

**NABIE YUSUF  
(JOSEPH) AS\*  
Part 3**

\*(We must always say Alayhis Salaam when we mention the name of a Prophet. It means, "May ALLAH - Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala's blessing and mercy be on him")

Story Number

**17**

My Dear Children

We have come to the final episode of the beautiful story of Nabie Yusuf (Joseph-Alayhis Salaam).

Please read part 1 and 2 before you read the final part of the story of Nabie Yusuf (Alayhis Salaam) and his eleven jealous brothers. We as Muslims must stay away from jealousy as the Glorious Qur'an teaches us to stay away from this evil. On the other hand we also learn from this story how the brothers are reminded of their evil deeds and actions. How Nabi Yusuf became very successful. How Nabi Yacub was reunited with his lost son and the whole family benefited from the good deeds and truthfulness of one of the sons. Let us now read the final part of this story that must be a lesson to us today in our lives.

### **FATHER GIVES PERMISSION**

The father did not hesitate to allow Benjamin to accompany them to Egypt. He said, "You will have to look after him and not be negligent with him as you did with Yusuf when you took him with to look after the sheep. I will allow him to go with you if all of you swear by ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) that you will bring him back safely." They all promised to bring him back and asked ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) to be witness to this.

When their food reserves was beginning to get less Yacub (Alayhis Salaam) decided that it was time for his sons to make the long trip back to Egypt for food or they will soon starve to death. The 10 brothers together with Benjamin were on their way to Egypt with the same money that Yusuf's servants had hidden in the bags of grain. After a long trip that lasted a few days they arrived in Egypt and went straight to the Chief who was in charge of the stores to tell him that they had kept their promise of bringing Benjamin to him.

### **THE CHIEF WISPERS IN BENJAMIN EARS**

When the Chief saw Benjamin he took him aside and whispered into his ears, "Benjamin I am your own brother Yusuf. Do not tell your other brothers who I am. I am going to make a plan for you to stay with me here in Egypt." Benjamin was absolutely delighted to see his brother again and he knew that his old father would be very happy to know that Yusuf is still alive, well and has such a good position in Egypt. All the brothers were given food and a place to rest.

When they were ready to leave their bags were once more filled with grain. Benjamin's bag was also filled with grain and on the instructions of Yusuf, one of the golden cups of the palace was hidden in his bag. Benjamin and the brothers who were not aware of the hidden golden cup, picked up their bags and started greeting and thanking the Chief before leaving for the long journey home. As soon as they were outside the gates of the palace one of the guards discovered that the golden cup of the palace was missing. He ran behind the brothers and demanded that their bags be searched for the missing golden cup. As the brothers were not aware of this they did not hesitate for their bags to be searched. When they eventually found it in Benjamin's bag the guards demanded they all return to the Chief for this grave crime.

When they arrived in front of the Chief they apologised and said, "We are not thieves. There must be a mistake. O high Chief, we have an old and blind father at home and he will be heartbroken if something must happen to Benjamin. Please forgive him and let us go. We are very sorry for this." The Chief did not want to hear any of their excuses, "The cup was found in Benjamin's bag and he will have to pay for it. We will have to keep him here. You will have to go back home without him." They begged, "Please let Benjamin go and keep one of us here instead. His father will be waiting for him to come back home."

## **SENT HOME WITHOUT BENJAMIN**

The journey back home was not a pleasant one as they were disappointed and very worried of how their father was going to react and what he was going to say. They broke their promise with Yusuf and now they could not keep their promise to look after Benjamin. When they arrived home and broke the news to their father, Jacob (Alayhis Salaam) he was very disappointed, saddened and heartbroken. However he knew that Benjamin was innocent and did not stop thinking of Yusuf. Everyday Jacob (Alayhis Salaam) would pine for his two lost sons and he would tell his other sons how he misses them and knew that Yusuf was also alive. Their father said to them, "Go and look for Yusuf and Benjamin. Do not give up hope ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) has soothing mercy and no one despairs of HIS soothing mercy unless you have no imaan (faith).

## **BACK TO EGYPT**

The brothers realised that their father will never forget the two sons and will keep remembering Yusuf and Benjamin. They had agreed to go and look for Yusuf and go back to Egypt to beg for the release of Benjamin.

When they arrived in Egypt they begged the Chief, "Please allow Benjamin to go home with us as our blind old father is heartbroken and we are afraid that as he will get ill."

The Chief looked at them and said, "You sound very sorry about the deed. Have you forgotten what you did to your other brother, Yusuf." He went on to explain all the details of what the brothers did to him and how they threw him into the dark well. The brothers were surprised to hear this from the Chief. They looked up at him and asked, "Are you Yusuf, our brother." As Yusuf could no longer keep his secret he said, "Yes indeed. ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) has looked after me all these years and guided me on the straight path. It was through ALLAH'S (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala's) mercy that I was given such a high position in the palace of the Pharaoh." As the truth came out the brothers put their heads down and were ashamed of themselves and asked Yusuf to forgive them for all the wrong they did to him. Yusuf forgave them and ask ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) to forgive their evil actions and deeds and cleanse their hearts.

