

LESSONS FROM KARBALA



Book 5

Ikhlas

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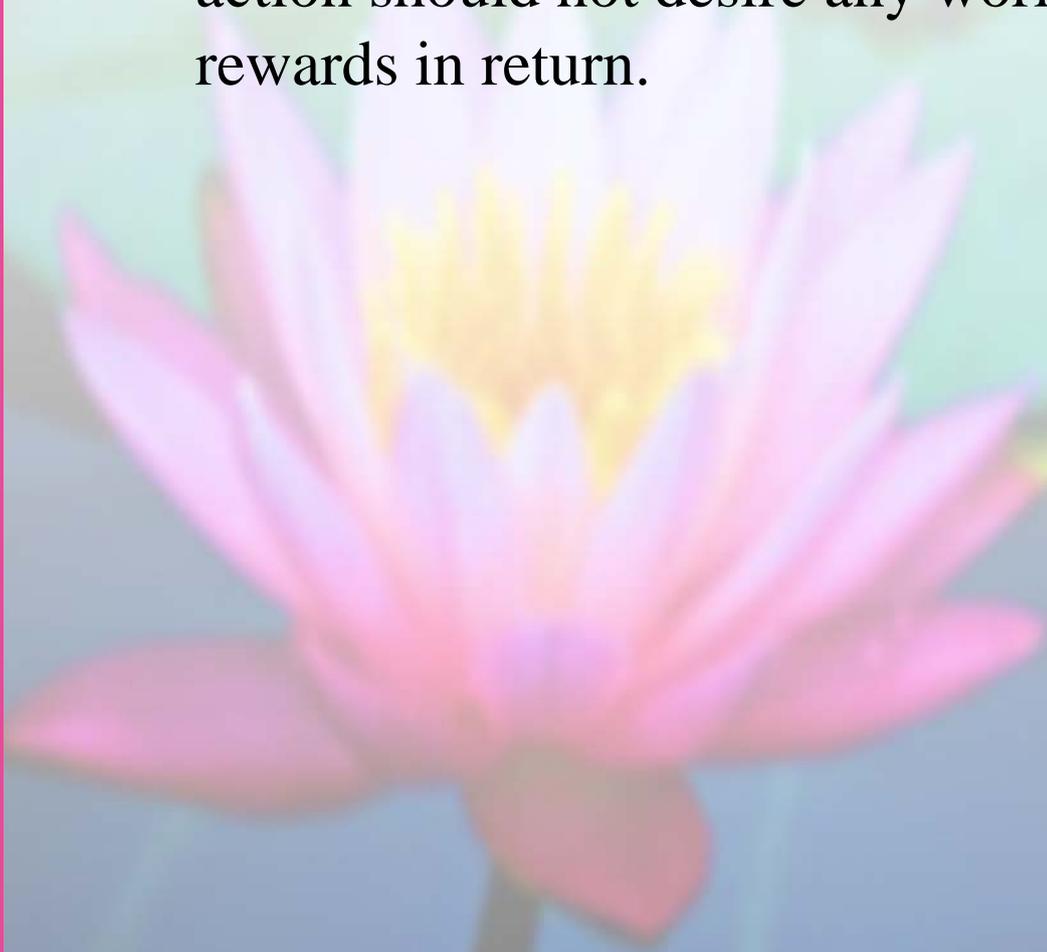
Please recite Surah-e-Fatiha for Syed Nadeem-ul-Hasan
& Mrs. Mehar Jabeen. Dada and Nani Ami, we miss
you!!!



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 Ikhlas?

- Ikhlas or sincerity of intention is the highest station of love and servitude to Allah (swt).
- Ikhlas means to do something purely for Allah (swt) and that the performer of the action should not desire any worldly rewards in return.



How to achieve Ikhlas?

- The first step in the journey towards Allah (swt) is abandonment of self-love and crushing the head of egoism.
- We need to remind ourselves constantly that our intention to perform any action should only be for the pleasure of Allah (swt) or Qurbatan-illallah.
- Remember that in the books of deeds, our intentions get recorded rather than actions.
- Purity of intention will make us a sincere person.



