

A MESSAGE TO MUSLIMS

PART ONE THE PATHWAY TO PARADISE

Around the world, there are reports of thousands of Muslims turning from Islam to Immanuel, a name of Jesus Christ meaning “God with us.” There are many who have had divine revelations of Immanuel in dreams and visions and have received Him as their personal Savior. Others have witnessed miracles which resulted in their conversion. Many have been reached by Christians who have a heart to share the good news with Muslims regarding Immanuel and the pathway to Paradise He created through His death for the sins of all mankind.

As an adherent of Islam, you know that your religion demands righteous works in an attempt to please Allah. All religions are similar in this regard, in that they are mankind’s attempt to reach God through rules and rituals. Christianity, however, is not a religion. It is God’s divine plan to reach mankind, redeem them from sin, and restore them to right relationship with Him. It is not based on your works of righteousness, but upon God’s works. It is the one and only pathway to Paradise.

ARE YOUR GOOD WORKS ENOUGH?

Even though you may love Allah and consistently follow the basic principles of Islam, the questions always remain: “Will your good works be enough? Are your works sufficient to assure your entrance into Paradise? Will Allah be merciful to you based on his evaluation of your performance? How can your eternal destiny be assured?” As you may know, even the Prophet Muhammed expressed uncertainty as to whether or not his good works would assure his entrance into heaven.

Think on this question: If you were to die tonight, are you assured that you will be permitted to enter Paradise? If your response is, “No, I can’t be certain,” then we have good news for you! The Bible contains the answer to this question: “Are my good works enough?” The answer may be shocking to you, but here it is: Even if it were possible to outweigh bad deeds with good deeds, all of your righteous acts are like filthy rags:

*But we are all like an unclean thing,
And all our righteousness are like filthy rags...
(Isaiah 64:6a, NKJV)*

This revelation may be troubling to you if you have been trying to appease God by your own good works. This revelation was the point of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1–48). The Jews that comprised the audience, like those who follow Allah, were engaged in doing good works and trying to keep the Old Testament law. They had come to realize that nothing they did would ever meet God’s perfect standard. It would take a Savior! God clearly states regarding the future judgment day:

I will expose your righteousness and your works, and they will not benefit you.

(Isaiah 57:12, NIV)

Adam broke one law of God and was kicked out of the Paradise of Eden. Have you committed one or more sins? Did you know that committing one single sin makes a person guilty of breaking all of God's laws?

*For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.
(James 2:10, NKJV)*

Have you broken one of God's laws? Be honest. If so, then you are guilty of breaking them all. Actually, we know that everyone has broken God's laws because the Bible reveals that "...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23, NKJV). If sin is not properly dealt with, the end of this cycle is spiritual death:

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 6:23, NKJV).*

Spiritual death means that you will not be permitted to enter Paradise and you will be separated from God for all eternity.

Ask questions: *Which one of you can truly say, "I am free from sin in my life, for my heart is clean and pure." (Proverbs 20:9, TPT)*

INTIMACY WITH GOD

You have been taught that an intimate, personal relationship with Allah is not possible, but that he demands complete submission and good works to assure your eternal destiny. But God Himself declared that He desires to reveal Himself to mankind. He said:

*I've made myself available
to those who haven't bothered to ask.
I'm here, ready to be found
by those who haven't bothered to look.
I kept saying 'I'm here, I'm right here'
(Isaiah 65:1, MSG)*

God has revealed Himself through:

The conscience. God imbedded His basic moral guidelines in the human conscience, meaning that people generally have an innate sense of actions being right or wrong...

...because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were

darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. (Romans 1:19-24, NKJV).

Creation. God is also revealed through creation. The complexity, beauty, and variety of the world all verify a divine Creator:

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.
Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.
There is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.
Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.
(Psalm 19:1-4, NKJV)*

Jesus Christ: You can learn *about God* through creation, but you can only come to *know God* through Jesus Christ. The greatest revelation of God is through Jesus Christ who came to earth in human form to suffer and die for the sins of all mankind. If you want a revelation of God, look to Jesus:

*Jesus said... "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves."
(John 14:6-11, NKJV)*

That is why we want you to come to know Immanuel, which is the name by which God confirms that He desires a personal relationship with you. The name "Immanuel" means "God with us" and it is one of the names of Jesus Christ.

