

اَعْظَمَ اللهُ اَجُورَنَا بِمُصَابِنَا بِلُحُسَيْنٍ عَلَيْهِ سَلَامٌ

May Allah(swt) make our reward great, for our grief for
Husayn(as), peace be on him



Our condolences to the Imam of our
time on the martyrdom of his
grandfather Husayn(as)

"Peace be upon al-Husayn who sacrificed
himself up to the last drops of the blood of
his heart. Peace be upon him, who obeyed
Allah secretly and openly... Peace be upon
the son of the Garden of refuge. Peace be
upon the son of Zamzam and al-Safaa.
Peace be upon him who was saturated
in (his) blood ..."

ZIYARAH - AL - NAHIYA



HEROES OF KARBALA

JOHN BIN HUWAI THE SLAVE OF ABU DHARR GHIFFARI

Among the martyrs of Karbala was an Abyssinian by the name of John Bin Huwai. Imam Ali (as) had given John to Abu Dharr Ghiffari. When Abu Dhar passed away, John returned to Imam Ali (as) and became his companion. In the company of Imam Ali (as) he learnt the tafseer of the Quran and the traditions of the Holy Prophet(saw). He was also a Hafiz-e-Quran. After the martyrdom of Imam Ali (as) he stayed with Imam Hassan(as) and then with Imam Hussain (as)

In Karbala, John was always at Imam's side. He was an old man, dark with grey curly hair. Because of his profound knowledge and pleasant manners he was greatly respected by all. On the day of Ashura he repelling the first two attacks from Yazid's. He fought courageously until he attained martyrdom.

"I in the time of prosperity lick what is served on your tables; so, should I in the time of hardship betray you?"

Please my Imam, give me the permission to go to the battle field.



