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Salah and Tarbiyah Q&A – Part 11

Age Group: Kids and Teens

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Preamble: All praise is for Allah Taala, my Creator and Sustainer – whose favors are endless – who is incomparable - who is the only one who deserves worship. All salutations on dear Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and on his Sahaba رضى الله عنهم

What this document is: This is the 11th of our series of Q&A-style tarbiyah (training as per Islamic principles) of children. There are two section: Salah and Tarbiyah.

Audience: The age group is kids (from 7 years onwards) and teenagers.

A message for Parents:

- Parents want children to have the best possible tarbiyah (training)
- However, not every parent is unable to find the time to do this tarbiyah.
- A silent message: **For best possible tarbiyah, you need to get involved**

How this document helps the parents:

- It is interactive in Q&A format - Q&A learning is proven through Muhammad ﷺ
- It is not necessary to cover each document in a single sitting
- **We recommend doing this Q&A just before your child sleeps – and only 10 minutes every day.**

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Salah Q&A

Q1: Are there any conditions (شروط) for offering Salah?

A: Yes, you must fulfill 6 conditions before offering Salah.

Q2: What are these 6 conditions?

A: They are as follows:

- Your body and clothes should be free from impurity (najaasah – نجاسة)
- The place of offering Salah should be clean from impurity
- Your satar (ستر) should be hidden
- Your chest and face should be facing the Qiblah (Kaaba)
- It should be Salah time, e.g., you cannot offer Asar when it is time for Zuhr
- You should make an intention to offer Salah

Q3: What are the different types of impurities (حوادث/نجاسات)?

A: Well, the Ulama have categorized impurities into two types, and each one of these has two further types:

- Haqiqi or *true* impurity (نجاسة حقيقية)
- Hukmi or *legalized* impurity (نجاسة حكمية)
- Haqiqi impurity is of two types:
 - Ghaleeza or *severe* impurity (غليظة)
 - Khafifa or *minor* impurity (خفيفة)
- Hukmi impurity is of two types:
 - Hadath-e-Akbar (حدث اكبر) or *big* impurity
 - Hadath-e-Asghar (حدث اصغر) or *small* impurity.



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Q4: MaashaAllah! I am surprised to learn of these different categories. First, tell me the difference between Haqiqi and Hukmi impurity?

A: Note below:

- Haqiqi impurity can be seen, e.g., stool (feces) and urine.
- Hukmi impurity cannot be seen, e.g., when you are in a state which requires ablution (بے وضو ہونا) or ghusl (غسل کی حاجت ہونا).
- Hukmi is called “hukmi” because Islam has specified orders (احکامات) for it.

Q5: Ok that’s easy to understand. Now tell me what ghaleeza impurity is?

A: Note:

- Ghaleeza impurity has a hard (سخت) state.
- Its effect can be seen.
- Examples: Urine of humans, urine of animals whose meat is not halaal (e.g., lion), stool (feces), blood, wine

Q6: Ok and what is the ruling in Islam regarding it?

A: Note below:

- You must wash it if it is more than or equal to the size of a small coin.
- If you don’t wash it, your Salah will become invalidated (فاسد) because offering Salah with impurity is مکروہ تحریمی (largely unacceptable)
- So, wash the impure area three times and wring them (نچوڑنا) each time.



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Q7: Ok got it. But what if it is less than the size of a small coin? Can I offer Salah in my clothes then?

A: Note below:

- You should still wash it before offering Salah.
- However, if you cannot wash it for some reason (e.g., the time for Salah was passing away), and you offer Salah, then your Salah will be accepted.

Q8: Ok got it. Now, tell me about Khafifa impurity?

A: Khafifa impurity is lighter in intensity compared to Ghaleeza. Examples are:

- Urine of halaal animals (cow, camel, goat, sheep etc.)
- Droppings of birds whose meat is halaal (pigeon, chicken etc)

Q9: Ok and what is the ruling for it?

