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Intro to Fiqh

The Basics

Fiqh – Islamic Jurisprudence

- ▶ Fiqh means “to comprehend” or “understand”
- ▶ Within an Islamic context, fiqh refers to the science of the extraction and explanation of Islamic law.
- ▶ 4 main sources of fiqh
 - ▶ Quran (primary source)
 - ▶ Sunnah (primary source)
 - ▶ Ijma (scholarly consensus)
 - ▶ Qiyas (juristic analogy)
- ▶ Various branches of fiqh cover
 - ▶ 1. ibadah (worship) 25%
 - ▶ 2. muamalat (business dealings)
 - ▶ 3. muasharat (dealings with people)

Understanding Sharia

- ▶ Sharia – literally means a never-ending source of water
- ▶ Islamic context it refers to the doctrines and regulations which Allah has legislated through one of His messengers.
- ▶ How do fiqh and sharia tie together? **Fiqh is the understanding of those rulings.**
- ▶ CRUCIAL for us to understand because of the Islamaphobia.
- ▶ https://www.newislamicdirections.com/nid/news/sharia_is_nothing_to_fear

Ibadat

- ▶ Ibadat is a branch of fiqh. It includes:
 - ▶ The book of Tahara (purification)
 - ▶ The book of Salah (prayer)
 - ▶ The book of Zakah (charity)
 - ▶ The book of Sawm (fasting)
 - ▶ The book of Hajj
- ▶ It is vital that we review all of these. As a reminder and to make sure we are doing it correctly.

Path to Sunnah

Introduction to Pearls of Purity - Tahara

Tahara - Purification

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ التَّوَّابِينَ وَيُحِبُّ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ

“Indeed Allah loves those who repent and loves those who purify themselves.” – Baqarah Ayah 22

- ▶ There are different types of impurity and TOOLS to purify oneself:
 1. Purity from shirk – Kalima
 2. Purity from sins – Tawbah and tears
 3. Purity from najasa - Water

Purity vs. Cleanliness

- ▶ **Clean** – removal of something that is pure, but may be disliked.
 - ▶ Examples: Dirt, sweat, garlic etc.



- ▶ **Pure** – removal of something that is najas or impure (as defined by sharia).
 - ▶ Examples: Blood, urine, stool, etc.



Understanding Impurity

- ▶ Impurity can be divided into 2 types
- ▶ Physical impurity (najasah)
 - ▶ **Visible** substance like blood, vomit, pus, stool, urine etc.
 - ▶ Remove by washing out with water.
- ▶ Ritual impurity (hadath)
 - ▶ **Non visible** state that results from particular acts. It effects the entire body.
 - ▶ Examples: Sleeping, bleeding, using the bathroom, etc.
 - ▶ You remove by doing WUDU or GHUSL

Wudu

- ▶ Ritual purity is a basic condition for worship
 - ▶ Without wudu you cannot:
 1. Pray
 2. Touch the Quran
 3. Do tawaf
 - ▶ **WUDU itself is an act of worship**
 - ▶ **Wudu is the foundation of salah. If your wudu is deficient, your salah is deficient.**
- “Oh you who believe, when you stand for prayer, (wash) your faces, (wash) your arms to the elbows, wipe your heads, and (wash) your feet to the ankles.” Quran 5:6

Benefits of Wudu

- ▶ Washes away our sins from each limb
- ▶ “When a Muslim, or a believer, washes his face (in the course of Wudu), every sin which he committed with his eyes, will be washed away from his face with water, or with the last drop of water; when he washes his hands, every sin which is committed by his hands will be effaced from his hands with the water, or with the last drop of water; and when he washes his feet, every sin his feet committed will be washed away with the water, or with the last drop of water; until he finally emerges cleansed of all his sins.” [Muslim]
- ▶ Rasulullah ﷺ will recognize his Ummah from their traces of Wudu.

