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Is Taharah a condition for visiting graves?

The second question of Fatwa no. 6187

Q 2: What is the ruling on a person who visits Al-Masjid Al-Nabawy (the Prophet's Mosque in Madinah) in a state of Wudu' (ablution) and visits Al-Baqi' and the rest of the sites without Wudu'. Is there any blame on him for that?

A: There is no blame on him; visiting Al-Baqi' or the Martyrs of Uhud does not require that the visitor has Wudu'. It is Mustahab (desirable) to visit graves, but Taharah (ritual purification) is not a condition. This is due to the general meaning of the Hadith of the Prophet (peace be upon him): (Visit the graves for they remind you of the Hereafter.) (Related by Muslim in his Sahih [Authentic Hadith Book])

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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