

# LESSONS FROM KARBALA



Book 3

# Baseerat

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Please recite Surah-e-Fatiha for Syed Nadeem-ul-Hasan and Mrs. Mehar Jabeen. Dada and Nani Ami, we miss you!!!



**EVERY DAY IS ASHURA**  
**EVERY LAND IS KARBALA**  
**HAL MIN NASIRIN YANSURNA**  
**THE CALL IS STILL IN THE AIR**  
**OUR HEARTS SAY**  
**LABAIK YA HUSSEIN!**  
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## What is Baseerat???

- Baseerat is the inner eye.
- To understand beyond what is apparent.
- Vision is another term for Baseerat.



# Baseerat.....

## At Home:

- Being kind, patient and loving to your family members; even if there is a disagreement because these are the people who will stand by you in life.
- Looking past your parents' scolding, and see that they love you and are doing what's best for you.
- Being able to identify that when your siblings are saying something rude; they are probably joking. (Preferably, they should avoid doing that.)



## At School:

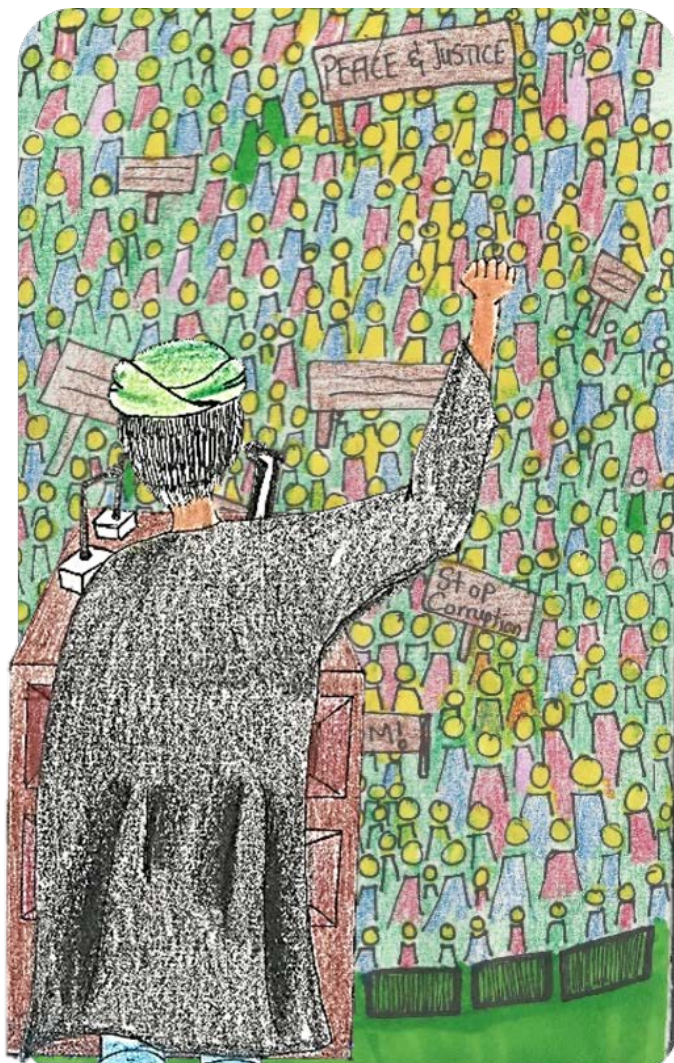
- When making friends, you should be able to identify those who are not sincere, so that they don't hurt you in the future.
- By ignoring the bad behaviour of good friends knowing that they might not mean what they said or did.





## Public Places:

- Understand the perspectives of the leaders of the community and identify those who are on haqq.
- Support them.
- Recognize those who will take us on the path leading to our Imam (ajtf) and follow them.



## Baseerat in Karbala:

- ⇒ There was a reason why Imam Hussein (a.s) took his family to Karbala even though he knew they would be martyred.
- ⇒ His companions had the Baseerat to see past the misery and bloodshed. They could see that Karbala will glorify the true Islam for all the times to come.
- ⇒ They could see the rewards for their jihad in the hereafter.
- ⇒ They knew that Allah was pleased with them. They had the Baseerat to see that.





## Vision

Read between the lines  
See past what is shown.  
Hear past what is said  
Learn past what is known.

See beyond words  
past toys and sweets  
past groundings and scolding  
Past money and treats.

Look in the heart  
Do they speak sincerely?  
Is it the truth?  
Or just plain flattery.

