

## ?Does nail polish invalidate wudoo' and do the prayers have to be repeated-103738

سوال

A woman was away from the city, and did not know that the nail polish must be removed to make wudoo' and pray. When she knew she must remove it, she tried to find a nail varnish remover to use but she could not find it. She could not go to the city to buy it either. She was making ablution and praying with it on for one week. What is the ruling on this?

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One of the conditions of tahaarah (purification) being valid is that the water must touch the skin. If there is any barriers such as grease, paint, wax or glue that prevents water reaching the skin, then the tahaarah is not valid and prayers offered in that case are not valid.

The evidence for that is the words of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) to Abu Dharr (may Allaah be pleased with him): "If you find water, then let it touch your skin, for that is good." Narrated by Abu Dawood (332); classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh Abi Dawood.

: Imam al-Shaafa'i (may Allaah have mercy on him) said

If there is on him any mastic or anything thick that will prevent the water from reaching the skin, his washing of that part for wudoo' is not valid, unless he removes it or removes enough so that he knows that there is no barrier to the water touching the skin. End quote.

.Al-Umm (1/44)

: Al-Nawawi (may Allaah have mercy on him) said

If there is wax, dough, henna and the like on one of his limbs, which prevents water from reaching any part of it, then his tahaarah is not valid, whether the amount is large or small. If there are traces of henna and its colour left on the hand, without there being any solid material left, or elsewhere, or traces of liquid grease where by water flows over the limb but does not stay there, his tahaarah is valid. End quote.

.Al-Majmoo' (1/529)

: ItsaysinFataawaal-Lajnahal-Daa'imah(5/218)

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.impermeable,thenwudoo'isvalid,asisthecasewithhenna.Endquote

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findaplacethatsoldit.Shecouldalsohaveremoveditbyusingastrongkitchencleaningagentorbyrubbingit  
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