50059 - Saw Brownish Discharge after Period: Should I Pray and Fast?

the question

My period had ended completely and I did ghusl at night, and intended to fast from the night before, but when I got up to pray Fajr and I was completely pure, suddenly I discharged a white thread and some light brown discharge that could hardly be noticed except from close up, but this did not come whilst I was doing ghusl.
Is this prayer valid or do I have to repeat it? Is my fast of that day valid? Please note that I did not do ghusl after this brownish discharge.

Summary of answer

1. The brownish discharge that comes after the period and after doing ghusl does not matter and is not regarded as menstruation. So your fast is still valid and you do not have to do ghusl after it comes out.
2. The brownish discharge does invalidate wudu. So if you did wudu for Fajr prayer after this came out, then your prayer is valid and you do not have to do anything.
3. If the brownish discharge came out after you did wudu and you did not repeat wudu, then you have to repeat that prayer because you prayed without wudu.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Seeing brownish discharges after period

This brownish discharge that came after doing ghusl does not matter and is not regarded as menstruation. So your fast is still valid and you do not have to do ghusl after it comes out. This is because Umm ‘Atiyyah said: “We did not regard brownish or yellowish discharge after the period ended as being anything that mattered.” (Narrated by Abu Dawood, 307; classed as saheeh by al-

Albani in Saheeh Abi Dawood. Also narrated by al-Bukhari with the words: “We did not regard brownish and yellowish discharge as anything that mattered.”)

Effect of brownish discharges on prayer and fasting

But this brownish discharge does invalidate wudu, so if you did wudu for Fajr prayer after this came out, then your prayer is valid and you do not have to do anything. If it came out after you did wudu and you did not repeat wudu, then you have to repeat that prayer because you prayed without wudu.

Shaykh Ibn Baaz was asked in *Majmoo’ al-Fatawa* (10/214):

I noticed that when doing ghusl following my monthly period, which usually lasts for five days, sometimes a very small amount comes out of me, immediately after doing ghusl. Then after that nothing comes out. I do not know whether I should assume that my regular period is five days and whatever comes after that does not count, and I should fast and pray and I don’t have to do anything else because of that, or I should regard that day as part of my period and not pray and fast then? Please note that this does not always happen, rather it is approximately every two or three cycles.

He replied:

If what comes out of you after you have purified yourself is yellowish or brownish, then it should not be regarded as anything that matters, rather it comes under the same ruling as urine. But if it is obviously blood, then it should be regarded as part of the period, so you have to repeat your ghusl, because of the report from Umm ‘Atiyyah (may Allah be pleased with her), who was one of the companions of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him). She said: “We used not to regard yellowish or brownish discharge after purification as being anything that mattered.”

Shaykh Ibn ‘Uthaymeen (may Allah have mercy on him) was asked in *Fataawa al-Siyaam* (p. 105): A woman says that her period came, then the bleeding stopped on the sixth day from Maghrib until twelve midnight, so she did ghusl on that day and fasted the following day. Then some

brownish discharge came but she fasted that day. Is that to be regarded as part of her period even though her usual period is seven days?

He replied:

This brownish discharge is not part of the period. The brownish discharge that women get after the end of the period is not anything that matters. Umm 'Atiyyah (may Allah be pleased with her) said: “We used not to regard yellowish or brownish discharge after purification as being anything that mattered.”

According to another report: “We used not to regard it as anything that mattered” – and she did not say after purification. Menstruation is blood, not brownish or yellowish discharge.

Based on this, then this woman’s fast was valid, whether that was on the day when she did not see any brownish discharge or on the day when she did see some brownish discharge, because this brownish discharge is not menstruation.

The Standing Committee (10/158) was asked about a woman who became pure (i.e., her period ended) in Ramadan before dawn came, so she fasted that day, then she went to pray at Zuhr and saw some yellowish discharge. Is her fast valid?

They replied:

If she had become pure before dawn then fasted, her fast is valid and the yellowish discharge she noticed after becoming pure does not affect it, because Umm ‘Atiyyah said: “We used not to regard yellowish or brownish discharge after purification as being anything that mattered.”

For more about brownish discharge-related issues, please see these answers: 50430 **,** 37840 **,** 179069 **,** 93772 **.**

And Allah knows best.