

### *Does the Quran promise the Muslims 72 virgins?*

Muslim men are promised that when they die, they will go to heaven where 72 virgins await them for their eternal sexual pleasure.<sup>1</sup> Men in Islam are permitted four wives. Muhammad had 16 so-called wives and 22 other concubines.

The bible says that marriage is one man and one woman in covenant (Gen. 2:18–24) for life (Mt 19:6, Rom. 7:2, 3). When the religious leaders asked Jesus his thoughts on divorce, he did not lower heaven's standards to suit their liking; rather, he reaffirmed the marriage covenant (Ps 19:7).

He said:

“Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality<sup>2</sup>, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.” Mt 19:8–9

The modern word dishonors marriage (Heb 13:4); but, the Lord said that in the beginning divorce “was not so”.<sup>3</sup>

Jesus' disciples replied: “If the relationship of a man with his wife is like this, it's better not to marry!” Mt 19:10

Jesus answered: “Not everyone can accept this saying, but only those it has been given to.” Mt 19:11

Those who live in the Spirit of God are able to: love, honor and cherish their spouse for life (Mt 19:6, Rom. 7:2, 3). The apostle Paul wrote: If you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live (Ro 8:13).

The believer is enabled to live on a higher plain than that of the world. Paul wrote: Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Ro 12:1–2). Those who are stiff-necked and hard-hearted resist God and fail to live according to his will (Ac 7:51).

Satan has no raw material. He takes the good things of God and perverts them (Jas 1:17). To mock love and marriage he promotes adultery (Ex 20:14).<sup>4</sup> When a culture no longer calls an abomination an abomination<sup>5</sup>—that is the beginning of the end of said culture (Ps 33:12).

Marriage should display Christ's union with his church to a watching world (Eph. 5:23–32). The denial of marriage is a sign of apostasy (1 Tim. 4:1–3). It is a prophetic sign of the end times (Jer. 16:2).

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<sup>1</sup> Qur'an 44:54, 78:33.

<sup>2</sup> Divorce occurred during the betrothal period not after entering into the marriage covenant (Mt 19:6, Rom. 7:2, 3).

<sup>3</sup> Similarity, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount elevated not lowered heaven's standards (Mt 5-7).

<sup>4</sup> Another example of this is the reinstatement of animal sacrifices in the temple to mock the blood of Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Abominations applied to perverse sexual relations include: unnatural acts (Lev. 18:19–29), wrong clothing (Deut. 22:5), prostitution and sodomy (Deut. 23:17, 18), reclaiming a defiled spouse (Deut. 24:4), pagan intermarriage (Ezra 9:1–14). Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 8). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

Paul wrote:

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 2 Ti 3:1–5

God will not always strive with rebellious men (Ge 6:3). Disobedience leads to death (Jas 1:15).

Paul wrote:

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them (Ro 1:27–32).

When one is given over to a depraved mind, he develops affections for strange flesh.<sup>6</sup> Once Satan is given a foothold in an individual's life, he has authority to demonize him (Eph 6:12).<sup>7</sup>

Part of the judgment toward men practicing idolatry<sup>8</sup> is that they become like the gods they worship (Ps 115:8, 135:18). Because they have made God into an idol for their own twisted purposes (Is 44:9, Ro 1:28-31, Jn 16:2), they become unable to see or hear the things of the true and living God.

Muhammad was a false prophet (2 Pe 2:1).<sup>9</sup> He will be judged by Jesus for his own perversion (Ex 20:14) and for leading others astray (Jn 5:22). He erred in his teaching regarding marriage on earth (Ex 20:14) and in heaven.

Jesus said: "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven." Mt 22:30.

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<sup>6</sup> "Strange flesh" is another outside of the marriage bed (Ex 20:14, 1 Thess 4:4-8).

<sup>7</sup> Muhammad received "divine revelations" and his wife's Catholic cousin Waraquah helped him to interpret them.

<sup>8</sup> Worshipping other gods (Jer. 44:15–19) due to having a corrupt heart (Rom. 1:21–23).

<sup>9</sup> Islam is a perversion of Christianity. The false prophet Muhammad was taught by Catholic monks in northern Africa. Islam is a creation of the Vatican.