A: Note below:

- If it covers less than 1/4th of your clothes, and you offer Salah, then your Salah will be accepted
- If the quantity is equal to or more than 1/4th of your garment, you should wash your clothes – otherwise your salah will become فاسد (invalidated)
- So, wash the impure area three times and wring them (نچوڑنا) each time.

Q10: Ok. You told me above that less than a coin of ghaleeza and less than 1/4th of khafifa do not make my Salah invalid. What is the reason for this?

A: Well, note below:



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- It is difficult to save yourselves from small amounts of impurities
- For example, blowing wind can put some impurity on your clothes
- For example, there is a path with some minor impurity – you have to cross that path everyday – you are likely to get a small amount of that impurity
- So, it is not possible for you to avoid getting impure
- Islam has facilitated us in this situation

Q11: Ok, got it. jazakAllah khayr. Any other reason?

A: Well, if you had to keep yourself 100% pure all the time, you will need to spend a lot of time washing and wringing clothes every day which will make you uncomfortable.

Q12: Ok. Another question. Suppose I wash my clothes three times but still I fear that the clothes are not clean for Salah. What to do?

A: After having washed and wrung them three times, you should stop putting yourself in doubt. Wear the washed clothes and offer Salah in them. Washing three times is enough to remove all doubts.

Q13: Some impurities wet the clothes and then also dry out. Tell me how to wash the clothes to remove wet and dry impurities for offering Salah.

A: Note below:

- If you see the impurity and it has made your clothes wet (e.g., urine), then wash the wet area three times
- If you see the impurity and it has become dry (e.g., feces/stool), then wash the dry area three times.



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- If you cannot see the impurity and it has dried, then wash three times and wring the clothes each time.

Q14: A rug in my house got impure. The impurity dried after some time. Then, a family member came and offered Salah on that place. Does he need to repeat the Salah?

A: Yes, he should wash his clothes and repeat his Salah. The rug should also be washed (detailed later on).

Q15: Ok what is your opinion regarding the mud or water which are left behind on the roads by rain – will they make my clothes impure as well for worship?

A: Well, there are several situations. Note below:

- **First Situation:**
 - You are sure that dirty water (e.g., from gutter) has mixed with rainwater or mud
 - Rainwater or mud spoils your clothes, and the size of this impurity is more than the size of the coin
 - In this situation, you should wash and wring your clothes and re-offer the Salah.
- **Second Situation:**
 - Only rainwater spoils your clothes – or only rainwater mixed with mud spoils your clothes
 - You are sure nothing impure has mixed with rainwater and mud
 - So, your clothes remain pure and there is no need to wash clothes and re-offer Salah



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- You can still wash clothes to remove the mud if you want.
- Finally, note that the rain falling from the sky does not make your clothes impure.

Q16: Sometimes, it is difficult to decide whether something is impure or not? What to do in this situation?

A: Note below:

- An impure thing will always be considered impure, unless I become certain in my mind and heart that it has become pure, or unless some reliable person tells me that it is pure.

Q17: Can you give an example?

A: Note below:

- **Example 1:**
 - Suppose that your clothes are impure.
 - You saw the impurity (so it was haqiqi).
 - After a few hours, the impurity dried and cannot be seen at all. Its smell also disappeared.
 - You think: “Hmm, my clothes are not impure anymore”
 - But you are 100% certain that they were impure and no one has washed them.
 - So, even though they look pure, they will still be considered impure.
- **Example 2:**
 - There is a small pond of clean water (size: 10 X 10 X 10 or less) which is frequented by dogs – dogs are impure
 - You go to the pond to perform wudu



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- You do not know that dogs come there. A reliable person tells you that the water is impure because dogs come there
- On the face of it, the pond water looks crystal clear and pure
- But you will believe the reliable person's words and not perform wudu from that pond.

Q18: JazakAllah Khayr. And sometimes, it is difficult to decide whether something is pure or not? What to do in this situation?

A: Note below:

- A pure thing will always be considered pure, unless I become certain in my mind and heart that it has become impure, or unless some reliable person tells me that it is impure.

