

Q: 101 – Question : I would like to ask few questions about women's Tahaarat:

1. Can a woman enter Masjid-al-Haram/Masjid-an-Nabawi or any other mosque during her periods?
2. In case not, what if someone has entered Masjid-al-Haram during such a condition?
3. Some children ask their mothers why they are not offering prayers. Is it allowed if one offers prayers in these days just to make an impression on their children?

Answer

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

As-sal?mu 'alaykum wa-rahmatullahi wa-barakatuh.

Answer to:

1. A woman is not allowed to enter Masjid-al-Haram/Masjid-an-Nabawi or any other mosque during her menses.[3]
2. If she did enter during her menses, she will be sinful although there is no penalty on her. She should make sincere Taubah (repentance) for such an act which also entails making a firm intention not to repeat such a sin again.[4]
3. A woman is not allowed to offer prayers in the days of her menses even if she does not intend performing actual Salaah but only does the actions to make an impression on her children that she is performing Salaah. What she should do is make Wudhu (ablution) and only sit on her Musallah (prayer mat) or in the place she normally performs Salaah (e.g. the corner of her room or what is referred to as 'the Salaah room'). In fact, it is Mustahab (commendable) for her to do this every time she is in menses and not only when she wants to make an impression on the children.[5]

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