
Impurities upon one's clothing whilst Praying

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Questioner: If a person finds some impurity upon his clothes after he has finished Praying in it, does the Prayer have to be prayed again?

Shaykh Abdul-Azeez ibn Baaz (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ)¹: Whosoever prays, and is unaware that there are impurities upon his body or his clothes during the Prayer, but only realises after he has completed it, then his Prayer will be deemed as correct, according to the most correct position of the Scholars. Similarly, if he was aware of such impurities before the Prayer, but then forgot about this at the time of praying and did not remember except after the Prayer, then his Prayer likewise will be correct. Allaah – the Mighty and Majestic said: **“Our Lord! Do not take us to task if we forget or fall into error.”**² It has been authentically related about Allaah’s Messenger sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam, that one day he sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam led the people in Prayer, wearing his shoes. Then the angel Jibreel came to him during the Prayer and informed him that there was some dirt on his shoes. So the Prophet sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam removed them and continued with his Prayer and he did not repeat the Prayer. This is part of the ease which Allaah – the One free from all defects – has given to His servants out of His Mercy for them. However, if a person forgets that he had passed wind, then Prays in that state, he must – by ijmaa’ (consensus) of the Scholars – repeat his Prayer again, when he remembers. This is due to the saying of the Prophet sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam: **“The Prayer will not be accepted without purification nor will charity be accepted from wealth that is unlawful.”** This has been related by Muslim in his Saheeh (1/140) and the Prophet sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam’s saying: **“The Prayer of any one of you who has released wind will not be accepted, until he makes wudhoo (ablution).”** Related by al-Bukhaaree and Muslim.

¹ (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² Soorah al-Baqarah 2:286