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## Purification bath for woman in menses who gets into a “Janaaba”

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

**Question:** If a woman, in her menstrual cycle, gets into a “Janaaba”<sup>1</sup> must she have a greater ablution? Or does she wait till she gets clean from the menses and have two greater ablutions?

**Shaykh Aboo `Abd-al-Mu`iz `Alee Farkous al-Qoobee** (*May Allaah preserve him*): Praise be to Allaah, the Lord of the worlds and peace and blessings be upon him who was sent by God as a mercy to the worlds and upon his kins, friends and brothers up to the doomsday, this being so expressed:

What appears from the hadeeth texts (the Prophet’s sayings) is that the woman must have a greater ablution if she gets into a “Janaaba” in general be it in purity state or in menses according to his saying (*May the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him*) to Umm Sulaym, Aboo Talhah’s wife, as she asked him: “Does the woman have to take a purification bath if she has wet dream?” He then said:

**“Yes, if she sees “the water (liquid)”<sup>2</sup>**

So the purification bath was made dependent on the seeing of the water (liquid). And he didn’t go into any details about hypothetical cases. This meant that it covered both cases if we apply the rule: leaving detail in the hypothetical case has to be brought down to the position of a general meaning in its statement. And thus said `Ataa' and An-Nakhaee and Al-Hassan Al-Basree and others. And concerning this question there are surely other statements. This being said, the woman, while she is having a purification bath, doesn’t have to undo her hair, she has but to make the water reach the roots of her hair.

And all science and knowledge belong to Allaah may exalted be he , and our last invocation is to praise Allaah, the Lord of the worlds, and peace and blessings of Allaah be upon our prophet Muhammad and his kins, friends, and brothers up to the doomsday.

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<sup>1</sup>Janaaba: state of impurity caused by sexual intercourse, or a wet dream, or any out of intercourse ejaculation.

<sup>2</sup> Reported by Al-Bukhaaree (282) and by Muslim (738) and At-Tirmidhee (122), and An-Nasaa’ee (198), and Ibn Maajah (643), and Maalik (117) and Ahmad (27260) and Al-Baihaqee (823) from Umm Salama’s hadeeth (*May Allaah be pleased with her*).