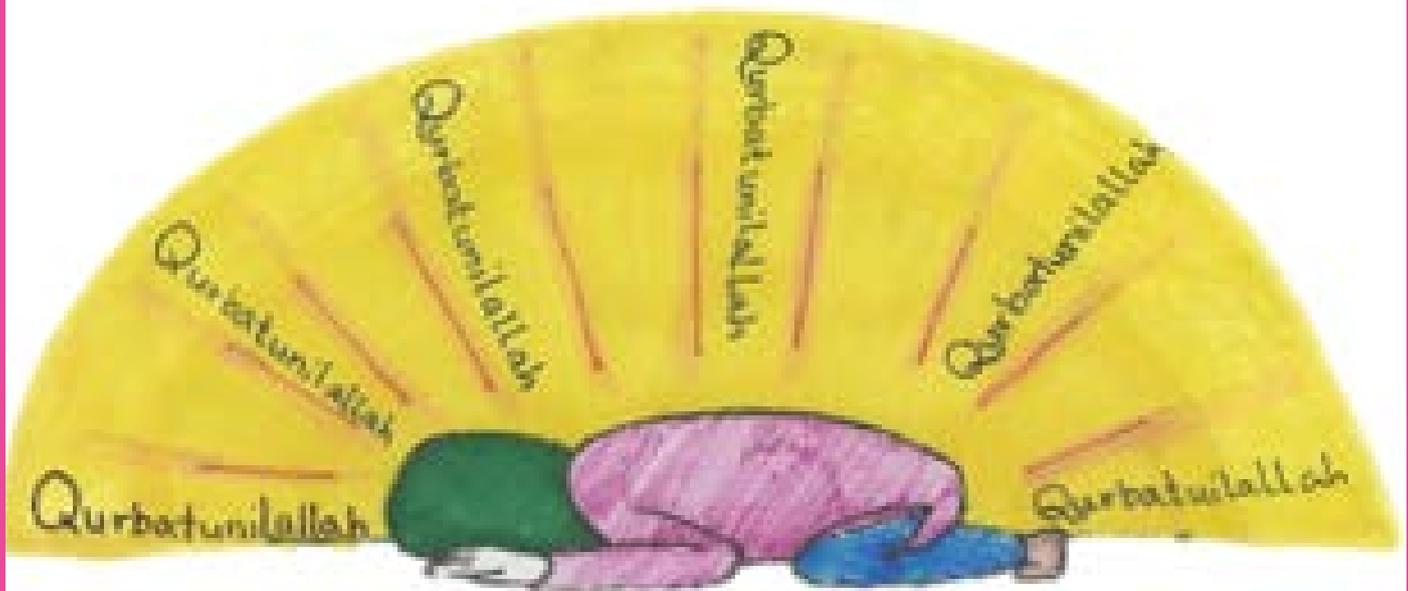
Ikhlas in Karbala....

- Karbala was where utmost sincerity was observed on the day of Ashura.
- The companions of Imam (as) stood by His side and faced all the hardships with sincerity and firm faith knowing that they were siding the truth.
- No hardships could make them abandon their Imam (as).
- They were faithful, sincere and loyal.

How to practice Ikhlas.....

At Home:

- Beautify your ibada'at knowing that nobody is watching but Allah (swt!).
- You must exercise vigilance, as your nafs may prompt you to make a verbal mention of your good deeds in front of your friends or acquaintances, or to express it in the way of a subtle hint without directly mentioning it



