
Using Zamzam water to perform ablution

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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ was asked, “If a person going on Hajj only has some Zamzam water with him when the time for prayer becomes due, can he perform wudoo [ablution] with it or should he perform tayammum [dry ablution] because Zamzam water is blessed and should only be drunk?”

He (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) replied, “In a hadeeth from the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)² about Zamzam it is mentioned that, ‘**The water of Zamzam is for whatever it is drunk for,**’ but it has been said that from its blessings is that a person can purify himself with it for prayer, so it is permissible for him to perform ablution with it and there is no harm in that, and it is not permissible for him to turn away from that to tayammum as long as there is water present.”³

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

² (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu ‘alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

³ Fataawaa Nurun-’Alad-Darb, CD.