



## The Status of Women in the Qur'an

**Dear Friend in Jesus!** I am often asked in our seminars, "Just give us the bottom line." Due to this request, the following is a short summary on the status (position) of women according to the Qur'an. Although there is much in the Qur'an, I will mention here 7 important verses from 2 different chapters.

**Sura 4:3** gives a man the right to have up to 4 wives at a time. (My father had more than 1 wife, which caused my mother emotional pain and financial hardship.) A woman can have only 1 husband at a time.

**Sura 4:11** gives a son double the portion of the inheritance of a daughter. In other words, 1 portion is to be given to the daughter and 2 portions go to the son.

**Sura 4:24** gives man the right to have any woman his right hand possesses. That means if a man can afford it, he can have concubines (mistresses) in addition to 4 wives.

**Sura 4:24** also gives a Muslim man the right in a conflict to take women captives. That is what we see recently with ISIS capturing many Yazidi women and taking them for the soldiers.

Muhammad, by the way, had 3 captive women: Rayhana, Juwayriyah, and Safiyah (whose father, brother, and other male relatives were killed by Muslims). Both, Safiyah and Juwayriyah converted to Islam and married Muhammad.

Some scholars say Rayhana refused to convert and marry her captor; her former husband was among the hundreds of Jewish men beheaded by Muslims in 627 AD. Juwayriyah was the daughter of a chief who converted to Islam after his daughter was captured. True Muslims seek to follow his example.

**Sura 4:34** allows a man the following options for a rebellious wife:

1. He can admonish her.
2. He can throw her from his bed, which is serious because a Muslim woman's 2 main duties are to keep her husband happy and bear his children. Her noble identity is as a mother.
3. He can beat her. (Some English translations say beat her "lightly" but in Arabic "lightly" does not appear.)

**Sura 2:282** equates the testimony of 1 man to be equal to the testimonies of 2 women.

**Sura 2:223** states that a woman is a tilth (field- land under cultivation) for a husband. In other words, he can have sex with her whenever and however he wants (without the wife's consent; that is marital rape in today's society).

**Sura 2:230** allows a man to divorce his wife by saying 3 times "I divorce you". If the man does it hastily and realizes that it was a mistake, he does not pay the penalty. The woman has to go marry someone else, sleep with him, be divorced and come back to marry him. What equality is that? 500,000 American women have married Muslim men. Now that you know all these facts what are you going to do about it? Call or email us today and let's do it together!

### JESUS CAME FOR ALL - WOMEN INCLUDED

Jesus elevated the status of women in the Jewish system. Martha was busy cooking for Jesus and the apostles around him, yet her sister Mary was sitting at the feet of her Rabbi, Jesus. Martha complained and learned that choosing to be fed spiritually is for women as well as men!

**Galatians 3:28** shows me that men and women are equal in God's sight.

**Ephesians 5:25** reminds me how a husband is to be the protector of his wife – willing to die for her as Jesus gave his life for his bride, the church.

**1 Peter 3:7** tells me to be vigilant so not to hinder my spiritual connection with my Lord and God. My wife should always receive good and loving treatment from me—respect consideration, kindness, patience, etc.

I am reminded that in a society where women were considered of less value, Jesus appeared first to a woman after his resurrection and the second time to several women at Bethany. When I compare the precepts of Jesus with that of Muhammad and the Qur'an, certainly there is no match!

## PRAYER AND PRAISE POINTS

- ❖ We thank God for our brothers and sisters reaching Muslims with the Gospel and praise Him for souls saved! We thank Him for their passion for outreach.
- ❖ We pray that God will do miracles in the lives of all Muslims including those in authority and influence. We pray for boldness in the face of all opposition to reveal that Jesus is the only way and unity of the body so the whole world will know Christ.
- ❖ We thank God for our small group study based on the book *Jesus or Muhammad: A Question of Assurance*. We pray that the knowledge gained by the participants will be used in helping others to know Christ, including Muslims.

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- ❖ We thank the Lord for the launch of the Urdu section on our **itl-usa.org** website for Muslims. Urdu language is spoken by around 60 million Muslims. More than 10 million Urdu speaking people have access to the Internet. Please pray with us that the articles in Urdu and the 15 minute video series will be used by the Lord to open the hearts of many Muslims to accept the only way to paradise– Jesus, the only assurance.
- ❖ We have now launched a free DVD video for Urdu speaking Muslims. The 45 minutes video is a response to three major Islamic objections against the Integrity of the Bible. Please pray with us that the Lord will use it to open many minds to read the Bible and know Jesus.
- ❖ We pray that the Lord will protect and use Christians who are now reaching Muslims, utilizing the instructions and resources that we provide. We pray that our missionary friends will be affective in using what we taught them with the Holy Spirit's leading.
- ❖ We pray for financial providence in order to reprint 13 evangelistic leaflets in English, print them in Spanish for Spanish-speaking Muslims, publish Steven's next book, *Islam: A Biblical Understanding* and Karen's book, *Marriage Preparation for Eternity*.
- ❖ Dear Friend, the harvest is plentiful yet the workers are few (Luke 10:2). We pray for more workers to join us in the mission field as God leads them. We need your prayers and support. Through your help, Muslims are being reached for Christ (Matthew 28:18-20) even in the darkest places of spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:12).

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