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## Mentioning the name of Allaah in the bathroom

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Questioner: “What is the ruling on mentioning the name of Allaah before wudhoo in the bathroom?”

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ)<sup>1</sup>: “You mean for example in a small room, two by two metres, with a toilet on one corner and a washbasin on the other side in which you make wudhoo?”

Questioner: “Yes.”

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ): “There is no problem with that at all, because the problem is only with mentioning Allaah (عز وجل)<sup>2</sup> during the time he is sitting to relieve himself. This is the forbidden thing. But if he has finished and cleaned himself, and goes to the washstand and must mention the name of Allaah at that time, then there is nothing (wrong) in that, because this place is not the toilet, (rather) it is the bathroom. The toilet is in the corner; so if one sits there to relieve himself, then during this sitting it is forbidden for him to mention Allaah (عز وجل). Otherwise, just before that – before raising his garment – he must mention the name of Allaah, he must seek refuge in Allaah. So if he sits to relieve himself, it is forbidden for him to mention Allaah (عز وجل). When he finishes, what does he say? ‘Ghufraanaka.’<sup>3</sup> When he has said that and steps toward the other side of the bathroom, then he can mention Allaah and say whatever adhkaar<sup>4</sup> he wants.”

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<sup>1</sup> (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah have mercy on him

<sup>2</sup> (عز وجل) (Azza wa Jaal) Mighty and Majestic is He

<sup>3</sup> Ghufraanaka: I seek your forgiveness

<sup>4</sup> Adhkaar: remembrance (of Allaah)