَفْنَا أَنَّ الْوَجْهَ كُلَّهُ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يُغَسَّلَ ثُمَّ قَالَ وَ أَيْدِيَكُمْ إِلَى الْمَرَافِقِ

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father and Muhammad Bin Ismail, from Al Fazl Bin Shazaan, altogether from Hammad Bin Isa, from Hareyz, from Zurara who said,

‘I said to Abu Ja’far^{-asws}, ‘Can you^{-asws} inform me from where do you^{-asws} know and say that the wiping is with part of the head and part of the two legs?’ So he^{-asws} smiled and said: ‘O Zurara! Rasool-Allah^{-saww} said so and the Book was Revealed with it from Allah^{-azwj}, because Allah^{-azwj} Mighty and Majestic is Saying **so wash your faces [5:6]**, thus we recognise that the face, all of it, it is befitting that one washes it. Then He^{-azwj} Said **and your hands to the elbows [5:6]**’.

ثُمَّ فَصَّلَ بَيْنَ الْكَلَامِ فَقَالَ وَ امْسَحُوا بِرُؤُسِكُمْ فَعَرَفْنَا حِينَ قَالَ بِرُؤُسِكُمْ أَنَّ الْمَسْحَ بِبَعْضِ الرَّأْسِ لِمَكَانِ الْبَاءِ ثُمَّ وَصَلَ الرَّجْلَيْنِ بِالرَّأْسِ كَمَا وَصَلَ الْيَدَيْنِ بِالْوَجْهِ فَقَالَ وَ أَرْجُلَكُمْ إِلَى الْكَعْبَيْنِ فَعَرَفْنَا حِينَ وَصَلَهَا بِالرَّأْسِ أَنَّ الْمَسْحَ عَلَى بَعْضِهَا

⁷ Al Kafi – V 3 – The Book of Cleanliness Ch 17 H 5

⁸ Al Kafi – V 3 – The Book of Cleanliness Ch 18 H 5

Then He^{-azwj} Detailed between the Speech, so He^{-azwj} Said **and wipe your heads**. So we recognise where He^{-azwj} Said **your heads** that the wiping is with part of the head **and your legs to the ankles** due to the placing of the (letter) 'Ba'. Then He^{-azwj} Linked the two feet with the head just as He^{-azwj} Linked the two hands with the face, so He^{-azwj} Said **and your legs to the ankles**. Thus, we recognise where He^{-azwj} Linked it with the heat that the wiping is upon part of it.

ثُمَّ فَسَّرَ ذَلِكَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صلى الله عليه وآله) لِلنَّاسِ فَضَيَعُوهُ ثُمَّ قَالَ فَلَمْ يَجِدُوا مَاءً فَتَيَمَّمُوا صَعِيداً طَيِّباً فَامْسَحُوا بِوُجُوهِكُمْ وَأَيْدِيكُمْ مِنْهُ فَلَمَّا وَضَعُ الْوُضُوءَ إِنْ لَمْ يَجِدُوا الْمَاءَ أَتْبَعَتْ بَعْضَ الْغَسَلِ مَسْحاً لِأَنَّهُ قَالَ بِوُجُوهِكُمْ ثُمَّ وَصَلَ بِهَا وَأَيْدِيكُمْ ثُمَّ قَالَ مِنْهُ أَيُّ مِنْ ذَلِكَ التَّيَمُّمِ لِأَنَّهُ عَلِمَ أَنَّ ذَلِكَ أَجْمَعُ لَمْ يَجْرَ عَلَى الْوَجْهِ لِأَنَّهُ يُعْلَقُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ الصَّعِيدِ بِبَعْضِ الْكَفِّ وَ لَا يُعْلَقُ بِبَعْضِهَا ثُمَّ قَالَ مَا يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ لِيَجْعَلَ عَلَيْكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ مِنْ حَرَجٍ وَ الْحَرَجُ الضَّيْقُ .

Then Rasool-Allah^{-saww} interpreted it for the people, by they wasted it. Then He^{-azwj} Said **and you cannot find water, so perform Tayammum with pure soil and wipe your faces and your hands from it [5:6]**. So when you perform the *Wudu* and if you do not find the water, part of the washing is affirmed by the wiping, because He^{-azwj} Said **wipe your faces**, the Linked with it **and your hands**. Then He^{-saww} Said **from it**, i.e. from that *Tayammum*, because He^{-azwj} Knew that that is not the entirety of the face because He^{-azwj} Attached the dust from that with part of the palm, and He^{-azwj} did not Attach with part of it. Then He^{-azwj} Said **Allah does not Want to Make a difficulty upon you** in the Religion, and the difficulty, it is the adversity'.⁹

⁹ Al Kafi – V 3 – The Book of Cleanliness Ch 19 H 4