Q19: Ok, give me an example of this one as well.

A: Ok note below:

- **Example 1:**
 - You are wearing a shalwar kameez that you know is pure
 - Your friend (whom you trust a lot) says: "Hey! Some impurity fell on your clothes while you were walking in the garden"
 - You will then trust your friend
 - Your clothes will not be considered pure anymore.
- **Example 2:**
 - You have a small pond near your house (size: 10 X 10 X 10 or less)
 - You know that the water is clean and no animals or humans go near it



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- You are about to perform wudu when suddenly you realize that there were dogs at this pond yesterday
- But you are not really sure that the dogs drank water from it
- You ask around and no one can confirm it
- So, the water is clean and you can perform wudu from it.

Q20: Ok, what if I see blood on my clothes?

A: Note: If the size of the blood smear is more than the size of a small coin, then you should wash that part 3 times and then wring it.

Q21: Ok, and what if the blood is only a couple of drops (less than the size of a coin)? What to do then?

A: In this situation, you should still wash the blood smear. However, if the time for Salah is passing away, and you offer Salah with the small smear, then your Salah will be accepted.

Q22: I am a teenager and I often wear a t-shirt and bermuda shorts. Hence, I offer my Salah in these clothes. Many people have told me that it is inappropriate, but I know that my Salah will be accepted.

A: My dear, you have a right to your opinion, and I respect you for that, but it is my duty to explain Islamic principles when it is needed. Will you listen carefully to what I will say?



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Q23: Yes, I will listen to you. But I will repeat: I know that my Salah is accepted in T-shirt and Bermuda shorts, or in T-shirt and pants.

A: Ok, jazakAllah khayr for agreeing to listen to me. Note below:

- If you offer Salah in T-shirt and Bermuda shorts, the obligatory (فرض) requirement of the Salah will be performed.
- However, this dress is unacceptable to a large degree (مكروه تحريمي)
- According to some scholars, you should re-offer your Salah after changing into sunnah clothes.
- So, avoid this dress for offering Salah.

Q24: OK, explain further. Why so unacceptable?

A: My dear, listen.

- If you were asked to go and meet the president of your country, or go any in any gathering of respectable people, you would not go to these gatherings in a T-shirt and Bermuda – you would wear some more respectable dress.
- Similarly, when you are going to meet Allah ﷻ, your Creator and Sustainer and the One who is most Respectable and most Revered, you should meet him with a respectful dress.

Q25: OK, that is understandable. So, which type of dress does Islam consider respectable?

A: Note below:

- Islam always recommends things according to human nature – be it worship, clothes, food, sleeping, traveling, social life or anything else



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- The type of clothes specified by Muhammad ﷺ are the best for humans – they will give you respect and sanctity
- The Islamic clothes are loose and don't reveal any private part of your body during Salah.
- Loose-fitting clothes are also more respectable than tight-fitting clothes because they don't reveal any part of your body.

Tarbiyah Q&A

Q1: I live in a non-Muslim country. Can I eat barbecue meat from a grill that is used for grilling halaal as well as haraam meat?

A: If you are 100% certain or more than 50% certain that the grill is used for barbecuing haraam meat, then it is **not** allowed for you to eat your grilled food unless you thoroughly wash the grill first.

Q2: Ok, but what if I am eating it from a restaurant and I have no control over washing the grill?

A: In this case, you should avoid eating at such restaurants. The general rule of the Ulama is that you should be careful about eating meat from outside – investigate thoroughly that it is halaal.

Q3: Ok, I have a cat in the house. And sometimes, it puts its mouth in my plate. Does that make my food or plate impure?

A: Note below:



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- Remember that any food or utensil touched by a domestic cat is not preferred anymore, i.e., it becomes unacceptable (مكروه)
- In other words, cat-contaminated food (بلى کا جھوٹا) can be considered impure.
- So, it is best to wash the dishes and not eat from the plate which has been touched by the cat
- However, if you consider yourself as a poor person who cannot arrange more food, then you can eat this food.