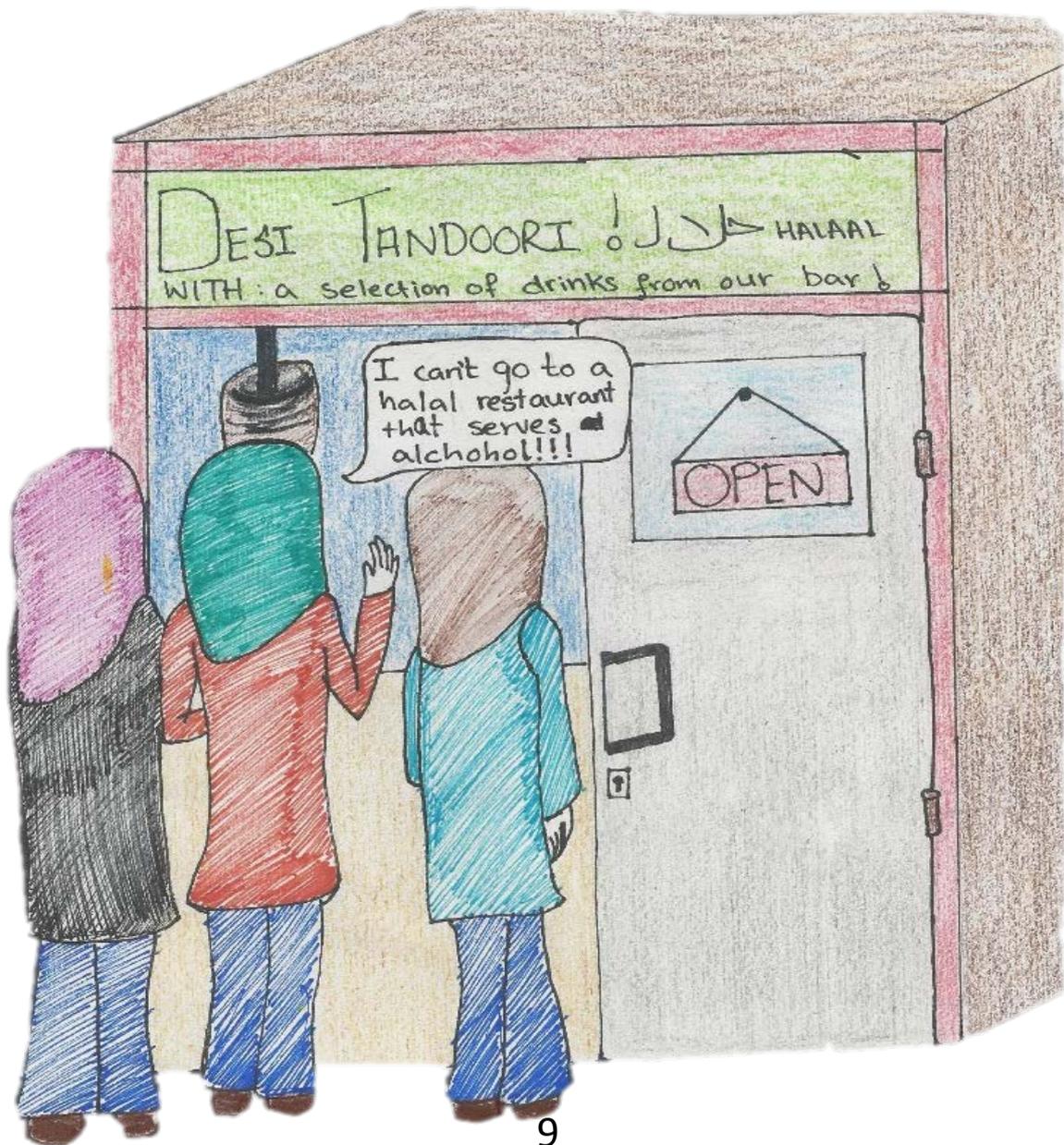
At School:

- Sincerity towards friends.
- Doing things, like wearing hijab, for Allah (swt) and not just because everyone else is doing it.



At Public Places:

- Support the right social causes. This will need Baseerat.
- To be an example of a practicing Muslim in the society for the pleasure of Allah (swt).
E.g. observing hijab, abstaining from haram etc.



Ikhlas....

Doing things for other reasons,
for motives of your own.
Means you are not sincere,
and your sins have grown.

It's very hard to find people,
who wish the best for you.
Who advise you sincerely,
who tell you what is true.