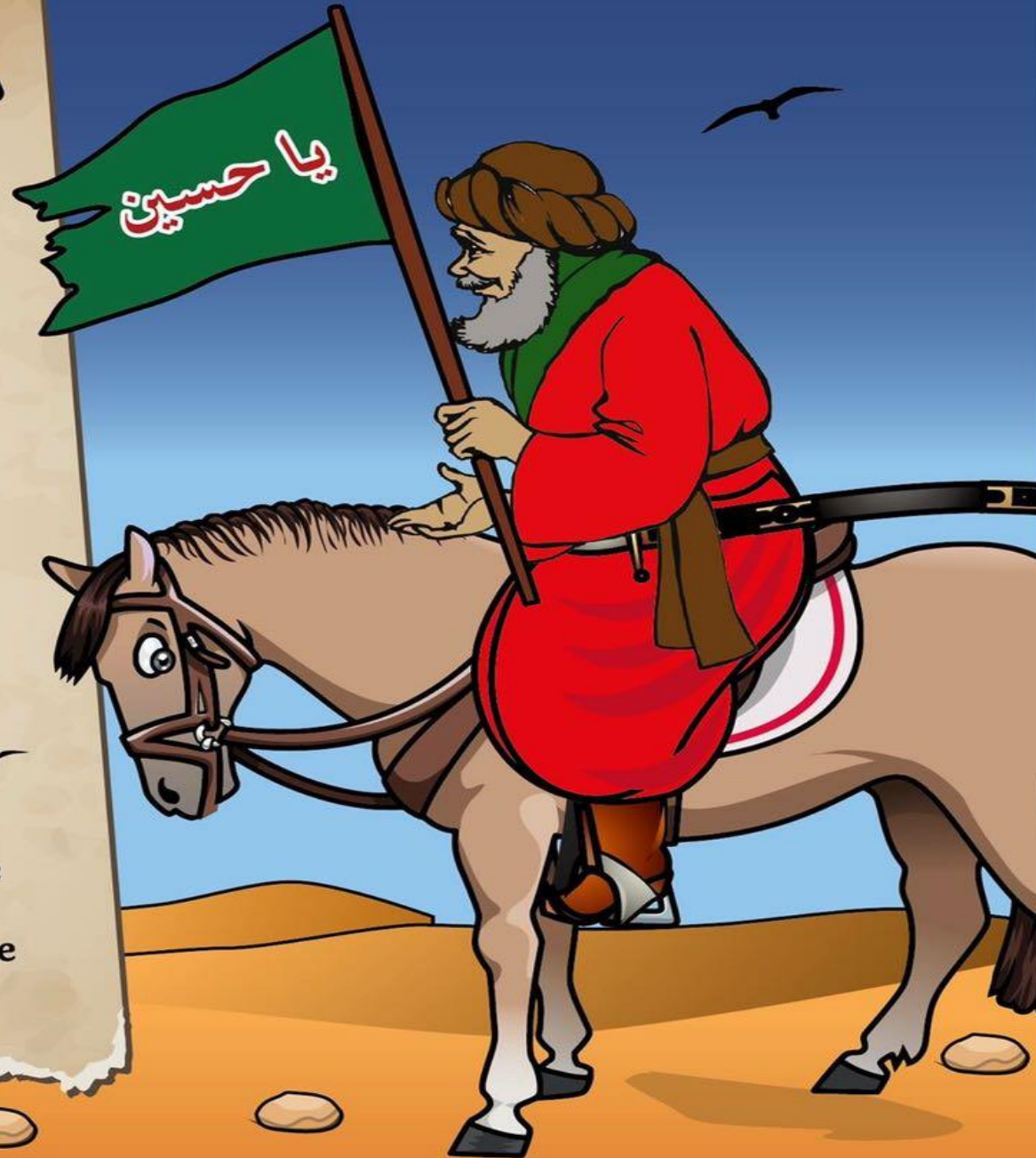
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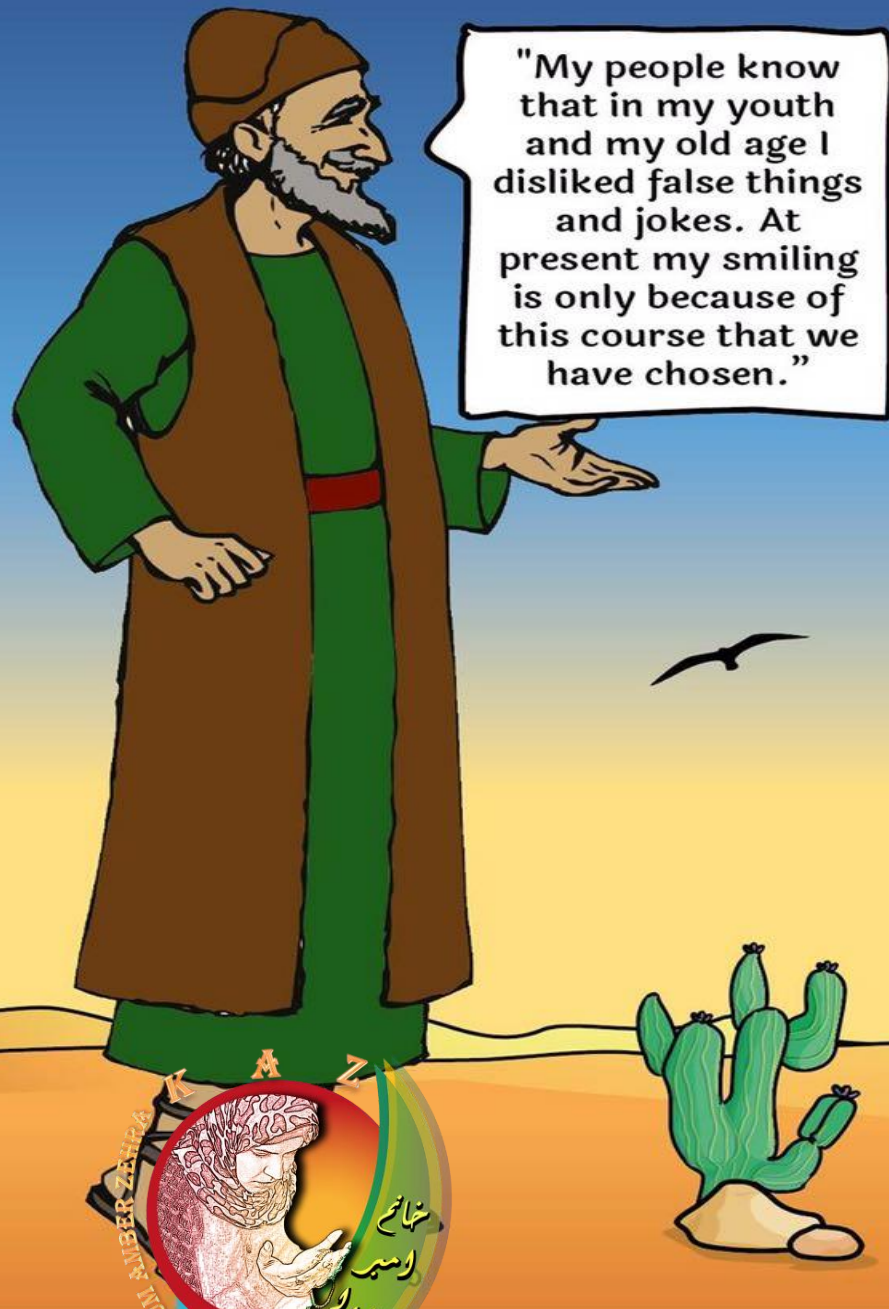
ANAS AL KAHILI

