

# It Is Obligatory to Do *Ghusl* Following Intercourse even if no Ejaculation Takes Place

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If intercourse takes place and there is no ejaculation, is *ghusl*<sup>1</sup> required? Or is it only required if ejaculation takes place?

Praise be to Allaah.

The scholars are unanimously agreed that *ghusl* is required in the event of intercourse. (*Al-Mawsoo'ah al-Fiqhiyyah*, 3/198)

If a man has intercourse with his wife, they must both do *ghusl* even if there is no ejaculation. This was narrated clearly from the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) in the report narrated by Abu Hurayrah (may Allaah be pleased with him), according to which the Prophet of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said, "When a man sits between the four parts (arms and legs of his wife) and has intercourse with her, then *ghusl* is obligatory." Narrated by Al-Bukhaari No. 291, Muslim added (525), "Even if he does not ejaculate."

An-Nawawi said in *Sharh Muslim*: What this hadeeth means is that the obligation of *ghusl* does not depend on the emission of semen, rather when the tip of the penis disappears into the vagina, then *ghusl* becomes obligatory for both the man and the woman. There is no dispute concerning this matter today, although there was a difference of opinion among the *Sahaabah*<sup>2</sup> and those who came after them. Then there arose consensus on what we have mentioned. End quote.

Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymeen (may Allaah have mercy on him) said: It is clear that *ghusl* is required in this case, even if he does not ejaculate. This is something that is not known to many people, so you may find that this has happened to a couple, but they do not do *ghusl*, especially if they are young and have not learned much. This is based on their idea that *ghusl* is only required when ejaculation takes place, but this is wrong. End quote. (*Ash-Sharh al-Mumti'*, 1/223)

It says in *Fataawa al-Lajnah ad-Daa'imah* (5/314), "Among the things that make *ghusl* obligatory for a Muslim are: the emission of semen whilst sleeping; the disappearing of the tip of the penis into the vagina even if no ejaculation takes place; the emission of semen with pleasure when one is awake, even if no intercourse takes place; and menses and *nifaa*s (postpartum bleeding) in the case of a woman, in which case she must do *ghusl* when the bleeding stops." End quote.

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<sup>1</sup> Having a bath.

<sup>2</sup> The Companions of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).