

Mystical Explanation of the Truth of Service and its Degrees in the Threshold of the Infallible (as)

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Abstract

Service is one of the valuable subjects that is mentioned in mystical sources as serving the elders and benefiting from the existence of a guide to the most perfect of them, namely, the guardian of God and the perfect man. In this research, we have tried to express the truth of service and its degrees with a mystical approach in a descriptive-analytical method and to clarify its behavioral functions in the sacred threshold of Infallible (as). *Khādim*, *Motakhādim* and *Mostakhdim* are the degrees of service in mysticism, among which *khādim* is the beloved of *Makhdūm* (the one who has been served) and is close to Allah Almighty. According to this research, in the course of mystical behavior with the help of the Infallible Prophet (pbuh) in the position of a perfect human being, the service of a "servant" can lead to his melting in *makhdūm* until his survival after inexistence and the help and guidance of the people. The condition of this behavior is knowledge of the status of a perfect man, obedience, love, devotion and the presence of the heart in the presence of the Infallible (as), which makes the *khādim* similar to the *makhdūm* in terms of behavior, morals and practice.

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