Anas Ibn al-Harith Ibn Nabih al-Kahili was an old man and a renowned sahabi who had met and listened to the hadith of the Prophet (S) and fought in his company the battles of Badr and Hunain. Both he and his father heard the Holy Prophet (SAW) say "My son shall be killed in the land of Karbala". Whoever comes to know about the battle should support him."

Firmly believing in these words of the Prophet, Anas made sure he was on the side of Imam Husayn(as) on the day of Ashura.

He came out tying his waist with a turban, his forehead bandaged. Having seen him looking like that, Imam Husayn(as) cried and said, "May (wt) thank you, O shaikh, for what you are doing for us!" Despite his old age, he killed fifteen men before being finally killed.





"My people know that in my youth and my old age I disliked false things and jokes. At present my smiling is only because of this course that we have chosen."

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BURAIR HAMDANI

Burair was quite aged, brave and a staunch worshipper keeping himself awake for the whole night in prayers. He was known as 'Qariul-Quran' (The Reciter of Quran) and 'Sayyedul-Qurra' (The Chief of the Reciters). He was a companion of Imam Ali (as).

According to historians when Burair heard of Imam Husayn (as)'s migration from Medina to Mecca, he immediately left Kufa for Mecca and joined the handful followers of Imam (as)

On the morning of Ashura, Burair was smiling and seemed extremely happy. When asked why, he said ""My people know that in my youth and my old age I disliked false things and jokes. At present my smiling is only because of this course that we have chosen. By Allah(swt)! The distance between us and the angels is not more than an hour of fighting against this community and their swords."

