
Not limiting the performance of tayammun to soil alone

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Sukainah, the daughter of Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ said, “I asked my father (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ), ‘One of the female callers [*daa’iyah*] said in a fiqh lesson that the best gift that you can give to a sick person who cannot perform ablution is a bag of soil, or a container that has soil in it, so that (s)he can perform dry ablution [tayammun] from it. And likewise, a traveller should carry some soil with him in order to perform tayammun with it. What is your opinion?’

So (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) he answered, ‘According to this school of thought when the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) travelled from Madeenah to Tabuk he should have taken some soil with him so he could perform tayammun with it!

This is futile.

For there are two mistakes: the first is to limit the performance of tayammun to soil alone, for it is possible for a person to strike a wall once and the matter is over.

The second is that this is a new classification which has no basis. For it has not been reported that they would carry soil with them in their journeys.

This is a modern-day feigning of knowledge, due to the lack of striving and working hard to acquire it.”²

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

² Original article taken from her blog: <http://tamammennah.blogspot.com>