

## Daily Reflection Tarawih Night 11

### Surah Yūsuf (Joseph)

Surah Yūsuf is a Makkan surah revealed during the “Year of Sorrow,” when the Prophet PBUH had lost his uncle and his wife Khadijah (may Allah be pleased with her). It came as comfort and reassurance.

Allah says:

{نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ أَحْسَنَ الْقَصَصِ}

It is called “the best of stories” because of its perfect structure, powerful lessons, and deep wisdom.

#### 1. Trials Are the Path to Empowerment

Yusuf was betrayed by his brothers, thrown into a well, sold as a slave, and imprisoned unjustly.

Yet he remained firm upon tawhid:

{إِنِ الْحُكْمُ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ}

Years later, Allah says:

{إِنَّا لَا نُضِيعُ أَجْرَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ}

A subtle lesson repeated in the surah:

Yusuf was described as “among the doers of excellence” even during hardship showing that excellence in hidden struggle leads to visible elevation.

## 2. Chastity in the Face of Temptation

When seduced, he responded:

{قَالَ مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ}

The Prophet PBUH said:

“Seven will be shaded by Allah on a Day when there is no shade except His... a man who is called by a woman of status and beauty and says: ‘I fear Allah.’”

Private restraint leads to public honour.

## 3. Beautiful Patience

Ya'qub said:

{فَصَبْرٌ جَمِيلٌ}

Beautiful patience, according to scholars, is patience without complaint to people but with full reliance upon Allah:

{إِنَّمَا أَشْكُو بَثِّي وَحُزْنِي إِلَى اللَّهِ}

## 4. Never Despair of Allah's Mercy

One of the most hope-filled verses:

{لَا تَيْأَسُوا مِنْ رَوْحِ اللَّهِ}

Even after years of separation, hope remained alive.

Believers do not judge the story before it ends and Allah writes the ending.

## 5. Forgiveness now of Power

When Yusuf gained authority and stood before his brothers, he said:

{لَا تَتْرِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْيَوْمَ}

True strength is the ability to forgive when revenge is possible.

Conclusion

Allah closes the surah with:

{لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي قَصَصِهِمْ عِبْرَةٌ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ}

Surah Yūsuf is not merely a story. It is a school of:

- Patience
- Chastity
- Trust in Allah
- Hope
- Forgiveness

It teaches us that divine planning works quietly and that relief may be delayed, but it is never lost.

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