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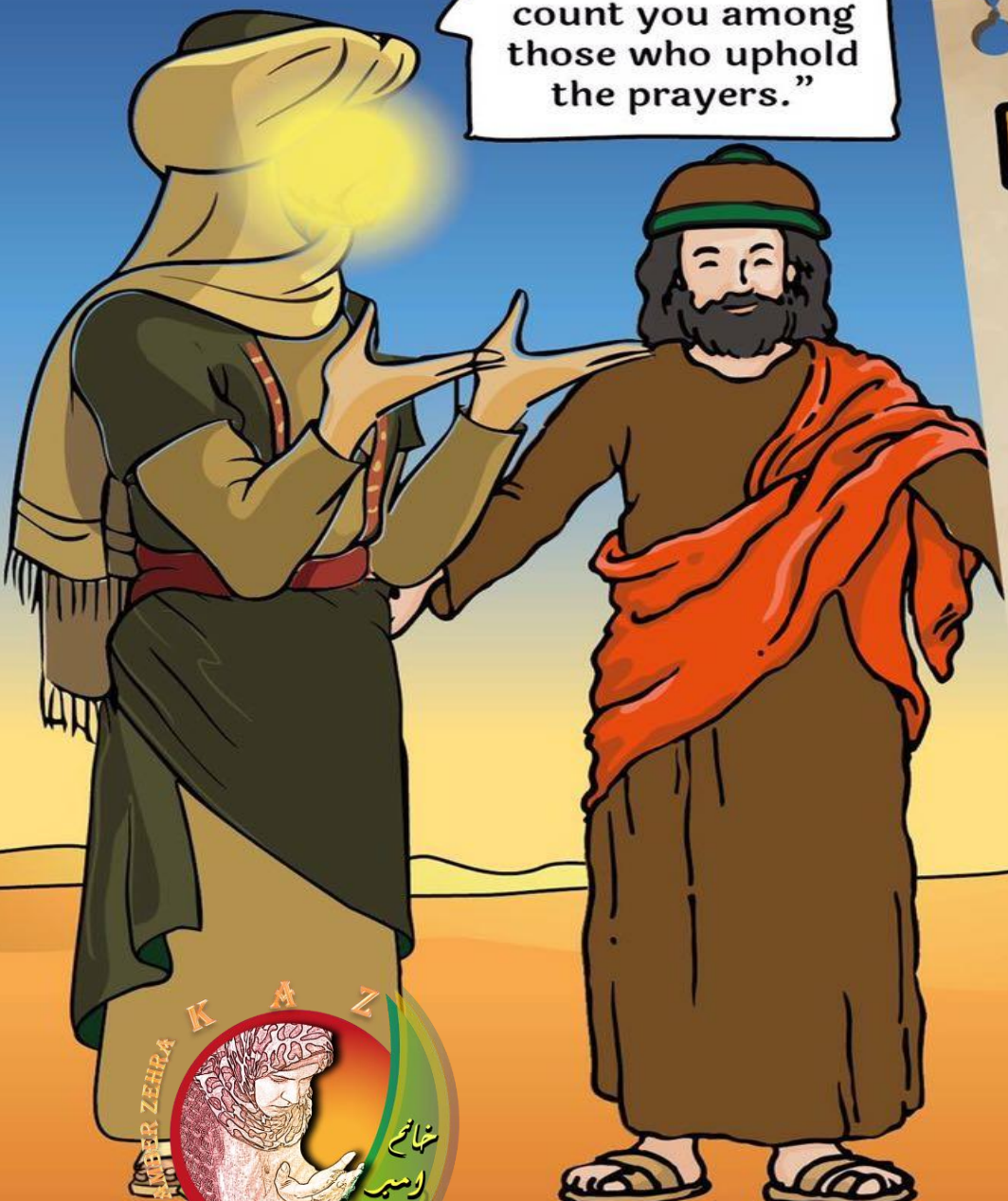
ABU AL-SHA'SHA

Hurr wasn't alone in choosing heaven instead of hell on the day of Ashura.

Abu al-Sha'sha', namely Yazid Ibn Ziyad al-Kindi, was first fighting on the side of 'Umar Ibn Sa'd. Having seen what happened to the women and the children, he defected and joined al-Husayn(as)'s camp.

He was an excellent archer; he knelt down in front of al-Husayn(as) and shot at least a hundred arrows as al-Husayn(as) kept supplicating, "O Allah! Guide his shots and reward him with Paradise!" Having run out of arrows, he stood up and said, "It is clear to me that I have killed five of them". Then he charged at the enemy and killed nine more before he himself was martyred





“May Allah (swt) count you among those who uphold the prayers.”

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ABU THUMAMA AL-SAIDAVI

Abu Thumama al-Saidavi looked at the sun and saw that it was already after-noon, so he said to al-Husayn(as), “May I be sacrificed for your sake! I can see that these folks have advanced towards you. No, by Allah(swt), you shall not be killed before I die defending you, and I love to return to Allah(swt) after having performed the prayers whose time has approached.”

Al-Husayn(as) raised his head to the heavens and said, “You have remembered the prayers, may Allah(swt) count you among those who uphold the prayers. Yes, this is the beginning of its time. Ask them to leave us alone so that we may perform the prayers.” Al-Hasin, who had heard the Imam (as) say these words, commented by saying, “It [your prayer] will not be accepted!”



HEROES OF KARBALA

ABDULLAH IBN HASSAN

During the last moments of Imam Husayn(as)'s life, Bahr Ibn Ka'ab was about to strike the Imam when Abdallah (the 11 year old son of Imam Hassan(as)) came in the way and shouted 'O son of the corrupt woman, are you going to strike my uncle?'