Baseerat is required,
to be able to tell.
Who is your foe,
and who means well.

Be on the watch,
this world is very bad.
Sincere friends are assets,
the best you'll ever have.



The sincere companions...

Ashura was the day
when it was easy to see
the sincere friends of Imam
the lovers of Ali.

They stayed with Hussein
they gave their own lives
to serve their master
they sincerely strived.

We can witness their reward
for being so sincere
they'll rise up with Hussein
who holds them very dear.

Noor was shining
Ikhlaas was in their eyes
No one can find more truth
No matter how hard he tries.

If only I had seen...

“You can’t catch me, Ginger,” taunted the young deer. “Oh yes I can, Chupchup,” panted the tired monkey. The two friends chased each other around in circles, finally collapsing in the centre in a giggling heap.

“I’m tired,” complained Chupchup. Ginger agreed. After much deliberation they decided to go home. Chatting non-stop, the two friends strolled down the familiar path.

Suddenly, Chupchup spotted something in the tree. He had seen a flash of vibrant orange. Curious, the two friends advanced towards the clearing to investigate.

“Hello,” The two friends jumped, startled by the sudden greeting. They turned around and were shocked. Staring at them were the cunning eyes of a fox! They were just about to run away when the creature called out to them.

He introduced himself as Slick and further explained that he was lost and requested them



to help. Ginger had been scanning the creature throughout and didn't like what he saw.

The young monkey felt that the sly animal was not trustworthy. Especially since he kept complimenting them. He nudged the deer and indicated to the trees. He wanted to leave. But Chupchup thought differently. He liked this animal.

After they helped the fox, the two friends resumed their journey. "I didn't like him," whispered Ginger. "He looked wicked,"

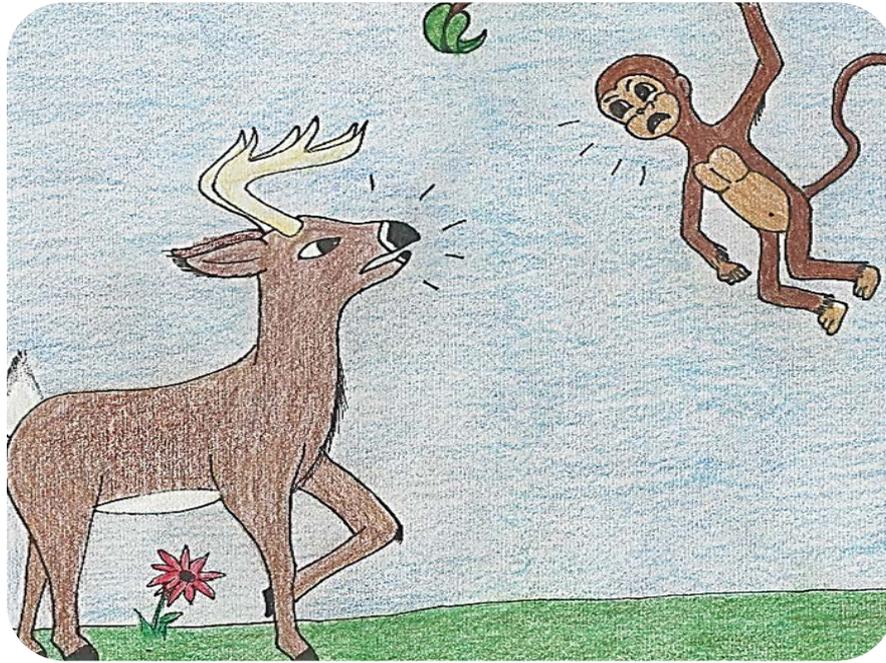
Chupchup shook his head. “You’re too suspicious. I think he was very sweet. Did you see how he complimented me on my antlers? It takes a big heart to say nice things about others...” The two continued their argument unaware of the glinting eyes watching them from the trees.

It was a clear morning. Ginger and Chupchup gathered to meet at their usual spot in the field. But they were shocked when they reached there. Standing in the shade of the tree was Slick!

