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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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IMPORTANCE OF WATER

Allah Almighty the Wise has created everything for a good purpose and reason. He has created some of them in a large quantity according to its necessity, one of them is Water.

Water is the main key for human uses, without it, life is half-way. That's why it is considered as a gift from Allah. So it is necessary to use it according to its obligations and requirements and avoid wasting it.

While performing ablution (Wudhu or Ghusl) or any further work, we must use sufficient water without wasting it according to Islamic Law. Allah Almighty and His Messenger (peace be upon him) have forbidden us from extravagance (Al Israaf).

*Al Israaf (extravagance or transgression) means being excessive or to misuse something.

It is mentioned in the Holy Quran:

يَا بَنِي آدَمَ خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ عِنْدَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَكُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ

O Descendants of Adam! Adorn yourself when you go to the mosque, and eat and drink, and do not cross limits; indeed He does not like the wasters. (S:7 V:31)

Once the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) passed by Hadhrat Sa'ad (May Allah be pleased with him) when he was performing wudhu. He said, what wastage is this? Hadhrat Sa'ad said, is there wastage in wudhu also? The Holy Prophet said: Yes, even if you are at a flowing river. [Ibn-e-Maajah]

In the same book (Ibn-e-Maajah] there is a narration that the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) passed by a person performing Wudhu. He said, do not waste (water), and do not use more water than you need it.

The Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) always used to take full precaution in using water while performing Wudhu, habitually he used 6 muds (3 cups) for Wudhu and 30 muds for Ghusl. [Muslim]

So, it is very important to save not to waste.

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