

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ، وَسَلَّمْ تَسْلِيمًا.

In the Name of Allah^{-azwj} the Beneficent, the Merciful. The Praise is for Allah^{-azwj} Lord^{-azwj} of the Worlds, and Blessing be upon our Chief Muhammad^{-saww} and his^{-saww} Purified Progeny^{-asws}, and greetings with abundant greetings.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَجَلْ فَرَجَهُمْ وَالْعَنُ أَعْدَاءَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ

Abid (worshiper) – Who Qualifies?

An extract from a Hadith is presented defining who becomes an Abid – the worshiper:

يَا أَحْمَدُ هَلْ تَدْرِي مَتَى تَكُونُ الْعَبْدُ عَابِدًا

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

قَالَ لَا يَا رَبِّ

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

قَالَ إِذَا اجْتَمَعَ فِيهِ سَبْعٌ خِصَالٍ وَرَعَّ يَخْجُزُهُ عَنِ الْمَحَارِمِ وَ صَمَتَ يَكْفُمُهُ عَمَّا لَا يَعْنِيهِ وَ خَوْفٌ يَزِدَادُ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ مِنْ بُكَائِهِ وَ حَيَاءٌ يَسْتَحْيِي مِنِّي فِي الْخَلَاءِ وَ أَكَلَ مَا لَا بُدَّ مِنْهُ وَ يُبْعِضُ الدُّنْيَا لِبُغْضِي لَهَا وَ يُحِبُّ الْأَخْيَارَ 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