78370 - Can You Listen to the Quran in the Bathroom?

the question

Some people, when they are doing Ghusl in the bathroom or going there for another purpose such as relieving themselves, put the recorder on to play tapes of the Glorious Quran so that they may listen to it. Is it permissible to listen to the Quran when one is in the bathroom and uncovering one's `Awrah?

Summary of answer

There is no sin in listening to the Quran when doing Ghusl or relieving oneself, because it is not mentioning Allah inside the toilet as the recorder is outside the bathroom.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

What the scholars have stated as disliked is reading the Quran or remembering Allah in toilets , because these are impure places and are abodes of the devils. The believer should respect his Lord and not mention Him in these places. As for listening to the Quran when doing Ghusl or relieving oneself, there is no sin in it, because it is not mentioning Allah inside the toilet , as the recorder is outside the bathroom.

There are a few reports from the Salaf (may Allah have mercy on them) about their keenness to make good use of their time, from which this ruling may be derived.

Imam Abu Hatim Al-Razi and his son `Abd Ar-Rahman

`Abd Ar-Rahman, the son of Imam Abu Hatim Al-Razi (may Allah have mercy on them both) was asked about his hearing a lot of Hadith from his father, and his asking him a great deal about Hadiths and their narrators. He said: "My father would be eating, and I would read to him, and he

would be walking, and I would read to him, and he would enter the toilet and I would read to him, and he would enter the house looking for something and I would read to him!" (Siyar A`lam An-Nubala', 13/251)

When Al-Majd Ibn Taymiyah, the grandfather of Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyah (may Allah have mercy on them both), went into the toilet, he would tell his son to read and raise his voice, so that he could make use of this time and not waste it without benefiting from it. (Quoted by Ibn Al-Qayyim in Rawdat Al-Muhibbin, p. 65)

For more details, please see the following answers: 297964 , 2532 , 121141 , 286684 , and 78370 .

And Allah knows best.