

Whether Friday bath is obligatory for women

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

Questioner: Whether she prays at home or in the mosque, is the Friday bath [ghusl] obligatory for a woman?

Shaykh Muqbil ibn Haadee al-Waadi'ee (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ replied, "What is apparent is that it is obligatory [waajib], because it has been reported in the Saheeh² that the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)³ said, "Ghusl (taking a bath) on Friday is compulsory for every Muslim reaching the age of puberty," and it has also been reported that, "It is a right upon the Muslims that they should take a bath every week ..." or something with that meaning [i.e., the Shaykh is quoting from memory so he is saying maybe the exact wording of the hadeeth is different; here is the wording from Bukhaaree which the Shaykh was referring to, "It is Allaah's right on every Muslim that he should take a bath (at least) once in seven days,"⁴.

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

² Saheeh Bukhaaree no. 858 and Saheeh Muslim

³ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (sallallaahu 'alayhi wa sallam) May the peace and blessings of Allaah the Most High be upon him

⁴ Saheeh Bukhaaree no. 898