

Glimpses of God as revealed in the Holy Bible.

1. The Most High Sovereign God; the Creator; Judge; SAVIOUR; the Revealer of mysteries and of the future. (Daniel 4:25. 2:29, 47. 2 Peter 1:20-21.) "The compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.." (Exodus 34:6.) The LORD who will not share His Glory with others. (Isaiah 42:8.); Jealous (Exodus 34:14.)....

2. God became our Saviour by having His Son, the Messiah, "crushed" to death for our sin. Isaiah 53. 2 Corinthians 5:21. Romans 3:20-26.

3. There is no one Holy except the Lord. 1 Samuel 2:2. Psalm 18:30-31. Romans 3:23.

Like all the rest of us, Mary needed God to be her Saviour. Luke 1:47. John 1:8-10.

4. The Creator of mankind is identified as a plural Unity! - "Let **Us** make man in **Our** image." Genesis 1:26. (A God beyond our comprehension). God is mysteriously revealed in Scripture as Father, Son and Spirit; the single source and cause of all, working harmoniously together as ONE in Creation, in our Salvation and in our Sanctification. 1 Peter 1:2. 2 Corinthians 13:14.

5. The only way the HOLY and JUST God could be appeased for our sin was for Him, at tremendous cost to Himself, to satisfy His own Just requirements. He did this by the substitutionary death of His Son on our behalf and now He offers salvation as a free gift to those who will trust in His grace. Romans 3:21-26. John 3:16-18.

6. Before the Holy and Righteous God all our righteous acts are like filthy rags! Isaiah 64:6. We cannot impress Him or gain favour with Him by our very best efforts! Sin deserves death! Ephesians 2:8-10. Romans 3:9-20. 6:23. Galatians 2:15-16. Luke 17:7-10.

7. God offers peace with God and assurance of Eternal Life now to those who have faith in Jesus the Saviour, who purchased salvation for us by His death and resurrection. Romans 5:1-5. John 5:24. Galatians 2:16. (Salvation is NOT by our works "so that no one can boast". Ephesians 2:8-10.)

8. God promises a glorious eternal inheritance through faith in Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:3-9. (Sexual relationships and drunkenness will not be part of it! Matt 22:28-33. Galatians 5:21. See 1 Corinthians 2:9.)

Glimpses of Allah as revealed in the Qur'an:

1. 1. Allah is given many glorious titles such as, Creator; Most Gracious; Sustainer; Ever Living; Fount of all Being; the Almighty; Truly Wise; All Knowing ... (But nowhere is he addressed as "SAVIOUR " or "REDEEMER" – titles the God of the Bible gloried in. Isaiah 43:11. God was denied these titles *by false prophets*. 2 Peter 2:1.)

2. The Qur'an Jesus was NOT crucified 4'157. but for some unknown reason Allah "took Him up" alive into heaven! 5'117. 3'55. 4'158. Yet it also speaks of Jesus' death and resurrection! 19'33

3. The Qur'an Mary was made pure by God and preferred above all creation. 3'42 (Despising the prophetic teachings of Jesus, whom they claim to believe! Luke 11:27-28. 7:28. Matthew 11:11.)

4. Allah's prophet Muhammad contradicts and condemns all the prophets who clearly proclaimed and identified the Mysterious three-in-One God, such as Isaiah and Jesus. 4'171. 5'73. (See Isaiah 61:1-3 and Luke 4:18-30.)

(Note - even Allah is repeatedly spoken of as "we" and "our" in the Quran!! (5'116 7'42 to 44.)

5. The Allah of Muhammad says the believer in Allah is capable of earning the right of access to Paradise by abstaining from evil and purifying themselves and doing enough good! 20'76

6. The Allah of Muhammad seems satisfied to reward those who do some good, with paradise. 53'31

(NB. Jesus had taught that it is impossible to pay for, or earn, your salvation. Mark 10:26-27.)

7. Believers in Allah and his prophet struggle and strive to outweigh the evil they do by doing enough good, to hopefully get them into Paradise. 6'160 (A struggle the Holy Bible describes as futile - but it gives us the solution. Romans 7:7-25.)