Q4: I wash dishes and accidentally, some water gets sprinkled on my clothes. Do my clothes become impure in this situation?

A: No, because typically, the food dishes do not contain any impure substance. So, your clothes remain clean.

Q5: What if a dog sniffed or touched my clothes? Will my clothes become impure?

A: Note below:

- Yes, a dog is a najas (impure) animal.
- If the dog puts his saliva or his nose-water on your clothes, then they become impure.
- You need to wash the impure area of your clothes 3 times and wring it each time.



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Q6: Suppose that my rug gets impure through urine, and the urine is absorbed inside it. I cannot wring the rug. What to do?

A: Well, note below:

- If the urine is just at the surface and not absorbed, then just pour water once to wash away the urine
- If the urine is a little bit absorbed, then just pour water thrice in sequence
- If the urine is well absorbed, then pour water and wait for it to dry. Then repeat this action two more times.

Q7: My mother sends me to the market every day. Sometimes, she sends me twice or thrice a day mostly because she forgets to tell me all the stuff in one go. I am tired of this activity. What to do?

A: Well, note below:

- The Quran instructs us Muslims to respect our parents in every way
- You can never repay what your parents have done for you
- According to a Hadith (Nasai: 3104), Paradise lies under the feet of your mother – what this means is that you can get Paradise by attending and taking care of all the needs of your mother
- So, in this context, even if your mother tells you to go to the market 5 times a day, you should go without complaining.
- In fact, you should do it happily.

Q8: Ah Ok. JazakAllah khayr. I will go happily now. But sometimes, I am studying so what to do in that situation?

A: Ah! Note below:



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- You should tell your mother that you are studying and can go to the market a bit later
- Your mother would care for your studies and she will understand inshaAllah.

Q9: Oh ok. So, what is a good time to go to the market?

A: Well, note below:

- It is safe to go to the market during the day before the sun sets.
- If the market is within a closed and safe compound of your household, then you can also visit the market after sunset
- However, you should ensure that your Salah in the masjid or home does not get affected due to your buying – don't delay your Salah due to buying.

Q10: That's good. And what has Islam said about the markets?

A: Well, note below:

- Islam recommends adopting the profession of trading (buying and selling)
- Islam has specified a lot of rules for honest trading – you can get rich inshaAllah if you work hard and trade honestly.
- Islam is the only religion which has comprehensively described the rules of trading.
- However, remember that markets (super markets, marts, bazaars, malls, etc.) are places which are not liked by Allah ﷻ - and mosques are places which are liked the most by Him



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Q11: Hey! Wait a minute! Allah ﷻ does not like markets. Why is that? I thought you said that Islam recommends trading.

A: Well:

- Who said that Allah ﷻ does not like markets because of trading?
- It is Allah ﷻ Himself who has specified rules for trading – so how can He not like markets because of trading?

Q12: Ah! Yes, you are right. Then, tell me what is the reason that Allah ﷻ does not like markets.

A: Well, it's basically because sinning becomes easy in markets. Note below:

- **Reason 1: Sinning:**
 - In markets, it is easy to get busy in trading that you miss your Salah and other worship (zikr, Quranic recitation etc.)
 - In markets, the devil and nafs become strong – they can convince you to leave your Salah to wait for customers, or to serve current customers
 - The devil can also convince you to leave Salah altogether (نستغفر الله) to earn for your family through trading.
- **Reason 2: Earning Haraam:**
 - The markets can convince you to leave worship and to adopt haraam (illegal) methods of trading to beat others
 - In other words, the devil can pump you up to do everything possible to earn more money (and forget about honesty and worship).
- **Reason 3: Indecent Gazing:**
 - It is very easy to do improper and indecent gazing (بدنظري) at the opposite gender in markets



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- In markets, men can easily stare at disallowed (naa-mahrum - نامحرم) females and females can easily stare at disallowed men.

Q13: SubhanAllah! I didn't realize all of this. What should I do to reduce this potential sinning?

