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Question: What is the ruling concerning the use of toothpaste, ear drops, nose drops and eye drops while one is fasting? If the one who is fasting detects the taste of these in his throat what should he do?

Answer: Cleaning the teeth with toothpaste does not break ones fast even when using the *Siwaak*, though one must make sure not to let anything get into his stomach, but if anything should happen to get into the stomach unintentionally then this does not break the fast. Likewise eye and ear drops do not break ones fast according to the most correct

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statement of the *'Ulamaa*.

If one detects the taste of the drops in his throat, the ruling is for one to be cautious and mindful but it is not obligatory since these drops do not access the stomach like food and drink do, as for nose drops then they are not permissible to use since they can enter the stomach so due to this the Prophet (*may the peace & blessings of Allah be upon him*) said:

(When you make Istinshaaq (to snort water into the nose while making ablution) then snort the water excessively unless you are fasting.)

So the ruling applies to the one who does this based on the narration and by what has been conveyed from its meaning, if one should detect its taste in the throat and Allah is the Protector of Success.

(End of the Shaykhs words)

And **ash-Shaykh Muqbil bin Haadee al-Waadi'ee (rahimahullah)** was asked: What is the ruling concerning the following: Using *Siwaak* and toothpaste?

Answer: As for using the *Siwaak* made of *al-Araak* then there is no harm in it even if it is still green, but in regards to using toothpaste then we advise that it not be utilized during *Ramadhaan*, we do not have evidence that it breaks ones fast but it is incumbent that one prevents anything from passing into his stomach, the Prophet (*may the peace & blessings of Allah be upon him*) said:

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(When you make Istinshaaq (to snort water into the nose while making ablution) then snort the water excessively unless you are fasting.)

Because when one is fasting he should fear water getting through to his stomach.