8. Some of the great delights of Allah's Paradise are said to be the sexual extravagance of having many women provided for your pleasure (male!!), and rivers of wine! 47'15. 37'45-49.

Jesus Christ the Son of God as revealed in the Holy Bible

- 1.** Jesus was prophesied to be “God with us” and publicly confirmed His Divine Nature by fulfilling the prophecies concerning Himself as the Messiah - clearly verifying that He is the very Son of God. Isaiah 7:14. 9:6. Matthew 1:22-23. (God calls us to “reason together” with Him to discover the truth! Isaiah 1:18.)
- 2.** Jesus was more than, and greater than a prophet Matthew 16: 16-17. Hebrews 1:1-13. (If Jesus was a true prophet of God why did He so highly commend Peter’s description of Him - “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”? These words would have been blasphemy *if Jesus was not the Son of God.*)
- 3.** God spoke from Heaven confirming Jesus as His Son. 2 Peter 1:17. Even Jesus’ murderers acknowledged Him as “the Son of God”! And demons recoiled from His presence recognizing Him as “the Son of the Most High God.” Luke 4:41. 8:28. Mark 27:54
- 4.** God, and His true prophets, declared Jesus to be the Son of God. Mark 1:1-11. & 9:7. John 5:39-47.
- 5.** Jesus, (the King’s Son, see Mark 12:1-12.) was the last and greatest message of God’s grace and mercy to mankind. Rejection of Him led to sure and certain destruction. John 1:1-5, 14f. Hebrews 1:1-2.
- 6.** Jesus performed many miracles as was prophesied about Him, (Isaiah 42:1-8. Matthew 12:14-21.), His **first** miracle being water to wine. John 2:11.
- 7.** Jesus Christ was miraculously born to a virgin called Mary, lived a perfect life, had a miraculous resurrection from the dead and ascended to the highest place in Heaven. Philippians 2:5-11.
- 8.** Jesus was given His name **before** His conception and virgin birth, because “Jesus” means Saviour - to save His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21. Isaiah 53:4-12.
- 9.** Jesus NEVER opposed or contradicted the prophets’ messages but fulfilled ALL the prophets had said about Him. Luke 24:44-49.
- 10.** Jesus was born to Mary of the family of JUDAH. Luke 3:20, (His step father Joseph was also from Judah. Matt 1:2f.) As prophesied by Micah 5:2. and Isaiah 65:9.
- 11.** A Christian “Believer” trusts His eternal destiny to the message of Jesus, the One who was declared to be the Saviour by prophets of all ages and who was exalted to God’s right hand. Titus 3:3-7. Acts 5:31-32.

Jesus the prophet as revealed in the Qur’an:

- 1.** The prophet Jesus, that Muhammad believed in, was NOT God, or the Son of God, so all such claims by Him and the Biblical prophets are denounced as false by Muhammad. 4’171 (No reasoning or questioning or investigating of Muhammad’s claims is tolerated!)
- 2.** Muhammad claims to be the greatest and the final prophet of Allah. 33’40 (Although unlike all Biblical prophets he was not from Jewish background.) Muhammad demands unquestioning submission to his message as it supposedly supersedes all others. 5’48, 49, 51.
- 3.** Islam denies Jesus as God and King. 3’59 5’17 19’35 (Note Jesus’ parable about those who say “We don’t want this Man to be our King.” Luke 19:12-27. He condemned and destroyed them!)
- 4.** The Jesus of Islam is declared NOT to be the Son of God by the Muhammad! 3’55 (See John 5:43!)
- 5.** Allah, hundreds of years after the violent rejection of Jesus (the King’s Son) decided to go against the revealed will of God and sent another final prophet according to Mohammad! 7’158
- 6.** The prophet Muhammad claimed Jesus did childhood miracles – speaking as a new born 19’29-30; and making clay birds come alive!
- 7.** Islam’s Jesus, miraculously born, was taken by Allah up into the 2nd heaven (!) but is superseded by Muhammad who ascended to the 7th heaven. (Sahih Muslim, Book 001, Hadith 0314)
- 8.** Islam’s Jesus did NOT die and rise again and did not become the Saviour of mankind! 4’157
- 9.** According to Mohammad the Messianic prophecies were NOT fulfilled in Jesus. (Muhammad often contradicted (superseded) earlier prophets!)
- 10.** Islam’s Jesus was born to a Mary who was a “sister of Aaron”!! 19’28 (Aaron was of the tribe of Levi! – **not** the family line of the promised Messiah.)
- 11.** The “believer in Allah” trusts Muhammad whose angelic message often brought him into conflict with the Word God had already revealed.
NOTE 1 Kings 13:1-26.

