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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ)¹ was asked, “Does the performance of Tayammum with the earth require that there be dust?” He replied, “According to the most correct opinion, tayammum with the earth does not require dust because Allaah, the Most High, said,

‘... then seek clean earth and wipe over your faces and your hands [with it],’²

and this is general [and applicable] to all times, and it is known that people who are travelling may be on sandy land which is not dusty ... they may be present at a time of rain and when the earth is wet and so there won’t be any dust. So what is correct is that dust is not a condition.”³

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² سورة النساء – Soorah an-Nisaa [4:43]

³ Fataawaa Nurun ’ala-Darb, CD.

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