

Abid (worshiper) – Who Qualifies?

يَا أَحْمَدُ هَلْ تَدْرِي مَتَى تَكُونُ الْعَبْدُ عَابِدًا

O Ahmad^{-saww}! Do you^{-saww} know when the servant becomes a worshipper?

قَالَ لَا يَا رَبِّ

He^{-saww} said: 'No, O Lord^{-azwj}!'

قَالَ إِذَا اجْتَمَعَ فِيهِ سَبْعُ خِصَالٍ وَرَعَّ يَحْجُزُهُ عَنِ الْمَحَارِمِ وَصَمَّتْ يَكْفُهُ عَمَّا لَا يَعْنِيهِ وَخَوْفٌ يَزِدُّهُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ مِنْ بُكَائِهِ وَحَيَاءٌ يَسْتَحْيِي مَنِّي فِي الْخَلَاءِ وَأَكَلَ مَا لَا بُدَّ مِنْهُ وَبُغِضَ الدُّنْيَا لِبُغْضِي لَهَا وَحُبُّ الْأَخْيَارِ لِحُبِّي إِيَّاهُمْ-

He^{-azwj} Said: "When seven characteristics are gathered in him – devoutness cutting him off from the Prohibitions, and silence restraining him from what does not concern him, and fear increasing his crying every day, and modesty embarrassing him from Me^{-azwj} during the isolation, and he eats what there is no escape from, and he hates the world due to My^{-azwj} Hatred for it, and he loves the good people due to My^{-azwj} Love for them.¹ (An extract)

¹ Bihar Al-Anwaar, vol. 74