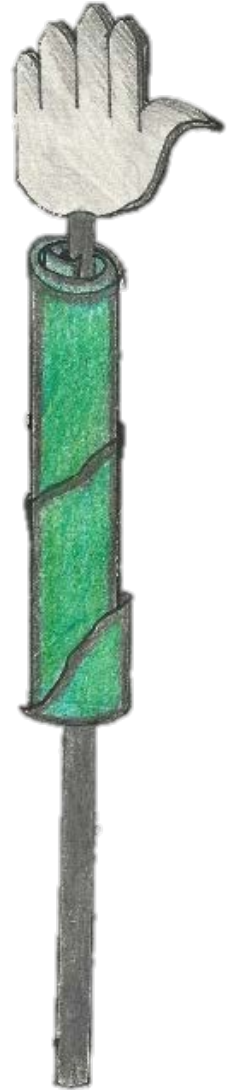
Vision is the tool,  
To help along the way,  
To know the right from wrong,  
so we don't go astray.

## They could see...

Beyond pain and bloodshed,  
a light they could see.  
A light from the heavens  
the place to be.

They Knew Allah was pleased,  
so in spite of all brutality,  
Zainab still declared,  
I see nothing but beauty.

Their Baseerat provided them  
the ability to tell  
that they're doing what's right,  
And in heaven they'll dwell.



## If only I had the vision....

Tahir was a business man who owned a small shop. As each day passed, his business grew more and more successful. He was very content, as it was bringing in enough to support him and his family. But deep in his heart he had always wanted to expand it.

One evening, just as he was about to close his shop for the night, a tall gentleman with a top hat strolled in to the room.

‘Good evening, I take it you are Tahir.’ He said with an air of arrogance. Tahir nodded.

‘Well’ ... the strange man stated, ‘I have come to meet you and propose to invest some money. This will benefit both of us and it will help expand your business.’

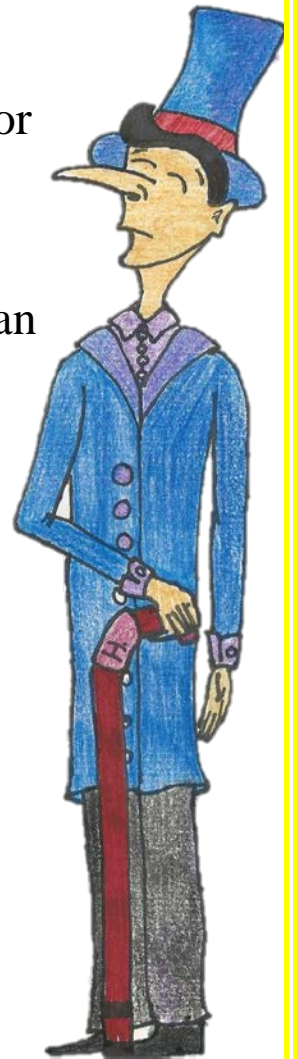
Tahir was quite mesmerized by the offer.

‘You know’ he added calmly. ‘Other branches, larger inventories, things like that.’ Tahir was spellbound.

‘Here is my business card, call me if we have a deal’, he stated before leaving the shop.

Tahir sat down. It appeared to be a very promising opportunity. It would also make his dream come true. ‘He seemed like a man of money. I am sure that he can do what he said,’ Tahir thought.

He silenced the voice inside him that kept asking questions like ‘Why would a man capable of opening his own business



want to join yours?’ He picked up his bag and exited the shop, deciding that he would talk it over with his wife. But deep down, the decision was already made.

The next day Harry got a call. “We have a deal. Let’s meet to sign the documents.”

By Monday morning, the two men were working as partners; each managing a store.

Time passed on and Tahir began trusting his partner more and more. Any feelings of previous suspicion were extinguished. One fateful day, tragedy struck. Tahir’s father grew very sick and was expecting the worst. Tahir was deeply worried.

He asked Harry to manage both stores for a while as he was going through a very hard time. Harry accepted.

Harry kept on coming to Tahir as he needed the money to restock the inventory. Tahir accepted Harry’s requests every time. He was very grateful to his partner for taking so much pressure off him. He felt indebted to him.

Tahir started writing larger cheques as he did not want Harry to go through the inconvenience of coming again and again. Things were going very well, especially as Tahir’s father was getting better.

But just as he was getting cheerful, two disasters struck at once. His account was empty and Harry was gone. He was flabbergasted. Could this be true? After a thorough investigation it was confirmed.

Harry was a cheat. He had been taking all those cheques under excuses and then secretly cashed them in. Tahir was ruined. It was then that he realized that it was his own fault. His dream

of expanding his business had blocked his Baseerat and he had not been able to see clearly.

