

NORTHEAST HOUSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sermon Notes: Islam Compared to What We Believe Pt 1

Topic: Introduction to Islam

Genesis 16:6–12

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“It is not what we DO but what Christ has already DONE”

Genesis 16:6–12 (NKJV) ⁶ So Abram said to Sarai, “Indeed your maid *is* in your hand; do to her as you please.” And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence. ⁷ Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸ And He said, “Hagar, Sarai’s maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?” She said, “I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai.” ⁹ The Angel of the LORD said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand.” ¹⁰ Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, “I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude.” ¹¹ And the Angel of the LORD said to her: “Behold, you *are* with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction. ¹² He shall be a wild man; His hand *shall be* against every man, And every man’s hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.”

What is Islam?

- Islam is a religious system begun around 610-622 CE. by Muhammad who claimed the angel Gabriel visited him for *about 23 years* until Muhammad's death revealing
- Based on the projections for year 2014 and 2015 by the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Islam is present in over 230 countries.
- It is the 2nd largest religion in the world second only to Christianity. It has over 1.6 billion followers called “Muslims”. The CIA reported that there are over 2.5 million in the U.S.

Is Abraham Their Father also?

- Like the Jews, Muslims, the followers of Islam claim Biblical Abraham as their father also. This is true. They can trace their ancestry back to Abraham, his first son. See Genesis 16:10–12
- ¹⁰ Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, “I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude v11 ... You shall call his name Ishmael,
- The Bible records that Abraham had other sons besides Ishmael and Isaac. Children by a third wife of Abraham named Keturah.
Genesis 25:1–6 (NKJV) ¹ Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah. ² And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. ³ Jokshan begot

Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. ⁴ And the sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoah, Abidah, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. ⁵ And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac. ⁶ But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.

- Those other than Isaac settled in what is now Arabic territory.

What is the Qur'an?

- The Qur'an, Islam's holy book, purportedly revealed to Muhammad by Gabriel the words of Allah (the Arabic word for “God” used by Muslims). The hadith is the secondary source.
- Muslims follow the teachings of the Qur'an and strive to keep the Five Pillars

What are its beliefs /Doctrine?

Muslims summarize their doctrine in six articles of faith:

1. **Belief in one Allah:** Muslims believe Allah is one, eternal, creator, and sovereign. We have a similar belief.
Ephesians 4:4–6 (NKJV) ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
2. **Belief in the angels, demons, spirits, jinn (genies).**
We believe there are angels, spirits and demons. We struggle with principalities but not genies. (Ephesians 6:12)
3. **Belief in the prophets:** The prophets include the biblical prophets but end with Muhammad as Allah's final prophet.
We do not claim to know how many prophets God has sent. According to the timeline this would have occurred over 550 years after the death of all the Apostles and the writings inspired by God were written.
4. **Belief in the revelations of Allah:** Muslims accept certain portions of the Bible, such as the Torah and the Gospels. They believe the Qur'an is the preexistent, perfect word of Allah.
How far did it preexist? Before Moses and the Ten Commandments? If the Qur'an is the perfect word why accept parts of the Torah and the Gospel? The Gospels were written during the first century not the seventh.
5. **Belief in the last day of judgment and the hereafter:** Everyone will be resurrected for judgment into either paradise or hell.

We believe in some similar things. We believe that Jesus will be the judge the

believers at the judgment seat for purpose of giving rewards.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. This is Judgments of believers for rewards.*

There will be a final judgment at the “Great White Throne”. At that time the books will be open including the Book of Life. Believers name will be in the book of life and our sins will have been paid for by the blood of Jesus. (*Revelation 20:12–13*)

6. **Belief in predestination:** Muslims believe Allah has decreed everything that will happen.

The doctrine of predestination has long been argued over centuries as to its meaning with no clear conclusion. I believe that the main problem occurs when we become so rigid with the definition of predestination as if it cannot be changed. There are too many cases where God had destined a person or a nation for one thing but their actions either delayed it or changed it.

Message Scriptures: **Genesis 16:6–12**, *1 Peter 3:15*, *Ephesians 4:11–14*, *Genesis 17:5–6*, *2 Timothy 3:16*, *2 Corinthians 5:10*, *Revelation 20:12–13*, *Romans 8:29–30*, *1 Thessalonians 5:16–18* (*Romans 8:29–30 (NKJV)*).

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Resources:

Christianity vs. Islam

https://www.diffen.com/difference/Christianity_vs_Islam

What Is Islam, And What Do Muslims Believe?

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Islam.html>

Muslims Adhere to Different Islamic Sects

<http://www.dummies.com/religion/islam/muslims-adhere-to-different-islamic-sects/>

Video

Three Quran Verses Every Christian Should Know (David Wood)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5Nu6EabQD8>