

## The Hadeeth of Abu Bakr (RadiyahAllaahu an-hu)

On the authority of Ibn 'Umar (RadiyahAllaahu an-humaa), that the Prophet (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) said: "On the Day of Judgment, Allah will not look upon a person who drags his garment out of **Khu-ya-laa'** (pride, conceit, arrogance). [Upon hearing this] Abu Bakr (RadiyahAllaahu an-hu) said: 'O Messenger of Allah (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) one side of my **I-zaar** (lower garment) hangs (below the ankles) if I do not attend to it (i.e. constantly pull it up).' The Prophet (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) said: "**You** are not one of those who do it out of **Khu-ya-laa'** (pride, conceit, arrogance). [al-Bukhaaree, no. 5784]

### Use of the Hadeeth of Abu Bakr (RadiyahAllaahu an-hu) To Avoid the Prohibition of *Is-baal*

**Shaykh Abdul-Aziz ibn Baaz (Rahima-hullaah) said:**

As for his (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) saying to Abu Bakr (RadiyahAllaahu an-hu), when he said: 'O Messenger of Allah! My **I-zar** keeps falling down *unless I take care* (to hold it up); - Then, the Prophet (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) said to him: "Indeed! **You** are not one of those who do so out of conceit/arrogance!" [Al-Bukhaaree, no. 5784]

So his (SallAllaahu Alaihi wa Sallam) point is that whoever **continues** to pull up his garment whenever it falls down, then he is not considered to be of those who drag the garment out of arrogance since he did not **intentionally cause** it to drag (on the ground). Rather, his garment falls (*unintentionally*), and he pulls it up **continuously**. And there is no doubt that such person is **Ma'-dhoor** (excused from blame).

As for one who **intentionally** lets it hang, whether it be a *Bush-t* (a robe-like garment worn over the regular clothing), *Sa-raa-weel* (pants), *I-zaar* (lower garment), or *Qaa-meess* (long shirt) - this falls under the threat (of punishment mentioned in this Hadeeth), and he is **not excused** from blame for dragging his garment. This is because the authentic *Ahaadeeth* that prohibit **Is-baal** include - and apply to - him by way of its *Man-tooq* (explicit wording, text), its *Ma'-naa* (import, general meaning), and its *Ma-qaasid* (intent, purpose, aim).

Therefore, it is **Waa-jib** (obligatory) for every **Muslim male** to beware of **Is-baal** (dragging the garment on the ground) and to have **Taq-wa** (piety, obedience) of Allah in this matter, and avoid allowing his garment to *hang below his ankles* - acting upon these authentic *Ahaadeeth* and protecting oneself from **Allaah's Gha-dab** (Anger) and **I-qaab** (Punishment). And Allaah is the One Who Grants the *Taw-feeq* (Success, in doing what is right)! [**Fataawaa' 'Ulamaa al-Balad al-Haraam**, pgs. 573-574]

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