He vowed that this was the first and the last time that he was blinded by innate worldly wishes. He had to restart by selling most of his possessions, and Harry still has not been found, even until today.....





## Quotes about Baseerat

Imam Mahdi

**I seek refuge in Allah from blindness after vision".**

(Bihar 53/191)

Imam Jafar as Sadiq:

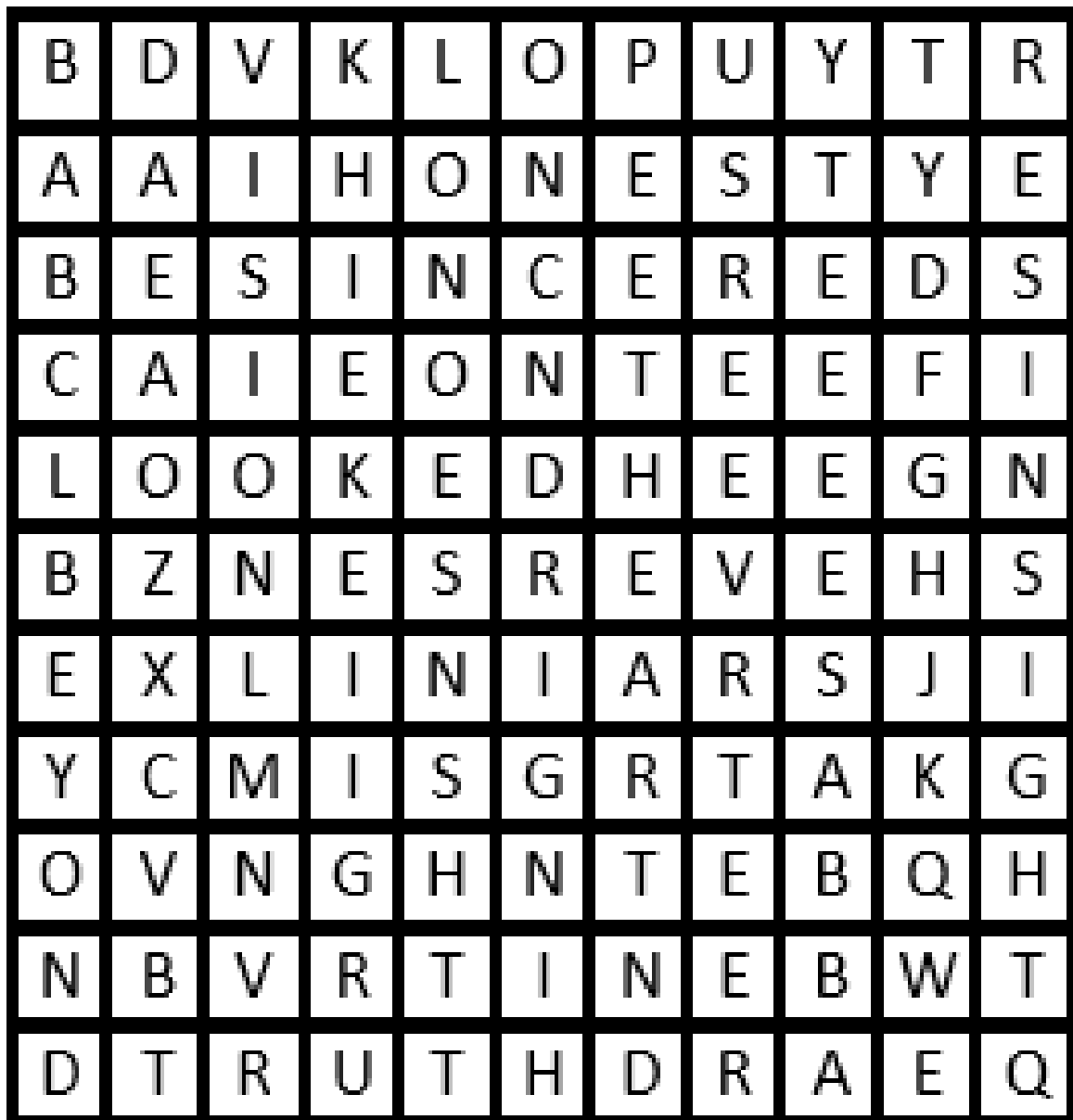
**The person who acts & practices short of vision is similar to the traveler of a wrong avenue. So the speed of his journey would not but only increase his distance."**

(Bihar 53/191)

Imam Ali:

**Success is the result of foresight and resolution, foresight depends upon deep thinking and planning and the most important factor of planning is to keep your secrets to yourself**

## Baseerat word search



Baseerat

Vision

Truth

Heart

Honesty

Sincere

Look

Insight

Beyond



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