

- will never leave [this] land until my father permits me or Allāh decides for me,<sup>562</sup> and He is the best of judges.
81. Return to your father and say, 'O our father, indeed your son has stolen, and we did not testify except to what we knew. And we were not witnesses of the unseen.'<sup>563</sup>
  82. And ask the city in which we were and the caravan in which we came – and indeed, we are truthful.'"
  83. [Jacob] said, "Rather, your souls have enticed you to something, so patience is most fitting. Perhaps Allāh will bring them to me all together. Indeed, it is He who is the Knowing, the Wise."
  84. And he turned away from them and said, "Oh, my sorrow over Joseph," and his eyes became white<sup>564</sup> from grief, for he was [of that] a suppressor.<sup>565</sup>
  85. They said, "By Allāh, you will not cease remembering Joseph until you become fatally ill or become of those who perish."
  86. He said, "I only complain of my suffering and my grief to Allāh, and I know from Allāh that which you do not know."
  87. O my sons, go and find out about Joseph and his brother and despair not of relief from Allāh. Indeed, no one despairs of relief from Allāh except the disbelieving people."
  88. So when they entered upon him [i.e., Joseph], they said, "O 'Azeez, adversity has touched us and our family, and we have come with goods poor in quality, but give us full measure and be charitable to us. Indeed, Allāh rewards the charitable."
  89. He said, "Do you know what you did with Joseph and his brother when you were ignorant?"
  90. They said, "Are you indeed Joseph?" He said, "I am Joseph, and this is my brother. Allāh has certainly favored us. Indeed,

<sup>562</sup> i.e., in my favor by bringing about the release of Benjamin.

<sup>563</sup> i.e., We could not have known when we gave you the oath that he would steal and be apprehended.

<sup>564</sup> i.e., he lost his sight.

<sup>565</sup> He did not express the extent of his grief or his anger at what he suspected his sons had done but was patient, depending only upon Allāh for help.

he who fears Allāh and is patient, then indeed, Allāh does not allow to be lost the reward of those who do good."

91. They said, "By Allāh, certainly has Allāh preferred you over us, and indeed, we have been sinners."
92. He said, "No blame will there be upon you today. Allāh will forgive you; and He is the most merciful of the merciful."
93. Take this, my shirt, and cast it over the face of my father; he will become seeing. And bring me your family, all together."
94. And when the caravan departed [from Egypt], their father said,<sup>566</sup> "Indeed, I find the smell of Joseph [and would say that he was alive] if you did not think me weakened in mind."
95. They said, "By Allāh, indeed you are in your [same] old error."
96. And when the bearer of good tidings<sup>567</sup> arrived, he cast it over his face, and he returned [once again] seeing. He said, "Did I not tell you that I know from Allāh that which you do not know?"
97. They said, "O our father, ask for us forgiveness of our sins; indeed, we have been sinners."
98. He said, "I will ask forgiveness for you from my Lord. Indeed, it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful."
99. And when they entered upon Joseph, he took his parents to himself [i.e., embraced them] and said, "Enter Egypt, Allāh willing, safe [and secure]."
100. And he raised his parents upon the throne, and they bowed to him in prostration.<sup>568</sup> And he said, "O my father, this is the explanation of my vision of before. My Lord has made it reality. And He was certainly good to me when He took me out of prison and brought you [here] from bedouin life after Satan had induced [estrangement] between me and my brothers."

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<sup>566</sup>To those present with him, either some of his sons or other relatives.

<sup>567</sup>He who carried Joseph's shirt from among the brothers.

<sup>568</sup>That of greeting and respect, which was lawful until the time of Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ). Prostration to any person or object other than Allāh was then prohibited conclusively.