

The Ruling concerning Water from the Eyes

Q: Taharaat-66: There is a disease of the eyes in which they water continuously for two to three days. Is this fluid from the eyes pure or not and is wudhu nullified by it? I made wudhu after dawn and my eyes were fine when I performed the Fajr salaah. However, when I started to recite Qur'aan and make Dhikr after salaah, my eyes started to ache and water. Can I now perform my Ishraq salaah with the wudhu I made for Fajr? Nothing else happened in between that nullified the wudhu. If I make wudhu after sunrise, until when will it last if nothing happened to nullify it?

Answer: (1) The sticky fluid or pus that the eye discharges nullifies the Wudhu when there is pain and everything that nullifies wudhu is considered to be impure. If there is no pain with the discharge, the wudhu will not be nullified.

If the fluid continues to flow from the eyes throughout the entire duration of the salaah and there is no time during which he can perform salaah without the fluid flowing, the person will be regarded as being a Ma'zoor. However, if the fluid does not flow throughout the time of a salaah and a person has a chance to perform salaah during a time when there is no discharge, he will not be regarded as a Ma'zoor. He will then wait until the fluid stops and then make wudhu and perform salaah.

When a person is a Ma'zoor, he will make wudhu every time the time for a salaah enters and the wudhu will be nullified only when the time for the salaah ends.³ The person will then remain a Ma'zoor for as long as the fluid keeps flowing from the eye and will cease to be one only when the flowing stops for the complete duration of a salaah.

(2) It will be wrong to perform the Ishraq salaah with the wudhu made for Fajr because the time for Fajr ends when the sun rises.

(3) If a Ma'zoor makes wudhu after sunrise, the wudhu will terminate only when the time for Zuhr ends on condition that nothing happened that nullifies wudhu. And Allaah knows best what is most correct.

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