

Is Istinja Required After Breaking Wind?

Darulifta Ahlesunnat (Dawateislami)

Question

What do the noble scholars and jurists of Islamic law say about the following: It is necessary to perform istinjā after passing gas? Can salāh not be offered without performing istinjā?

Answer

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ
الْجَوَابُ بِعَوْنِ الْمَلِكِ الْوَهَّابِ اَللّٰهُمَّ هِدَايَةَ الْحَقِّ وَالصَّوَابِ

Breaking wind from the rear passage nullifies wudū. However, unless any impurity passes with the wind, there is no need to perform istinjā, and it is sufficient to renew wudū for salāh. In this case, it is incorrect to consider istinjā necessary because it is not sunnah to perform istinjā after breaking wind; rather, it is a bid‘ah.

Ra‘īs al-‘Ulamā, ‘Allāmah Muḥammad ‘Abid Bin Aḥmad Sindhi Madanī رحمه الله تعالى عليه (d. 1257 AH/1841 CE) writes:

فلا يسن الاستنجاء من ریح خارج من الدبر بغير بلل فان عينها طاهرة وإنما تقضت لانبعاتها من موضع النجاسة والاستنجاء منها بدعة (Tawālī‘ al-Anwār Sharh al-Durr al-Mukhtār, Book of purification, Chapter of istinjā, Vol. 01, p. 401, Manuscript) ‘Allāmah Abū al-Khair, Muftī Muḥammad Nūrullah Na‘īmī Basīrpūri رحمه الله تعالى عليه (d. 1403 AH/1983 CE) writes:

هو اسے جسم آلودہ نہیں ہوتا، لہذا استنجا کی ضرورت نہیں اور شلووار دھونی بھی ضروری نہیں۔

Translation: Wind does not pollute the body, hence, there is no need for istinjā or to wash the shalwar. (Fatāwā Nūriyah, Vol. 01, p. 125, Publ. Faqīh A‘zam Publications Basīrpūr, Okara)

وَاللّٰهُ اَعْلَمُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَرَسُوْلُهُ اَعْلَمُ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ

(Allah Almighty knows best and His Messenger صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ knows best.)

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