Ginger was irked but Chupchup was overjoyed. Slick explained that he had decided to remain in this area for a while.

Immediately, the young deer invited Slick to join in.

Ginger stated that he didn’t feel like playing and would simply watch. Shrugging, the fox and the deer ran out to play. All the while, Ginger watched them.



The clever monkey observed that the fox always complimented Chupchup and Chupchup gave the same reaction every time – happiness and pleasure.

Immediately Ginger realized the danger. He had seen these kind of personalities before. Within seconds, he made up his mind to warn his young friend as soon as possible.

On the way home, Ginger revealed his concerns to Chupchup. But instead of being

worried, Chupchup got angry and accused Ginger of being jealous.

Ginger was hurt especially since he had been doing this for his friend. He tried to insist his point again, but his words fell on deaf ears. Chupchup flared up and yelled at the young monkey.

Unfortunately, the naïve deer was unaware of the dangers that lay ahead. Finally, Chupchup stamped away in rage leaving a concerned but hurt Ginger behind him.

As expected, Chupchup ignored Ginger and turned to Slick for company. Eventually, in spite of all the warnings, the fox and the deer became friends. That was when the trouble started.

Slick's definition of 'fun' was not morally correct. The sly fox dragged Chupchup into his plans.

They did very wrong things. For example, they would knock down the robin's eggs from

their nests and the poor parents would be devastated.

The adventures became more and more intense, causing serious discomfort to others. Ginger tried to warn Chupchup all along, but in vain.

One day, they went way too far. Thinking themselves invincible, they finally decided to play a trick on the farmer. They began stealing from his stable. This angered the farmer and he decided to set a trap.

When Chupchup and Slick arrived, they didn't notice the trap and got caught in it easily. Slick managed to scramble out of the net but Chupchup was stuck. Ignoring the deer's pleas for help, Slick dashed off into the night leaving Chupchup behind.

The farmer was very pleased with what he saw in his trap. He immediately took Chupchup to the fair and sold him to a petting zoo for a few coins.

Chupchup was heartbroken. The young deer remembered the days where he would roam around freely. He also remembered Ginger. Tears dropped from his eyes as he realized his own mistake.

He should have believed his sincere comrade instead of befriending the sly Slick. Slick had left him in a second, while Ginger had tried to help all along.

Chupchup looked at the rope leashed on his neck. He looked at the gates enclosing him. He looked at his food tray filled with rotten leaves and dirty water. He looked around him and realized his loneliness. Finally, he looked at the sky and cried, “If only I had known!!! If only I had seen...”



Quotes about Ikhlas

Quran:

Surely We have revealed to you the Book with the truth, therefore serve Allah, being sincere to Him in obedience. (39:2)

Prophet Muhammad (s):

Ikhlas is a secret from my secrets and I place it in the heart of my servant who is my beloved.”

[Al-Majlisi, *Bihar al-Anwar*, vol. 70, page 249, hadith # 24]

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Ikhlas
Sincerity
Vision

Pure
Clear
Truth

Pious
Trust
Friend

Sincere effort!!!

Make a sincere effort to unscramble the names of some loyal companions of Imam Hussein (as)...

1. NYZAENYUAQRHIB

2. UISJAAMIHMWLABNES

3. HIMEARANBZAIHIBB

4. HIDURIIRRZIAHNBEEYA

5. UMRULLAIDBKAHAALIB

1. Zuhayr ibne Qayn
2. Muslim ibne Awsajah
3. Habib ibne Mazahir
4. Hurr ibne Yazid Riyahi
5. Abdullah Umair Kalbi

Importance of sincere intentions...

We read in history that a certain person was slain in the battlefield and everybody said: “He is a martyr. But the Prophet (S) said: “He was killed in the way of a donkey.” The people were astonished, but the Prophet (S) explained: “His aim in going to the battlefield was not God; rather, when he saw that the enemy was riding a good donkey, he said to himself: ‘I will kill him and take his donkey as war booty.’ But he did not succeed and that infidel killed him instead. So, he was killed in the way of a donkey.”



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