

What lessons do we learn from the story of Prophet Joseph (peace be upon him) in the Quran?

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◆ By reading Surah Yusuf, we learn that if a person is caught in the grip of moral vices, he reaches such a low point of humiliation that he is ready to suggest killing his brother. We learn how jealousy can tear apart a family and cause a father's heart to ache for years in separation from his child and bring shame and humiliation to the perpetrators. On the other hand, being adorned with moral virtues matures a person to the point that he reaches high positions.

We also learn what harm lying, betrayal, a lustful look, and a self-serving perspective bring to a person and disgraces him before God and humanity. On the other hand, how honesty, keeping one's promises, trusting in God, and benevolence for others elevate a person to the top and make everyone humble and submissive before him.

We also learn how the accumulation of power, wealth, unbridled lust, affluence, and palace living lead a person away from the path of justice and decency, to the point of betraying one's spouse and imprisoning an innocent victim.

On the other hand, if a person stands up for his decency, practices piety and patience together, and is willing to flee from the clutches of the oppressors and choose the corner of prison in order not to step outside the boundaries of God, what honor and greatness he will achieve.

By reading this Surah, we realize the amazing effects of forgiving and pardoning while also having power.

We also find that commitment and expertise are necessary for accepting any position and position, and that one who accepts a responsibility without qualifications will lead himself and others to failure and loss. These and other subtle lessons are truths and knowledge that a person gains through the reading and recitation of the blessed Surah Yusuf.

▫The Book of Meshkot, Tafsir al-Quran, Vol. 22, pp. 737-736.

