

HADITH STUDIES

Cleansing after Defecation

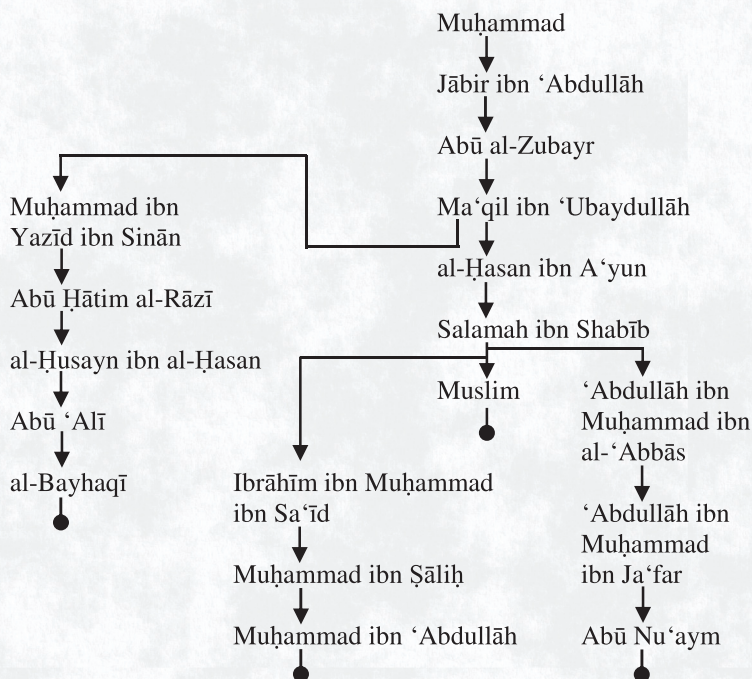
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حدثني سَلَمَةُ بْنُ شَبِيبٍ حَدَّثَنَا الْحَسَنُ بْنُ أَغْيَنَ حَدَّثَنَا مَعْقِلٌ وَهُوَ بَنُ عُبَيْدٍ
اللَّهُ الْجَزَرِيُّ عَنْ أَبِي الزُّبَيْرِ عَنْ جَابِرٍ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
الِاسْتِجْبَارُ تَوَّ وَرَمَى الْجَبَارُ تَوَّ وَالسَّيُّ بَيْنَ الصَّفَا وَالْمَرْوَةِ تَوَّ وَالطَّوْفُ تَوَّ وَإِذَا
اسْتَجْبَرَ أَحَدُكُمْ فَلْيَسْتَجِرْ بِتَوَّ

Jābir stated: “God’s Messenger said: ‘Cleaning with mud-stones after defecation should be once only; the *ramī* of the columns should be once; the *sa’ī* between Ṣafā and Marwā should be once; the *ṭawāf* should be once. When anyone of you cleans yourself with mud-stones after defecation, he should do it once only.’”¹

Following is the schematic illustration of the *isnād* of this narrative’s variants:

1. Muslim, *Al-Jāmi‘ al-ṣaḥīḥ*, vol. 2, 945, (no. 1300). See also: Abū Nu‘aym, *Al-Musnad al-mustakhrāj*, vol. 3, 380, (no. 3002); Al-Bayhaqī, *Al-Sunan al-kubrā*, vol. 5, 90, (no. 9104).



Abū al-Zubayr Muḥammad ibn Muslim ibn Tadrus al-Makkī (d. 116 AH) is a *mudallis* and variants have his *‘an‘anah*.² Also though Abū al-Zubayr is regarded as trustworthy by many authorities, here is the *jarḥ* recorded on him by al-Mizzī:³ In the opinion of Nu‘aym ibn Ḥammād, Ayyūb al-Sakhtiyānī regards him to be weak and in the opinion of Aḥmad ibn Ḥanbal, Sufyān ibn ‘Uyaynah regards him to be weak. Ibn Abī Ḥātim’s opinion about him is: *yuktabu ḥadīthuhū wa lā yuḥtajju bihī*. Abū ‘Adī says that though he is reliable yet he has reported some narratives from *du‘afā’*.

Shu‘bah has regarded Abū al-Zubayr to be *ḍa‘īf* as well.⁴

2. Ibn Ḥajar, *Taqrīb al-tahdhīb*, 506.

3. Al-Mizzī, *Tahdhīb al-kamāl*, vol. 26, 407-410.

4. Al-Tirmidhī, *Al-‘Ilal al-ṣaghīr*, 765.