

# Islam Question & Answer

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## 20156 - He had a wet dream but he did not do ghusl because it was very cold

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### the question

I was once sleeping in the afternoon after taking lunch. i had erotic dreams & suffered from nocturnal ejaculation. when the adhan for assar was being given , i woke up. s it was very cold i could not take a bath. i washed the semen off from my pants, did taimyum and continued with my asaar prayers. did i do the right thing? is it necessary to take a bath after having a wet dream or is it suffficeient to wash off the semen & do wadoo to become clean.

In fact in view of the cold i tokk bath only after a few days, & contined to perform salat all these days using the same garment. i hope i have put the problem before u lucidly

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

It is the mercy of Allaah towards His slaves that the obligation to do certain duties no longer applies when one is unable to do them, because Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“Allaah burdens not a person beyond his scope”

[al-Baqarah 2:286]

This also includes not being able to do ghusl when one is junub (in a state of impurity following sexual activity); whoever is not able to do ghusl because he is sick or it is very cold may do tayammum instead and he does not have to repeat his prayers, because of the hadeeth of ‘Amr ibn al-‘Aas who said: “I had a wet dream on a cold night during the campaign of Dhaat al-Salaasil, and I was scared that if I did ghusl I might die. So I did tayammum and prayed, then in the morning my companions mentioned that to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon

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him). He said, 'O 'Amr, you led your companions in prayer when you were junub.' I told him what had kept me from doing ghusl and I said, 'I heard that Allaah says (interpretation of the meaning): "And do not kill yourselves. Surely, Allaah is Most Merciful to you" [al-Nisa' 4:29].' The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) smiled and did not say anything."

(Narrated by Abu Dawood, 334; classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh Abi Dawood, 323; al-Bukhaari narrated it as a mu'allaq report).

If you were in a place where you could not find any means of heating the water and you feared that you might become sick if you did ghusl with cold water, then what you did was correct and you do not have to repeat it.