The Bible explains that:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

(1 John 1:1-5, NKJV)

What or who is the Word? It is a person, as it says in verse 2 that “He” was with God. This same Word “... *became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth*” (John 1:14, NKJV). The Word that became flesh was Jesus Christ. God loved mankind so greatly and wanted to reveal Himself so much that He sent His Son to dwell among us and die for our sins so that we could have a restored relationship with Him.

You may have been taught that Jesus was just a good moral teacher and a great prophet. But Jesus declared that He was the Son of God and the Messiah who had come to redeem mankind from sin. How could He be good and moral if He lied about who He was? How can He be both a liar and a great teacher and prophet?

The answer is, He was not lying. He was telling the truth. His subsequent death on the cross and resurrection from the grave proved this and is confirmed, not only by Scripture, but by historical records and eye witness accounts.

As a Muslim, you may say, “Oh, I believe in Jesus. I believe He was a true teacher, a great prophet, and a good man.” But you cannot say Jesus was a true teacher and yet deny His teaching that He is the only way, truth, and life (John 14:6). You cannot believe Jesus was a great prophet and yet reject His prophecy that He would die and rise again in three days (Luke 18:31-33). You cannot admit Jesus is a good man yet disbelieve His claim to be the Son of God (Luke 22:70; John 5:18-47).

Jesus taught that there are not many ways to God, but only one way. Jesus is “*the way, the truth, and the life*” (John 14:6). It is through Immanuel, Jesus Christ, that you can receive assurance of eternal life in Paradise (Heaven):

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. (Matthew 7:13-14, NKJV)

There is only one way to God, and that is through Jesus Christ. The good news is that by God’s grace, you can enter the right spiritual gate and be forgiven of your sin through repentant faith in Immanuel:

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.(Ephesians 2:8-9, NKJV)

When you accept Immanuel as Messiah and the one who died for your sins, you no longer will have to wonder about your eternal destiny. You will not have to question if your good works are enough to outweigh the bad. You can be assured of eternity in Heaven with God. And it all happens through the love and mercy extended to you by Immanuel, God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Your eternal destiny is assured by His works, not by yours.

THE MOST IMPORTANT PRAYER YOU WILL EVER PRAY

As a Muslim, prayer is important to you. But the “prayer of salvation” is the most important prayer you will ever pray. What does it mean when you pray this prayer?

-When you pray the prayer of salvation, you are letting God know that you believe His Word is true regarding your need for salvation and the fact that you cannot earn it through good works.

-You are acknowledging that because God could only accept a perfect, sinless sacrifice to atone for sin and because He knew that you could not possibly accomplish that, He sent His Son to die for you and pay the eternal price. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16, NKJV).

-Through this prayer, you are admitting that you need forgiveness for your sin, that your good works are not enough, and that you need a Savior.

-You are acknowledging that Jesus Christ came to earth and died on the cross for your sin.

-You are repenting of your sin and accepting Jesus as your Savior.

Are you ready to pray this prayer? It is simple, but powerful. Here it is:

"Dear God, I know that my sins have separated me from You. I am truly sorry. Please forgive me for all of my sins and my attempts to atone for them through my own works. I believe that your Son, Jesus Christ, died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, that He is alive, and that He hears my prayer right now. I invite Jesus--Immanuel--as the Lord of my life, to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward. In Jesus' name, Amen."

If you prayed this prayer with true conviction of heart, you are now a follower of Immanuel, the Lord Jesus Christ. This means that your eternal destiny is assured because... *"if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"* (Romans 10:9, NKJV). You are not only saved from your sin, but saved from an eternity separated from God:

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:11-13, NKJV)

If you are not yet ready to pray this prayer, we encourage you to read the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in the Holy Bible. Ask God to open your mind. Check out the truth for yourself.

Please contact us if you prayed this prayer. Your personal information will always be kept private. We have much more we want to share with you. We want to help you come to know God in an intimate relationship and we have an abundance of free materials that will help you along the pathway to Paradise. Contact us at: <http://www.harvestime.org>

PART TWO NEW BELIEVER GUIDELINES

Congratulations on your decision to pray the prayer of salvation. Your decision to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior will bring positive changes in your life. This brief study will help you understand what it means to be "born again" and provide instructions on how to grow spiritually.

