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INTRODUCTION

- Allah is Al Latheef (The Most Gentle) and from the impact of His gentleness we see that things do not suddenly and come in full force but with gentleness.
- Rain does not suddenly pour on us but it comes down gently. The snow flakes come down gently and beautifully. Babies do not come out and start running. Even someone who is a born Muslim does not not know everything from the start. This is all from the lutf of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) on us.

- The Name of Allah Al Lateef (The Most Gentle) is distinctly mentioned in Surah Yusuf.

SURAH YUSUF 100

إِنَّ رَبِّي لَطِيفٌ لِّمَا يَشَاءُ

Indeed, my Lord is Subtle in what He wills.

- This story is the best story and in every part of this story there is so much gentleness. Everyone can relate with his story. It was a story with lots of ups and downs but the end is the most beautiful.
- Out of Allah's lutf, Yusuf (عليه السلام) was young and he saw a dream. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave him a good sign that he would console him through his life.

- Yusuf's father loved him and his brothers did not like it. This was not something under his control. Sometimes we face these situations when we have something and others do not like it. Then suddenly they become nice to you and here the brothers were nice to him to take him away.
- Allah Al Latheef shows us opposites in our lives to see Laa Ilaaha illa Allah (There is no one worthy of worship except Allah). So that in the end we see the truth, taste it and be at rest with it and never want to look back.
- Though the brothers of Yusuf (عليه السلام) took him out, but there was a hidden motive. They left him in a well and went back home with a false story.

- Though we may think his father could have looked for him but everything he faced was part of his bigger picture. Sometimes we were in a tight spot and feel alone and neglected but it is all part of lutf of Allah on us.
- Then he was taken to another land, but in the end we see he went from a land where he was serving others to a status of being served by others.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will make us go through different stages in life, but it is all to see how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) takes care of us care in the best way.
- Yusuf (عليه السلام) was in the house of 'Azeez, whose wife was attracted to him. There was natural love of his father before and then there was the unlawful love from the wife of

‘Azeez. Yusuf (عليه السلام) experienced different kinds of love. But in the end it was all to show that the peak of love and the peak of everything is with Allah.

SURAH YUSUF 24

وَلَقَدْ هَمَّتْ بِهِ ۖ وَهَمَّ بِهَا لَوْلَا أَنْ رَأَىٰ بُرْهَانَ رَبِّهِ ۚ

And she certainly determined [to seduce] him, and he would have inclined to her had he not seen the proof of his Lord.

- He almost went close to her but it was out of the lutf of Allah, He took Yusuf (عليه السلام) away from it. Sometimes we may feel we are coming close to something unlawful, we will be exposed to it but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will save us.

- Then Yusuf (عليه السلام) was in jail. The wife of 'Azeez lied about him and her lie was taken at the time but in the end the truth came out.. We face these situation as well. Lies will not remain but it will lead to something greater.
- We do not want to try and close the book when the story is ongoing. There are chapters coming ahead.
- Yusuf (عليه السلام) was serving in house of a minister. This was all nurturing for him. In the future what he learned was beneficial for him.
- Then Yusuf (عليه السلام) was in prison. Though he was a muhsineen (good-doer), he was in a place with criminals. He was with people he would have never met. This is all from the lutf of Allah. To see different types of people and to learn.

- Two men in the prison asked Yusuf (عليه السلام) to interpret their dream for him. Even in that situation he took the matter higher and told them about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) first.
- Then one of the men went out from prison but he forgot about Yusuf (عليه السلام). Even this situation is a joy to attach to Allah. Everything we go through is for us to go to Allah (سبحانه) and not to be stuck with the actions of the people.
- Someone we think we can get out of tightness because of our taqwa or patience but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants to show us and He alone can take us out.
- Its only from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) that the king saw a dream because of which Yusuf (عليه)

(السلام) was taken out from prison and was elevated to be in a position of a minister.

- In human calculation promotions and elevations come in a structured way. But with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) there is so much vastness. Everything Yusuf (عليه السلام) went through was all lutf of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to elevate him from being in a prison to be a minister.
- In the end Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) honored Yusuf (عليه السلام) and his dream was fulfilled.

SURAH YUSUF 90

إِنَّهُ مَنْ يَتَّقِ وَيَصْبِرْ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُضِيعُ أَجْرَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

Indeed, he who fears Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and is patient, then indeed, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does

not allow to be lost the reward of those who do good."

- In the end this is what Yusuf (عليه السلام) felt. Even if people try to harm, have taqwa. And be patient - Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show you.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will give the peace and stability and there will be a beautiful picture in the end. What is with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will be better.
- Yusuf (عليه السلام) went through three stations - in the well, in the house of Al Azeez and in prison. No matter what stage of life we are in in the end there will be a beautiful picture.
- Even when we feel there is stability to be content and pleased is better than looking in other places.

- Everyone has a story and surely Allah (سبحانه) will show us the stage of (لا إله) Laa Ilaaha when we face closed doors, and struggles to lead us to the stage of (إلا الله) illa Allah. To see the beauty and perfection of Allah.
- In the end the journey with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the most beautiful.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US FROM THE MUHSINEEN. AMEEN.

REFERENCES

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