The teenager shielded Imam from the stroke of a sword whereby his hand was cut and began to dangle. Abdullah cried: "O uncle!" Husayn(as) took hold of his nephew and drew him to his chest saying: "O? the son of my brother! Bear patiently what you have suffered, and consider it good, because Allah(swt) will make you meet your pious forefathers."

Harmala bin Kahil threw an arrow at Abdullah and martyred him by the side of his uncle.



LESSONS FROM KARBALA

FRIENDSHIP OF HABIB IBN MUZAHHAR

Habib Ibn Muzahhar was Imam Husayn (as)'s childhood friend. After supporting Muslim Ibn Aqeel who was then martyred, Habib left Kufa secretly to help Imam Husayn (as). If friends meet in times of comfort and wealth but leave when hardships and difficulties strike, it is clear that their friendship is not true. Habib proved to be a loyal friend.



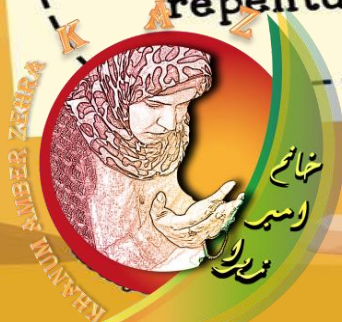
LESSONS FROM KARBALA

REPENTANCE THE STORY OF HURR


The story of Hurr Ar Riyahi is an excellent example of repentance and forgiveness.

Hurr was the first commander to surround Imam Husayn (as)'s army and block their access to water. He later regretted his action and though fearful that he would not be forgiven he still asked the Imam for forgiveness.

Imam Husayn (as) told him that it was never too late to ask for repentance and thus he joined Imam's army.



LESSONS FROM KARBALA



"If you do not know me I
am the son of Hasan(as),
the grandson of the
Holy Prophet (saww)"

SACRIFICE OF QASIM IBN HASAN

A young boy even though he
had his whole life ahead of him
chose to help his uncle in
defending the true religion of
Islam. He is one of the greatest
examples of
self sacrifice in Kerbala.
When asked how he viewed
death, Qasim (as) said "it is
sweeter to me than honey"
"Peace be upon you O son of the
sweet basil of the Prophet of
Allah!"



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LESSONS FROM KARBALA



SUPPORTING THE TRUTH ALI AKBAR IBN HUSAYN(AS)

When you support the truth, you must be firm in your stand and be willing to face any obstacles along the way. In Karbala, Imam Husayn announced: "Don't you see that truth has been replaced by falsehood?"

We must be prepared to sacrifice everything that is precious in support of Truth!" Hazrat Ali Akbar asked his father: "Are we not on the right path?" The Imam replied saying that they definitely are. Hazrat Ali Akbar replied; "Then, it makes no difference if death comes to us or if we approach death."



LESSONS FROM KARBALA

GIVING PREFERENCE TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

In Islamic terminology, on the day of Ashura, the actions of Hazrat Abbas(as), brother of Imam Husayn(as), exemplified "Iithaar" - meaning that he gave preference to the needs of others over his own by fighting bravely to gain access to the water so that he could bring it to the women and children but lost his life instead



