**FIQH OF MENSTRUATION**

**WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?**

As Muslims, it is important for us to learn about menstruation. The sahabiyat were very serious in learning about this aspect of their lives.

**EDUCATION IS A MUST PERIOD.**

This is a topic mentioned in both the Quran and the Sunnah!

**MENstruation – it’s in the name!** Brothers, fathers, husbands, and sons **MUST** learn about it too!

While menstruating, a Muslimah is prohibited from specific religious practices. Some cultures have instilled prohibitions that are **not** found in the Quran and Sunnah, it can be very confusing to know what a sister can and cannot do while on her period. The following is a list of prohibitions and allowances for menstruating women, taken from both the QURAN and the SUNNAH. These prohibitions are based on no particular school of figh and come from the strongest and majority opinions from the scholars.

**PROHIBITED**

- Salah (including its obligation)
- Fasting (excluding its obligation)
- Touching the mushaf
- Divorce
- Entering the musalah
- Making Tawaf around the Ka’bah
- Intercourse

**PERMISSIBLE**

- Listening to the Quran
- Reciting the Quran from memory
- Making Dua
- Doing Dhikr
- Attending Eid Salah

**FIQH OR FIC?**

1. Some cultures say that a woman is impure and should be isolated from touching others. THIS IS REFUTED BY THE FOLLOWING HADITH.

   Narrated Maimuna (the wife of the Prophet): During my menses, I never prayed, but used to sit on the mat beside the mosque of Allah’s Messenger . He used to offer the prayer on his sheet and in prostration some of his clothes used to touch me. [Sahih Bukhari, Vol. 1, Book 6, Hadith 328]

2. Some cultures say that a husband cannot touch his wife during her period. THIS IS REFUTED MANY TIMES IN THE HADITH.

   Kuraib, the freed slave of Ibn Abbas, reported: I heard it from Maimuna, the wife of the Apostle of Allah : The Messenger of Allah used to lie with me when I menstruated, and there was a cloth between me and him. [Sahih Muslim, Book 3, Hadith 580]

   Narrated ‘Aisha: While in menses, I used to comb the hair of Allah’s Apostle . [Sahih Bukhari, Vol. 1, Book 6, Hadith 284]

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