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مَنْ أَكَلَ لَحْمًا فَلْيَتَوَضَّأْ

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Al-Qaasim the freed slave of Mu'aawiyah (رضي الله عنه)¹ said, "I entered Damascus and saw a group of people who had gathered and there was a Shaykh speaking to them. So I said, 'Who is that?' They said, 'Sahl ibn Handhaliyyah (رضي الله عنه).' So I heard him say, 'I heard the Messenger of Allaah (صلى الله عليه وسلم)² say, 'Let whoever eats meat perform ablution [wudoo].'"³

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)⁴ said, "The matter mentioned in the hadeeth is a recommendation except if [that which is eaten] is camel meat, since then it is obligatory, due to the fact that differentiating between it and other meat has been established [in a hadeeth]. For they asked him (صلى الله عليه وسلم) about performing ablution after [eating] camel meat and he (صلى الله عليه وسلم) replied, "Perform ablution." And [they asked him (صلى الله عليه وسلم) about performing ablution after eating] sheep's meat, and he (صلى الله عليه وسلم) replied, "If you want.""⁵

¹ (رضي الله عنه) (rad iyallaahu `anhu) May Allaah be pleased with him

² (صلى الله عليه وسلم) May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him

³ Silsilah no.2322 Hasan

⁴ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

⁵ Reported by Muslim and others

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