

Al-Ma'roor ibn Suwayd narrates that he once saw Abu Dharr – radi Allaahu 'anhu – wearing a beautiful shawl. His slave standing next to him was wearing a shawl exactly like it, warm and beautiful.

Ma'roor said to Abu Dharr, *“Perhaps you could take the shawl of your servant and give him another (less expensive) one.”*

*“Never,”* said Abu Dharr, *“for I once had a servant whose mother was not Arab and I cursed him and his mother. That servant went to the Messenger of Allah – sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam – complaining of the words I had said.”*

*“When Rasul Allaah – sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam – saw me he commented, ‘O Abu Dharr, you are a man who still has Jahilliyyah (Pre-Islamic Ignorance) in him.’”*

Because of these painful words, Abu Dharr – may Allah be pleased with him - would always dress his servants in the exact same garments that he would wear.