

Outline for the Role of Women in Islam

I. God's Biblical view of Women

A. Women Equal to Men

- i. Gen 1:26-27, 5:1-2 In God's image, equal to men
- ii. I Cor 11:7-12 man is born of a woman
- iii. Ephes 5:23-25 Man lays his life down as Christ did for the church
- iv. Ephes 5:26-27 Man washes her in Word
- v. Ephes 5:28-31 Men love wives as own bodies
- vi. Ephes 5:33 respect
- vii. Col. 3:19 men do not be harsh with wives

B. Women equal in Redemption

- a. Gal. 3:26-29 Co-heirs
- b. I Peter 3:7 equal partner but weaker vessel so that his prayers will not be hindered
- c. Acts 17:4 Prominent women added to converts in Paul's day
- d. Joel 2:27-29/ Act 2:14-18 Spirit poured out on all- sons and daughters will prophesy-gifts given to all equally
- e. Acts 1:14 women pray together with men-spouse who pray together stay together-also study the Word together and separately
- f. Titus 2:1-5 Women teachers as well as men-Older into the younger women's lives
- g. John 4:27-30, 39-42; woman at the well-Jesus speaking with immoral woman for eternal purpose- a redeemed woman's powerful testimony
- h. I Corinthian 6:14-Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?
- i. Acts 1 and 2 Evangelists and missionaries-filled with the spirit and speaking in tongues
- j. Acts 18:24-28 husband and wife teams
- k. Romans 16:12-15, Philippians 4:2-3-women who were fellow hard workers
- l. Matthew 28:5-10; Mark 16:1-8; John 20:1-18-Eye witnesses of resurrection

- C. Karen M Testimony-American woman from world to Christianity (Romans 8:28)from worldly love to God's love

II Islamic View of Women

- D. Video testimony of American woman to Islam-Worldly emptiness to Islam-Need=respect

E. Men and women are equal-----But See contradiction

- a. God will reward both men and women (Sura 16:97; 33:35; 43:70)
- b. Men & women created from a single soul (4:1)
- c. They (your wives) are your garment and you are a garment for them. (Sura 2:187)
- d. However, Men are superior: 'a step above women' (Sura 2:228; 4:34)

F. Women are deficient:

1. Deficient in intelligence and religion: value, wisdom, no prayer/fasting during menses

(*Sahih Bukhari*, 1 Hadith No. 301. See also vol. 3, Hadith No. 826).

2. Women are ungrateful (Bukhari, vol.1, p. Hadith No. 28).

The Result: Testimony of 2 women is equal to one man (Sura 2:282).

G. Marriage & Family

- a. Paradise is under the mother's feet: value only in mothering children
- b. God has given you wives, sons and grandsons... (Sura 30:21; 16:72)
- c. Adultery, fornication forbidden and punished (Sura 17:32; 24:2 ff)
- d. Men may marry more than one woman (Sura 4:3; 3:129)
- e. A Muslim should not marry an unbeliever (Sura 2:221) except:
 - i. A Christian or a Jew (Sura 5:5) but children must be brought up as Muslim
 - ii. A Muslim woman can marry a man of another faith if he converts to Islam
 - iii. If a Muslim married man converts to another faith, his marriage dissolves. He becomes an APOSTATE=punishable by death (Shari'a (Islamic law)
 - iv. If a Muslim married woman converts to another faith, marriage still remains intact. She should be punished, scourged, until she repents or dies (Shari'a)

- v. In Temporary Marriage *Nikah al-Mut'a* saying by man (Nahhas, Kitab al-Naskh, p 99)

H. Equality & fairness in Marriage

- a. Orphans & slaves-avoiding injustice (Sura 4:3, 3:129)
- b. Time and money
 - i. Sexual relations-Muhammad all 9 wives in one night (Sahih Bukhari, vol 7, Hadith No. 142; vol 1 Hadith No 268)

I. Husband's rights

- a. Lie to wife and for greater cause of Islam
- b. Wife not talk when man talking
- c. Wife is a tilth
- d. Sex on demand from wife
- e. Beat wife
- f. 3 people who's prayers not answered
 - i. Runaway slave until returns to master
 - ii. Disobedient wife until satisfies husband
 - iii. Drunk until sober
- g. Rebellious wife (Sur 4:34, 4:128, & Sahih Bukhari, vol 7, Hadith No. 134)

J. Divorce

- a. Most detestable (Hadith)
- b. Muhammad allowed to force it for himself (Hadith)
- c. A divorced woman must marry someone else & divorce to remarry husband after divorce

K. Women in Paradise (Sura 44:51-54)

- a. Spiritual standing of women who go to paradise
 - i. Prevent men from paradise
 - ii. Men's prayer annulled
 - iii. Women blamed for men's lust
 - iv. Women Body coverings (Sura 24:31, Sura 33: 58-59)
 - v. Permanent wife must submit to husband
- L. No nation allows women to rule over men

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