

Question:

I have heard that it is not allowed for a male to stand up whilst urinating, can someone please confirm whether or not this is true.

Answer:

The Classical Scholars have two different opinions regarding a male to stand up or sit down whilst urinating.



The First opinion stated that a male to urinate while he is standing up is Makrouh based on the following Evidence(s):

- a) For the Hadith of Ibn Majah which contains a narrator called U'die Bin-ul-Fahdel stated the Messenger (saw) requested a male not to stand up whilst urinating.
- b) For the Hadith of Ahmed and Tirmizi that A'eisha (r) said: Whoever told you that the Messenger urinate sometimes whilst he standing up do not believe him. He always urinates while he is sitting.
- c) For the Hadith of Omar bin-ul-Khattab, which is one of it narrated called Ibn Abi Al-Makhaareq, that Omar said: The Messenger saw me urinate while I was standing up and told me: O' Omar Do not stand up whilst urinating, therefore I did not urinate after his request from me.

The Second opinion stated that a male to urinate while he is standing up is permissible based on the following Evidence(s):-

- a) Reported by Al-Bukhari, Muslim, Ahmad, Abu Dawood, Al-Tirmizi, An-Nasaa-ee and Ibn Majah by the authority of Huzeifah (r) that he was walking with the Messenger Muhammad until we arrive near a dumb area when he urinate while he was standing up, after he finish he ask me to come near to him which I did. Later on he perform his Wudu and he wipe his socks" [Hadith Saheeh].
- b) it has been reported that the following companions use to urinate while they are standing up: Omar bin-ul-Khattab, Zaid bin Thaabit, Ibn Omar, Sahel bin Sa'ed, Anas, Abu Hureirah, Ali bin Abi Taalib. And in addition to them: Ibn Sireen, U'rwah Bin ul-Zubair.
- c) Imaam Ibn ul-Munzir said: I like to urinate while I am sitting but it is permissible to stand up whilst urinating. That is the opinion of Al-Khattabi, Al-Beihaqi and Al-Shafi'ie....
- d) As for the Ahadeeth which left some people to think that to stand up whilst urinating is Makrouh or Makrouh are weak Ahadeeth.

For example the Hadith of Ibn Ma'jah is Dh'eef (weak Hadith) because of the defected narrator U'bid-ul-Fadhel. In addition, for the Hadith of Omar is weak because of its reporter Ibn Abi Makhaareq. As for the Hadith of A'eisha (r) it is not stronger than the Hadith of Huzeifah moreover A'eisha (r) did not the messenger said it is Haraam or Makrouh or he requested all of you not to do so.... A'eisha describe the Messenger etiquette in his home and itself is an evidence that it is permissible i.e. it is a matter of choice to do or not to do.

Therefore, it is permissible for a male to stand up or to sit down whilst urinating on a condition that not to face the Qiblah, and not to urinate on solid concrete or solid places and nor to hold his private part by his right hand.

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