



## Muslims' effort to enter paradise by prayer & fasting

**Dear Friend of Jesus to Muslims!** Many Muslims devoutly fast (from dawn to dusk each day) during Ramadan. Ramadan takes place from June 6th to July 4/5th this year. In Islam, fasting is one of the five pillars of the faith. The traditions of Islam teach that during this month, Allah gives Muslims a chance to double their rewards towards Paradise. Muslims hope that on the Day of Judgment, their good deeds will weigh more than the bad, persuading Allah to grant them divine mercy to enter Paradise.

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A highlight of Ramadan is “the Night of Power” (*Laylat al-Qadr*). This night is seen as an auspicious night when many Muslims who don’t often pray will try to do so in order to gain a special blessing (*baraka*). Many Muslims pray continuously during this night for mercy, forgiveness, and salvation. This practice is also called *Ihya* – meaning revival.

The Qur’an has a chapter with 5 verses titled *Laylat al-Qadr*. A verse of this chapter states: “The angels and the Spirit descend therein, by the permission of their Lord, with all decrees” (Sura 97:4). Thus, Muslims believe this is a special night, when God gives heed to their requests. In the light of such, a hadith states, “Whoever prays during the Night of Power with faith and hoping for its reward will have all his previous sins forgiven” (Sahih Bukhari, Volume 3, Book 31, Number 125).

Muslims ask for Allah’s pardon for their past sins and conduct other meritorious behavior. Every act that a Muslim can possibly do to please Allah is expected, including acts of kindness, prayer, giving and fasting. Since there is no assurance of salvation by grace for the 1.6 billion Muslims on earth, they hope to do more good works so to have a greater opportunity for obtaining mercy on the Day of Judgment. In spite of such efforts, if a Muslim is asked about one’s assurance in going to Paradise, the answer is usually *Inshallah* - “if Allah wills.” Here is an opportunity for Christians to share with Muslims that God has already revealed His assurance available through Jesus! Grace and mercy is available through Jesus the Christ (John 1:17).

Due to the unrest and barbaric attitudes of some Muslim groups that impose Islamic laws with full vengeance, killing even Muslims and non-Muslims, many Muslims are questioning the way of Islam. Many of these are young people in their 20’s and 30’s. A lot of Muslims have reported having visions and dreams, where Jesus has appeared and ministered to them! As Jesus was sent into this world, we as His followers, are given the Great Commission to reach others including Muslims. – **Steven Masood**

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**A PLEA –** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we have heard about so many tragedies and difficulties happening. You are in our prayers. Jesus said, “You will have troubles in this world but take heart, for I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). In Christ Jesus, we are more than conquerors (Romans 8:37). Jesus prayed that those who will hear the Gospel would be one with the Father (John 17:20-23), as He is one

with the Father, so that the world would KNOW that the Father sent Him, Jesus. Sadly, the lost, including Muslims, the LGBT community, Atheists, and skeptics are not feeling the love of the Father through the majority of those claiming Christ. We may be sharing the Word but not always in love.

The devil’s goal is to dominate the whole world through Islam, other religions, Atheist agendas, LGBT agendas, lust of the flesh and the eyes, the pride of life, and many other worldly ways leading the sheep to slaughter. All these agendas will bring people to eternal hell, not eternity with God. God has a plan for your life and mine and all mankind, plans to bless us and give us hope and a future, an eternal future.

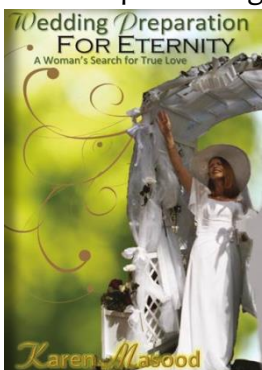
II Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people would humble themselves and pray and turn from their wicked ways," then He will heal our land. It is so easy to point the finger to blame the sinful world around us but we need to follow Jesus. Sometimes the pain in our hearts speaks instead of us waiting upon the Holy Spirit to speak through us. We plead with you our friends to join with us to repent of our unloving ways of sharing the Truth and make things right with those we have offended before going to the altar to take Communion, as the Word says (Matt 5:23-24). If we do not forgive others, our Father will not forgive us (Matt 6:15). Jesus said on the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Jesus tells us we will obey His commandments if we love Him (John 14:15). The world will know us by our love. Together in obedience to Jesus, we can all come together in unity (Ephesians 4:4-6). The Body of Christ is one body with many parts (I Corinthians 12). We are uniquely, fearfully and wonderfully made for a purpose! God's divine purpose for His body of Christ on earth is to use each of us with our unique gifting for the good of the whole body, as the light of the world, reflecting Jesus!

At *Jesus to Muslims* we are here to equip the body of Christ with knowledge of Islam and the answers to Muslims' objections about Jesus being the only way to God. Our aim is to equip every church in our community, our state of Florida, America, and to the ends of the world (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8). We also warn women not to marry Muslims (II Corinthians 6:14). Please, talk to your pastors about inviting Dr. Steven Masood to your church to share his testimony or to speak on topics related to Islam with a Biblical perspective. Thank you for your part. May we encourage one another in this spiritual battle we face (Ephesians 6:12). We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us! (Philippians 4:13) – **Karen Masood**

### **PRAYER AND PRAISE POINTS**

- ❖ We praise the Lord for using us all through the help of His Holy Spirit to enlighten Muslim seekers to embrace eternal salvation through Jesus Christ.
- ❖ We pray that the Lord will use the month of Ramadan to stir up an even greater desire in the hearts of Muslims to know the Truth and to feel the need for the grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Pray for the several million Muslims who have made the USA as home: That they will come to know Jesus as their Savior, as some already have!
- ❖ Pray for Christians, that they will extend the love of Jesus and share the message of assurance with Muslims. If the Lord has placed a Muslim or a Muslim family in your life, please commit to praying for their salvation by name so that they might have eternal hope in Jesus.
- ❖ Pray that Muslims will listen to Jesus and not be confused by what they see in liberal media & among confused Christians
- ❖ We praise God for continuous help for Muslim background believers, willing to be grounded in Biblical doctrines and live accordingly.
- ❖ We praise God for friends in Christ who translated our 13 evangelizing leaflets to Spanish which are now available in pdf format. We are thankful that Steven Masood's book, *Into the Light*, has now been also translated into Spanish. We pray for funds to print them both.
- ❖ We praise the Lord for Karen's book *Wedding Preparation for Eternity: A Woman's Search for True Love* being printed. We thank God for all the help in editing and layout by friends. Order your copy today.



- ❖ We praise God for friends who help this ministry through their prayerful and financial support.
- ❖ We need dedicated mission minded laborers to join our ministry's ongoing needs (websites updates & maintenance, event help, and videos resources). Praise God for sending admin and book keeping help.
- ❖ We pray that more Christians will get equipped and have a heart to reach the harvest of Muslims.
- ❖ We seek Godly wisdom and discernment in these difficult times that we all are facing. We pray that the church will unite as one body and rise to represent Jesus in this dark world.

### **JESUS TO MUSLIMS: FINANCIAL ASPECTS**

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