

3. What practice does 'You who believe, when you are about to pray, wash your faces and your hands up to the elbows, wipe your heads, wash your feet up to the ankles' in verse 6 signify?

Answers

1. **What does the title of the Surah (Maidah) mean? Why is the Surah named so?**

The title 'Maidah' means 'The table spread' or 'The feast'. The title relates to food, which is the central theme of this surah and it talks about the regulations of lawful and unlawful food.

2. **When does hunting or slaughtering animals which is otherwise lawful, becomes unlawful?**

Hunting becomes unlawful while performing the pilgrimage, which requires a special state of purity (iḥrām) that prohibits hunting or slaughtering animals, with the exception of sea creatures.

3. **According to Shiite traditions when was the part of the verse: 'Today I have perfected your religion for you, completed My blessing upon you, and chosen as your religion Islam' revealed?**

According to Shiite traditions this verse was reportedly revealed at the site of Ghadīr Khumm in Juhfah, where the Prophet and the rest of the pilgrims had halted on their return journey to Madinah after the final pilgrimage.

4. **What does the Qur'an criticize the Jews and the Christians in verse 18 of and why?**

The Qur'an criticizes the Jews and the Christians for calling themselves the children of God because it ascribes partners to God and defies the concept of 'Tawhid'.

