

## كِتَابُ الطَّهَارَةِ

# BOOK OF PURIFICATION

### **Significance of Purification in Islam:**

Islam laid a great emphasis on cleanliness of body along with cleanliness of mind because the former leads to the latter. The Glorious Qur'aan stressed a great emphasis on cleanliness and purification. Its significance is mentioned in the Glorious Quraan: *"In it there are men who like to remain pure. Verily Allaah loves the pure ones"*. At-Tuawbah: 9: 108.

*"O one clothed! Arise and warn, and Thy Lord do magnify, and cleanliness do shun"*. Al-Muddathir: 74: 1-5.

*"O you who believe! When you rise up to prayer, wash your faces and your hands..."*  
Al-Maidah: 5: 6.

### **Purification leads one the Paradise:**

The Prayer is compulsory upon every Muslim, man or a woman who reached the stage of puberty. The one, who does not offer five daily prayers after reaching the stage of puberty, is considered disbeliever according to the majority of the jurists and Imaams. Most naturally, the one who does not offer five daily prayers will never take of purity of his body, cloth, or place. Thus such person will be put to the Hell-Fire. Most naturally, the one who offers five daily prayers will be very careful about the purity of his body, cloth, and place. Thus, such person will most certainly go to the Paradise.

The Prophet has also stressed great emphasis on purification and cleanliness of the body, clothes, and place. Purification of the body, cloth, and place is one the main conditions for validity of the Prayer. The Prayer in one of the five pillars of Islam, and it is compulsory to take bath before prayer in case of impurities, and wash of all exposed bodily limbs before each prayer. Islam emphasizes on cleanliness that the Prophet said that no prayer is accepted without purification of bodily impurities, and that cleanliness is half of faith and that it is the door to Paradise.

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: *Cleanliness is half of faith...*<sup>1</sup>

The object is to keep oneself pure externally and internally. External purity leads to internal purity. One can only be healthy if he regularly keeps himself clean. Hence, to pray five times a day one has to perform ablution to offer the prayer. This is one of best way to keep oneself pure and clean.

<sup>1</sup> SAHIH MUSLIM: (Eng.): vol. 1, no. 432.