

THE COMMITMENT OF THE MUSLIM

INTRODUCTION

- A. Population
 1. USA: 3 million (25 years ago) → 4 million (15 years ago)
 2. World: 1.2 billion (10 years ago) → 1.57 billion (last year)
 3. Matthew 28:19-20
- B. This morning we are going to look at the Islamic concept of commitment as it relates to Allah
 1. Even though they serve a false god, not the One True God of heaven, their commitment is admirable
 2. We will consider this and see what we might learn from their commitment, and also take a look at what the Scriptures say about commitment

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- A. Recommended books
 1. Guy N. Woods, *Biblical Backgrounds of the Troubled Middle East*
 2. Evertt L. Huffard, *Christ or the Qur'an?*
- B. Mohammed lived from 570 to 632 A.D.
 1. Islam = “submission” and Muslim = “one who submits”
 2. The year before his death, the 60-year old Mohammed made his last pilgrimage to Mecca accompanied by 114,000 pilgrims
- C. Following Mohammed’s death, there was a struggle for power, causing division
 1. Many groups; two dominant – the Sunnis and the Shi’ites
 2. The Sunnis are the larger of the two, but the Shi’ites are more powerful
 3. Saddam Hussein was a member of the Shi’ite group
- D. The sacred book in the mind of the Muslim is the Qur’an
 1. Much true about Jesus in Qur’an (virgin birth, miracles, resurrection)
 2. Much false about Jesus in Qur’an (not crucified, not Son of God)

II. THE COMMITMENT OF THE MUSLIM

- A. The Muslim’s entire life and existence is centered on Allah
- B. The things that Muslims do in their lives, politically, socially, and religiously, are done because they believe it is exalting Allah and giving honor to Allah

III. CAN WE LEARN FROM THE MUSLIM’S COMMITMENT?

- A. Great devotion and sincerity
 1. “Because we in the secular West have made God a mere hobby, we don’t comprehend how devout Muslims perceive reality. Our materialist-minded leaders prattle on about solving the ‘root

causes' of terror – poverty, illiteracy, lack of democracy and so forth – because we cannot fathom the idea that hundreds of millions of people believe that obeying the God of the Qur'an is the most important thing in life.” (*The Dallas Morning News*, 2004)

2. What does the Bible say about our commitment to God?
 - a. Ecclesiastes 12:13
 - b. Mark 12:30
 - c. Matthew 6:33
 - d. Colossians 3:1-3
- B. Honor toward their god
1. They don't want anything in their lives that would bring reproach upon the name of Allah
 2. What does the Bible say about honor toward the true God?
 - a. Genesis 39:9
 - b. Matthew 5:16
 - c. Romans 2:23,24
 - d. I Timothy 1:17
 - e. I Timothy 6:16
 - f. II Peter 3:18

CONCLUSION

- A. We should be bringing glory and honor to the Lord in all that we do, in word and in deed
1. Too many Christians will be surprised on the Judgment Day
 2. Matthew 7:21-23
 3. God demands more than lip service, He demands life service
 4. Romans 12:1-2
- B. Obedience toward God
1. Acts 2:38
 2. Acts 22:16
 3. Mark 16:16