

QU RANIC AND BIBLICAL STUDY OF JOSEPH:
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ABSTRACT

Joseph known as Yusuf in al-Quran was sold into Slavery by his brothers, and falsely accused by his master's wife of attempted rape. He was imprisoned for a period of time but God was with him because he was innocent of the accusation levied against him. Joseph in al-Quran could not sin against God because God actively and directly prevented him from doing so. But in the Bible, God helped Joseph in his consciousness to discover that such an act was a sin against the Lord. God did not push him away from sinning, but Joseph decided within himself based on his understanding of God's law not to sin against God.

Joseph was faithful to God, although afflicted by situation that sorounded him, but was still rewarded by God. However, no one can live a faithful life expected of God in the contemporary situation without having faith in the atoning work of Christ. The basis for Christian witness is the ability to live up to God's expectation by mankind, which is unattainable with natural desire or ritually prescribed deeds but through a sinless sacrifice made available by God through Christ.

B. RECOMMENDATION

This research work has examined the similarities and differences between the life of Joseph as recorded in the Quran and the Bible. It has also presented its implication for Christian witness. The next researcher who has interest in the life of Joseph may dive into the interpretation of dreams in the ancient time in comparison to the contemporary ways of hearing from God. Such a researcher may use Joseph in the Bible and Quran as the case study of the ancient examples.