A: Well, note below:

- Try to buy as quickly as possible and then return home
- Spend as little time in the market as possible.
- Learn to lower your gaze in the market (and everywhere else outside your house).
- Boys and men should not look at saleswomen or female customers with any bad intention
- Girls and women should not look at salesmen or male customers with any bad intention

Q14: Sometimes, my parents buy things from a shopping mall and then we have food and snacks there. Hence, we spend more time in the mall, which is not good (as you said).

A: My dear, consider the following:

- Eating out is a family outing – and Islam does not stop you from going out as a family – in fact, it is recommended if it gets the family together.
- However, Islam does not recommend eating out at places where there is an increased chance of sinning, e.g., the bazaars.
- You should try to eat at other places which are more secluded and which allow you to maximize your hasanah and minimize your sins.
- Also, do istighfaar at the end.



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Q15: Ok, I think you should tell me how to buy the daily food (bread, eggs, milk etc.) as per Islamic rules. For this, first tell me how I should leave the house and go towards the market.

A: Well, following is the sequence of steps:

- Read the supplication for leaving the house: بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ
- Put your left foot out of the house first, followed by the right foot.
- Walk briskly – your gait should be neither fast nor slow.
- Walk to the right side of your path.
- Give way to others if they want to cross you
- Avoid staring at people while you walk – in this way, you will save yourselves from indecent gazes.
- If you are not on the phone, then you can do Allah’s zikr while going towards the market.
- If you meet anyone who needs help, then try your best to help that person

Q16: Ok, how do I take care of the money or bank card from which I will pay?

A: Well, do below:

- Use a wallet to keep your money/cards
- Be on alert regarding pickpockets.
- You can also ask your parents to sew a secret pocket in your dress for money/cards
- Then, if a robber or pickpocket attacks you, your belongings can be saved through the secret pocket.
- The secret pocket can also save your mobile phone.



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Q17: Ok that's informative. Now, tell me what is the criteria for selecting a shop?

A: Note below:

- Select a shop which is near to your house
- Select a shop whose shopkeeper keeps good behavior with the customers
- Select a shop whose shopkeeper is honest – there might be shopkeepers who have a good behavior, but they are not honest.
- You can also ask others in your residential area regarding the better shops/stores.

Q18: Ah! Ok. Now, tell me which supplication to read in the markets?

A: Read the following once, on reaching the market.

Dua When Entering The Marketplace

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ
وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ
بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ (توبتي)

The translation is:

There is none worthy of worship except Allah, Alone, without partner, to Him belongs the dominion, and to Him is all the praise He gives life and causes death, He is Living and doe, not die, in His Hand is the good, and He has power over all things.



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Q19: Ok, and what will I get for reciting this?

A: Well, according to Tirmidhi 3428 and 3429:

- Allah ﷻ will give you one million rewards in Paradise (hasanah)
- Allah ﷻ will wipe away one million sins from your book of deeds
- Allah ﷻ will raise a million ranks for you
- Allah ﷻ will build a house in Paradise for you.

Q20: MaashaAllah! This is incredible. And will I get the double of this reward if I read the supplication twice?

A: There is no scarcity in the treasures of Allah ﷻ. If you believe in your heart that He will reward you with double, inshaAllah He will reward you with double.

Q21: Ok, now tell the adaab of shopping:

A: They are as follows:

- Always select an item which is neither too expensive nor too cheap
- Bargain with the shopkeeper to reduce the price as much as he can (this is allowed in Islam)
- If the price is fixed, then buy the item – don't argue about the price
- First make the payment, then take your items from the shopkeeper
- While buying, make sure that the item is not defective in any way (e.g., stale bread, expired medicine etc.)
- Allow customers before you to complete their shopping – don't start your transaction while the shopkeeper is serving others.



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- Be patient and wait for your turn as much as you need to – don't fret or get impatient.

Q22: If I bought something and took it home, and then found it to be defective, can I return it?

A: Yes, you can. And the shopkeeper should accept it since he sold you a defective thing.

والله اعلم بالصواب