What to do about your enemies.

Seriously conflicting advice from Jesus and Muhammad!

Whose advice do you think reflects a God of love, grace, mercy and Salvation?

The Holy Bible teaches:

Matthew 5:43-45. "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I (Jesus Christ) tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven."

Romans 12:19-21. "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. ... Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is Mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord. On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Proverbs 20:22. "Do not say, 'I'll pay you back for this wrong!' Wait for the LORD, and He will deliver you."

John 18:36-37. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews..." See also **Matthew 5:39.**

1Thessalonians 5:15. "Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else."

Romans 13:9-10. "...Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law. See Matt 7:12.

1Peter 3:9. "Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."

Romans 5:8, 10. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us... For if, when we were **God's enemies**, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!" You see, our sinfulness makes you and me **enemies** of the Holy God, yet He is ready and willing to reconcile us to Himself because He has already put the punishment of death that we deserve on the One and only Substitute – His perfect Son - the Messiah He promised from the beginning of time. And God has "raised Jesus from the dead" and "exalted Him to His own right hand as Prince and Saviour that He might give repentance and forgiveness of sins..." **Acts 5:30-32.** So will **you** love and trust God's wonderful kindness and mercy and depend on Jesus to make you acceptable to God today. God loves you and does NOT want you to continue as His enemy and be separated from Him – *He pleads with you to repent and turn in faith to Him* for forgiveness & mercy. [**Romans 3:21-26.** Ezekiel 33:11.]

The Koran teaches:

5:33. "The recompense of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and do mischief in the land is only that they shall be killed or crucified or their hands and their feet be cut off on the opposite sides, or be exiled from the land. That is their disgrace in this world, and a great torment is theirs in the Hereafter."

2:216. "*Jihad* (holy fighting in Allah's Cause) is ordained for you (Muslims) though you dislike it, and it may be that you dislike a thing which is good for you and that you like a thing which is bad for you. Allah knows but you do not know."

9:29. "Fight against those who (1) believe not in Allah, (2) nor in the Last Day, (3) nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger (4) and those who acknowledge not the religion of truth (i.e. Islam) among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), until they pay the *Jizyah* with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued."

9:123. "O you who believe! Fight those of the disbelievers who are close to you, and let them find harshness in you, and know that Allah is with those who are the *Al-Muttaqun* (the pious - see V.2:2).

4:47. "O you who have been given the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Believe in what We have revealed (to Muhammad) confirming what is (already) with you, before We efface faces (by making them like the back of necks; without nose, mouth, eyes, etc.) and turn them hindwards, or curse them as We cursed the Sabbath-breakers. And the Commandment of Allah is always executed."

9:5. "Then when the Sacred Months (the 1st, 7th, 11th, and 12th months of the Islamic calendar) have passed, then kill the *Mushrikun* (see V.2:105) wherever you find them, and capture them and besiege them, and prepare for them each and every ambush. But if they repent and perform *As-Salat* (*Iqamat-as-Salat*), and give *Zakat*, then leave their way free. Verily, Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

47:4. "So, when you meet (in fight *Jihad* in Allah's Cause), those who disbelieve smite at their necks till when you have killed and wounded many of them, then bind a bond firmly (on them, i.e. take them as captives)."

30'45 ".....Verily, (Allah) likes not the disbelievers."