

## The Fourth Woman

- 1) The fourth women whose feet clung to her breasts and her hands to her forehead did not wash herself after sexual intercourse or finishing menstruation, and she made fun of prayer.

### Angels of mercy do not enter the house

Ali (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated the Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) saying, “Angels do not enter a house which has pictures (of living beings), dogs or the impure (junub).”<sup>i</sup>

One should also be aware of the fact that angels of mercy do not enter the house of one who stays without performing ghusl (when it is Fardh for them to perform ghusl i.e. Junub). There will be no blessings in one’s livelihood and it is feared that one will suffer from poverty. One should also be aware of the fact that angels of mercy will not enter the house of those who keep photographs of living creatures (humans, animal’s etc.) displayed. Also of those who keep dogs in their homes.

Angels of mercy do not enter the house in which unclean people reside. Have mercy on yourselves, fear Allah (The Exalted), and remember the hereafter. Make the intention, that as from today you will stop the above mentioned, which displease Allah (The Exalted) and His beloved Prophet (may Allah bless him and grant him peace).

### Punishment in the grave

Once a person’s sister passed away, after the burial the brother remembered he had dropped his money bag in the grave. He came to the grave of his sister and dug to get the money bag. He saw in the sister’s grave that flames were raging from the grave. He quickly placed the soil and disheartened went to his mother and asked, “O mother! How were the deeds of my sister?”

The son explained what had happened at the grave. Listening to this the mother whom burst into tears said, “Shame! Your sister was lazy for prayer and would offer the prayer out of its time.”<sup>1</sup>

### Advice from Shaytan

A pious person once saw Shaytan and asked: “Tell me how I can become like you!” The Shaytan replied “Be lazy in offering Salaah and take false oaths.” The pious person replied, “I promised that I will never miss Salaah and never give false oath.” Shaytan said: “I also promise I will never advise a person”<sup>2</sup>

### Enter the Hell fire

The one missing prayer will be punished twice. This type of person will wake up on the day of judgement with both hands tied around the neck and the angels will beat the person. Paradise will say “You are not from me and nor am I from you” then hell will say “You are from me and I am from you, I swear by Allah, the exalted, I will punish you severely.” At this moment the doors of hell will be opened and will enter as fast as an arrow leaves a bow. The person will be hit with a large hammer on the head and will be in the same place in the hell fire as firoun, Haman and Qaroon.

### Lightest punishment

Whosoever receives the lightest punishment on the day of judgement will be given shoes of fire with which the brains will boil. The person will think that he has been given the most punishment; Allah will ask “If the earth belonged to you, would you give it away to be freed from this punishment?” The person will say “yes”.

### Perform ablution before sleeping

‘Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) told the Messenger of Allah (may Allah bless him and grant him peace) that “I became Junub (impure) at night,” and he was told, “Perform ablution, after washing your private parts, and then sleep.”<sup>ii</sup> However, both partners must perform bath before fajr Salaah.

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<sup>1</sup> Muqashifatul Quloob

<sup>2</sup> Tambiyul Ghafileen

- It is fardh upon both partners to make ghusl after having intercourse and it is best to bathe before sleeping. <sup>iii</sup>
- If one cannot make ghusl then Wudhu will suffice and ghusl should be made later. It must be remembered that one can stay without ghusl only until twilight (before fajr Salaah as Allah curses those who bathe after Fajr whilst missing the Salaah).

### **Cleanliness is half of Iman**

‘A’isha (may Allah be pleased with her) narrates the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying, “The religion is based on cleanliness.”<sup>iv</sup>

### ***Three obligatory aspects of bathing***

There are three obligatory aspects in bathing, and are as follows;

1. To perform mouthwash so that every single part of the inside of the mouth from the beginning of the lips upto the throat is cleaned with water. Water must reach the gaps between the teeth, the gums, all the sides of the tongue and the edge of the throat. If you are not fasting then you must gargle so that the water reaches clearly all parts. If there is anything stuck in the teeth (like strands of meat, the skin of a betel nut, the leaf of a paan etc.) then unless it is impossible to release or would cause serious pain it is necessary that they are removed, because without doing this the bath won’t count and therefore the Salaah won’t count.
2. To clean the nose out with water. Meaning to suck up water into both nostrils until it reaches the bone, so that not even a hair or it’s equivalent size remains dry, otherwise the bath will not count. If the nose is pierced then the water must reach the hole as this is also necessary. If mucus has dried in the nose then to release it is necessary and to wash the nostril hair is also necessary.
3. To wash every single part of the body. Meaning to make sure water washes all the body upto and including the soles of the feet, ensuring that every hair and every pimple is washed, because even if only one hair or it’s point’s equivalent remains dry, the bath will not count.

### ***What aspects makes it obligatory to bathe***

There are five aspects that make it obligatory for a person to have a bath, and they are as follows;

1. The ejaculation of sperm from it’s place with lust.
2. To have a wet dream. Meaning nocturnal emission that is the releasing of sperm whilst sleeping.
3. The head of the penis to enter the vagina, whether it be with or without lust, with or without orgasm, the bathing would be obligatory on both.
4. To become clean from menstrual pause (period).
5. To become clean from blood after child birth.

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<sup>i</sup> Abu Dawood

<sup>ii</sup> Bukhari

<sup>iii</sup> Bukhari

<sup>iv</sup> Ibn Hibban, a weak hadith.