



# ALI 712: Inspiration from the 'Ibādat performed by the Ahlul Bayt عليهم السلام

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# Imam Ali's 'ibādat

*Bismillah.* Amirul Mu'minīn Ali b. Abi Talib عليه السلام says: In those days Islam [referring to salāt] was observed only in one house, in which Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and Hadrat Khadijah عليها السلام resided, and I was the third one (in the house)." (*Nahjul Balagah*, al-Qāsi'ā sermon)

Imam Ali عليه السلام describes his own 'ibādat:

عَلِيٌّ ع مَا عَبَدْتُكَ طَمَعًا فِي جَنَّتِكَ وَلَا خَوْفًا مِنْ نَارِكَ  
وَلَكِنْ وَجَدْتُكَ أَهْلًا لِلْعِبَادَةِ فَعَبَدْتُكَ

Imam Ali عليه السلام : [O my Lord], I did not worship You out of desire for Your Paradise, nor out of fear of Your Fire; rather, I found You worthy of worship, so I worshipped You.

**Q for R:** is there anything wrong in praying to achieving the Paradise?

# Reflection on 'Ibādat of Imam Ali عليه السلام

*Bismillah.* Long before Muslims were obligated to say the prayers (salat) in Madinah, Imam Ali عليه السلام joined the Holy Prophet ﷺ and Bibi Khadijah عليها السلام in prayers in Makkah. May be at that time he may have been young lad. Though many of us worship Allah ﷻ fearing His wrath or punishment and others worship Him hoping reward and paradise, Imam Ali found Allah worthy of worship. He had acquired the Divine knowledge and understanding of Allah such that he found special pleasure and sense of duty to worship Allah.

Ayatullah Khumayni writes in his *Forty Hadith – an Exposition*: It is well-known (fact) concerning Mawla ('Ali) that an arrow that had pierced his blessed foot and removing which was intolerably painful for him, was taken out when he was engaged in salat and he did not even notice its removal. (Hadith 27, Prayer and Concentration).