LESSON ONE: SIN

Man's greatest problem is sin: In Romans 3:23 we read, "*All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.*" The Bible says all people are sinners and sin separates them from God.

The end results of sin: "*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*" (Romans 6:23). The end result of sin is spiritual death which is eternal separation from God.

God loves you and has provided forgiveness for your sins: The Bible says, "*This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world ... as an atoning sacrifice for our sins*" (1 John 4:9-10). God loves you so much that He has provided a way for your sins to be forgiven so that you do not have to reap the wages of sin which is spiritual death through separation from God.

The answer to your sin problem: Jesus said, "*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me*" (John 14:6). Acts 4:12 confirms, "*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.*" Jesus Christ is the answer to your sin problem. He is the only way to God and the only way to be forgiven.

You must accept Jesus as your personal Savior: Romans 10:9 declares, "*If you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord: and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*" If you prayed the prayer accepting Christ as Savior, this is what you did. You acknowledged your sin, asked forgiveness, and accepted Jesus as Savior.

Your past sins: When you accepted Jesus as your Savior, He forgave the sins you confessed, but He also cleansed you from all unrighteousness, even those sins you did not remember and acts you did not realize were sin. You do not need to confess these past sins repeatedly. They are forgiven and God has forgotten them. God says, "*... for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more*" (Jeremiah 31:34).

Sins committed after you accept Christ: Part of the daily prayer pattern in Matthew 6:9-13 includes asking forgiveness for sins you commit after receiving Christ.

LESSON TWO: LIVING A NEW LIFE

You have experienced a spiritual birth. The Bible teaches that man is body, soul, and spirit. When you accept Christ as Savior, the change is a spiritual one. You experience a spiritual rebirth (John 3:5-8). You do not experience a physical change when you receive Christ. Your spirit is born again.

After your new spiritual birth, your soul--which is your mind, will, and emotions--must be supernaturally changed as you live out this new life. For years, your soul has ruled your spirit and your body. Whatever your soul desired or dictated, you did--whether it was drugs, alcohol, pornography, immorality, etc. You did not exercise control over emotions such as anger, unforgiveness, and bitterness. You went where you wanted to go and did what you wanted to do. Then you tried to atone for the bad deeds with good works. You got to where you are today by doing what you did. If you want things to change, you must do something different.

You must let your spirit rule. For years, your unredeemed, sinful, soulish nature has controlled your body and your spirit. Now you must learn to let your redeemed spirit control your body and your soulish nature (mind, will, emotions).

When your old soulish nature rises up and you sin, it does not mean you weren't saved. You do not need to accept Jesus as Savior again. You simply need to ask God to forgive you and give you strength to overcome future temptations. God has provided a way of escape in every temptation. Take it! *"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it"* (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Repetition of sinful behavior leads to more of the same, until certain actions are so entrenched in our lives that we cannot stop. We become enslaved to habitual sin and spiritual strongholds are erected. This is why you do not want to deliberately sin. Read the struggle the Apostle Paul had in Romans 7:15-21 and the glorious solution in Romans 8.

Recognize the difference between conviction and condemnation. *Condemnation* is general. You think you are a bad person, you can never change, etc. These thoughts come from the enemy to discourage you in your new life. *Conviction* is specific and is from the Holy Spirit to reprove you for wrong so you can correct it. For example, you feel convicted because you lied to someone. This is the Holy Spirit working in you to help you live out your new life of faith.

LESSON THREE: GROWING IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH IMMANUEL

Study the Word of God: You cannot grow without food. Just as natural food supplies the energy for your physical growth, the Holy Bible is the food which supplies the energy for your spiritual growth. Your spiritual growth will be in direct proportion to your increasing knowledge

of God's Word. Personal Bible study must become a part of your daily routine. Start by reading the book of John.

Pray: Use the pattern of the Lord's prayer to guide you in daily prayer: Matthew 6:9-13.

Attend a local Bible-believing church so your new faith will be strengthened.

Make friends with other Muslims who are embracing Immanuel as their Savior.

FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR NEW SPIRITUAL LIFE...

Download the free courses "*Foundations of Faith*" and "*Kingdom Living*" from this Harvestime web site. Then go through the study entitled "*Biblical Theology*". After you complete these courses, review the additional materials available free on this site. These resources are all available under the "English" tab in the left menu.

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