## **GREAT HAPPINESS**

The great happiness in the hearts of the brothers showed in their embracing and hugging one another. They all also knew that this news would be the best thing for their father. Yusuf asked a few brothers to go back home and bring their father with them to come and stay in Egypt. "But take this shirt of mine with you and throw it on the eyes of father. With the grace of the Merciful One He will be able to see again and he will know that I am alive and well," was Yusuf's request.

A few brothers prepared themselves and went back home. The good and delightful news that they were carrying encouraged them to travel with very little rest. They were anxious to get to their father as soon as possible.

## **BREAKING THE GOOD NEWS TO THE FATHER**

When they threw Yusuf's shirt on their fathers face he could see again and his face beamed with happiness as he knew that this shirt belonged to Yusuf. Both his physical and mental vision became clear again and he could see things clearly and brightly again. When the eldest explain the whole story to the father, he forgave them as the good news that both his sons were alive and well was overwhelming and tears of joy run down his cheeks. "Did I not tell you that I knew from ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) that Yusuf was alive and well," was the father's reminder to his sons. This happiness gave the father, who was 137 years old, extra strength and encouragement to start packing their few belonging and to get to Egypt as soon as possible. The journey back to Egypt took longer and slower as their father and mother had to stop and rest more often. When they arrived Yusuf ran out to meet his father and threw his arms around his father and hugged him for a long time. Both of them had tears of joy running down their faces as they did not see one another for the last 23 years. The brothers stood by and also shared with tears of joy rolling down their cheeks. His father and mother and the eleven brothers bowed down to ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) in the presence of Yusuf (Alayhis Salaam) to say a prayer of thanks. Both Yusuf and Yacub (Alayhis Salaam) realised that the dream of Yusuf (where the eleven planets, the sun and the moon had bowed down before Yusuf) had finally come true.

## **NABI YUSUF (ALAYHIS SALAAM) DIES WITH A WISH**

Yusuf (Alayhis Salaam) lived for 110 years and was married to Potipherah, a daughter of a priest called, ON. They had two sons called, Mansseh and Ephraim. When Yusuf (Alayhis Salaam) was on his death bed he asked the Banu Israel (children of Israel) that they should carry his bones from Egypt and bury them next to his father (Yacub -Alayhis Salaam) and grand-father (Ebrahim -Alayhis Salaam) in Palestine.

Dear children when we come to the end of the beautiful story of Yusuf (Alayhis Salaam). We will see in one of the later stories how his bones were taken back to Palestine and buried next to his grandfather. It is always good to look at the story again and see what lessons are there in it for us today. Remember this story comes from the Glorious Qur'an, the book that is our instructions in our complete way of life on this earth. This story has given us a number of beautiful examples that we could follow today in our lives, at home, at school, with our friends and with our families. Let us see if you can relate some of the following lessons in life to the story.

- We see how jealousy is regarded as one of the great evils in Islam as it destroys families and creates a lot of grief to all concerned.
- Also we have to submit completely to the will of ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) as HE plans for our future and knows what is best for us. When we have a mishap we need to say Alhamdoelillah (all praise to Allah) and ask ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) to replace these obstacles for something better. When we do something we need the permission for the Creator to make it happen for our benefit. Thus it is always necessary for us to say "Bismillah" –in the name of Allah or "Inshallah" – "if Allah wills" as HE is the Ar-Razzaq (The Provider), Rabb (The Sustainer), AL Muhaimin (The Protector) and the Al-Muqtadir (The All Powerful). This will make us aware of GOD (Taqwa) throughout the day and the night.
- Any actions that are wrong and harmful to others cannot be a means to make things better for the person who commits them. We have at all times to be truthful, obedient and have no malice in our hearts for anyone.
- We have to guard ourselves against all evil actions and deeds no matter how appealing it is to us. We have to shun it even if others encourage us to do the evil things. When we live a good clean, honest and truthful life then ALLAH (Subhanahu Wa Ta'ala) will be closer to us and not only protect us but provide us with all the comforts.
- We have to shun all evil even if it means that we are going to endure hardships for a number of years.
- We are sure you can think of other lessons from this story.

For all those who have an English translation of the Glorious Qur'an please refer to Sura 12 and read the story of Yusuf (Alayhis Salaam). You will enjoy it as well as pick up the lovely duas in this chapter that you could use in your daily lives. The Glorious Qur'an concludes this story by reminding us of the following:

**“There is, in their stories instructions for men who have understanding. It is not a tale that is invented (not a fairy tale), but confirmation of what happened before. It is detailed explanation of all things and a Guide and a mercy to anyone who believes.”  
(Qur'an 12:111)**