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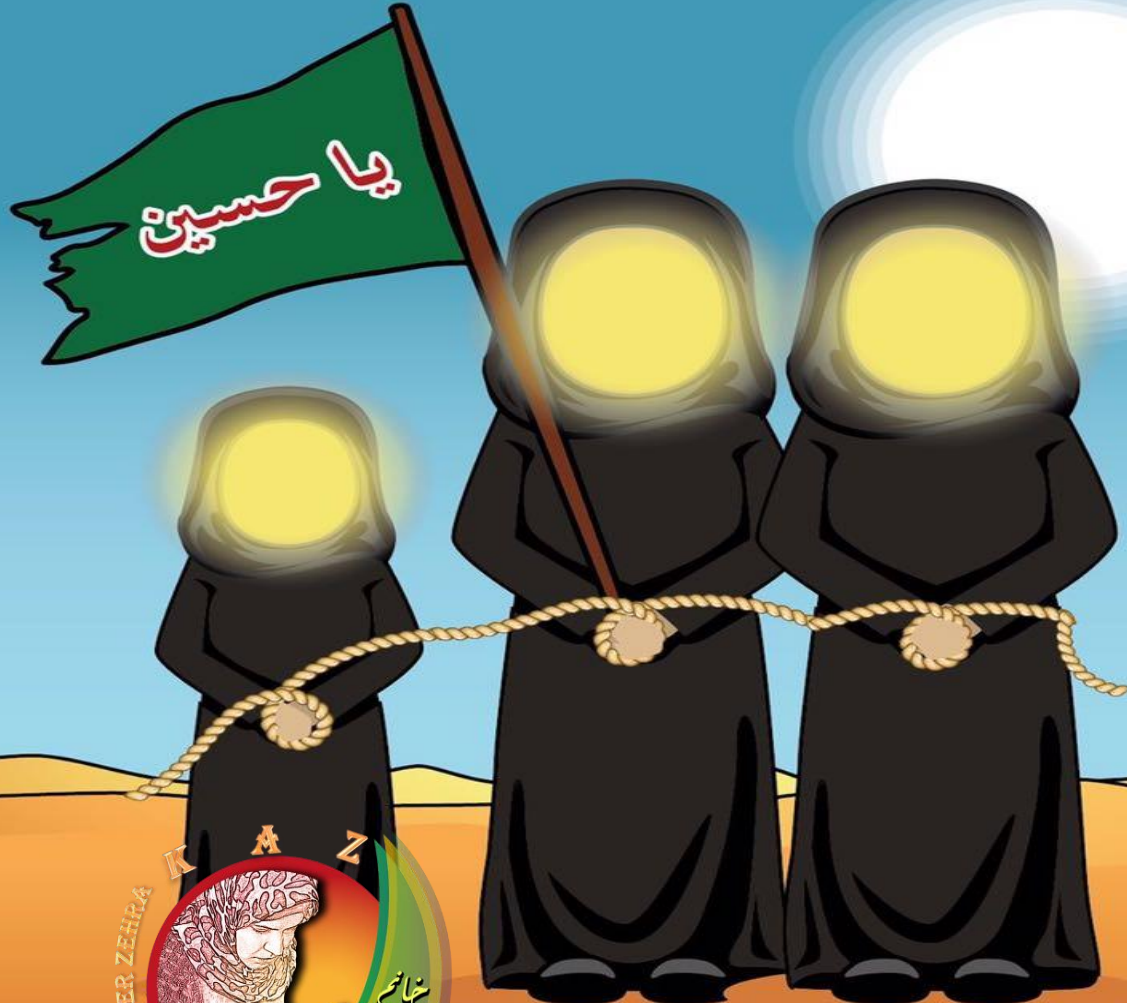
AWAKENING HUMANITY

The death of an infant can stir emotions in even the most hard hearted people. Just as the death of the Syrian child recently was able to awaken the world from its slumber, the martyrdom of Ali Asghar was supposed to soften the hearts of the enemies yet their hearts were so sealed it barely made a difference.

A thousands years on, Ali Asghar continues to awaken humanity with his sacrifice in Karbala.



LESSONS FROM KARBALA



PARTICIPATION OF LADIES

LADY ZAYNAB(AS)

Without lady Zaynab(as)'s participation in Karbala, the mission of Imam Husayn(as) would not have been fulfilled. That is why she is known as "Shareekatul Husayn" - Partner to Husayn.

Women can play an important role in raising and supporting the Ansaar of Al Qaem(atfs)

LESSONS FROM KARBALA



THE PLEASURE OF ALLAH (SWT)

IMAM HUSAYN (AS)

Imam Husayn(as) said in one of his speeches that the only objective of the Ahlulbayt(as) is to please Allah(swt).

Whenever he saw family members martyred, he would utter:
"It's bearable only because Allah(swt) is its witness."

The pleasure of Allah(swt) should always be our objective and our hope that he is the All Watcher and All Knowing



LESSONS FROM KARBALA



SUBMITTING TO THE WILL OF ALLAH(SWT)

IMAM ZAYN AL A'BIDIN(AS)

In spite of everything that happened on the day of Ashura and the events of Shame Ghariba and beyond, we never saw Imam Zayn al-A'bidin(as) complain. Instead, he always offered a prostration of thanks after every calamity.

In life, things may not always go our way. We must learn to be patient at times and accept the will of the Almighty.