

The Status of Women in Islam & the Bible

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. 1 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, also Gen 2:24
- vi. Ephes 5:33 respect
- vii. Col. 3:19 Men do not be harsh with wives
- viii. 1 Peter 3:7 Women as weaker partner... so God will not hinder men's prayers

B. Women equal in Redemption.

- a. Gal. 3:26-29 Co-heirs
- b. 1 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 2:28-29/ 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; spouses who pray together stay together. They also study the Word together and separately.
- f. Titus 2:1-5 Women teachers, into the younger women's lives
- g. John 4:27-30, 39-42; woman at the well-Jesus speaking with an immoral woman for eternal purpose- a redeemed woman's powerful testimony.
- h. 1 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 1:14, 2:17 Evangelists and missionaries filled with the Spirit and speaking in tongues
- j. Acts 18:24-28 husband and wife team together.
- 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-Eyewitnesses of resurrection

II. Islamic Perspective of Women

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

C. Men and women are equal-----But See the 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)

D. 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: The testimony of 2 women equals that of one man (Sura 2:282).

E. 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 remains intact.

She should be punished and 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)

F. Equality & fairness in Marriage

a. Orphans & slaves-avoiding injustice (Sura 4:3, 3:129)

b. Time and money

i. Sexual relations between all nine wives in one night (*Sahih Bukhari*, vol 7, Hadith

No. 142; vol 1 Hadith No 268)

G. Husband's rights

a. Can lie to wife and for a greater cause of Islam

b. Wife should not talk when men are talking

c. Wife is a tilth

d. Sex on demand from wife

e. Beat wife

f. Three people whose prayers are not answered

i. A runaway slave until returns to master

ii. A disobedient wife until she satisfies her husband

iii. A drunk until sober

g. Rebellious wife (Sura 4:34, 4:128, & *Sahih Bukhari*, vol 7, Hadith No. 134)

H. Divorce

a. Most detestable in God's sight

- b. Muhammad allowed to force it for himself (Hadith)
 - c. A divorced woman must marry someone else & divorce to remarry her husband after divorce.
- I. 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's Body coverings (Sura 24:31, Sura 33: 58-59)
 - v. A permanent wife must submit to her husband
- J. No nation allows women to rule over men

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