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

Question: As it relates to listening to the Qur'aan from a radio device while the person is in the bathroom, is it a sin to listen to it or not?

Shaykh ibn Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹: There is no harm in him listening to it if the reciter is outside of the bathroom. If the recorded voice is outside of the bathroom, and the radio is outside of the bathroom, while he is listening to the Qur'aan or beneficial hadeeth, while he is in this condition there is nothing wrong with this. It is only hated to speak or recite it. As for his listening to a recording which is outside of the bathroom or a radio which is outside of the bathroom, so he benefits from this time, there is nothing wrong with this.

And some of the Imaams have mentioned, and I believe it was Abul Abbass Shaykh of Islaam ibn Taymeeyah (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ), narrated from his grandfather Al Majd that he used to order some of the recitors to recite outside of the bathroom while he was in the bathroom, so he could listen in order for him not to waste his time while he was in the bathroom. And this is from great diligence upon listening to knowledge. Thus the student of knowledge listening to knowledge or the Qur'aan while he is in the bathroom from a radio which is outside of the bathroom, or a recording outside of the bathroom, is no problem.

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

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