261957 - If a small child urinates in the tub whilst being given a bath, does he become najis (impure) as a result?

the question

I usually give my son who is 18 months old a shower to wash him. It is an electric shower over the bath. He often urinates while I am washing him. Will his body become impure from the urine that mixes with the water flowing underneath his body? Do I have to turn off the shower, let the water drain away and then wash his body from the other side or is it enough to just keep pouring water from above?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If a small child urinates whilst being washed in a bathtub, this urine will flow into the waste pipe, and the water coming from the tap will help the urine to disappear quickly. If we assume that any part of the bathtub or the child's body became najis (impure) with this urine, then the water coming from the tap will pass over it and render it pure.

On our website we received the following question: Is urinating in the bathtub when having a shower included in the hadeeth that forbids urinating in the place where a person washes himself or is it not, because the water is draining out of the tub?

This question was put to Shaykh Muhammad ibn Saalih al-'Uthaymeen (may Allah have mercy on him) who replied as follows:

"No, this is not included in that hadeeth, because if he urinates, he can pour water over it and the urine will be removed, but he should not start taking his shower until the urine has been removed by pouring water over it.

See the answer to question no. 4026.

And Allah knows best.