

SEEING THE LORD IN THE HEREAFTER

1. Christians are taught by the Bible that they will not see God Almighty, meaning God the Father as they refer to Him, but only Jesus Christ in the Hereafter.

This is due to the fact that the Christians believe the following,

God is Spirit.

[2 Corinthians 3:17; John 4:24]

You can not see Me, for no one may see Me and live.

[Exodus 33:18]

Spirits cannot be seen (see Luke 24:39), therefore God (the 'Father') will never be seen as this is the position of Christianity, both Protestant and Catholic forms.

However, the Lord had stated in the Qur'an,

And to those who have ihsaan is goodness and something additional.

[Surah Yunus (10), ayah (verse) 26]

The Prophet Muhammad SAW said about this verse:

'The veil will be removed and they will gaze at Him. Nothing that He has bestowed on them will be dearer to them than gazing at Him. And that is the something additional.'

[Collected by Imaams at-Tirmidhi, Ibn Maajah, ad-Daaraqutni and Ahmad]

On the day that faces will be radiant, gazing at their Lord.

[Surat ul-Qiyaamah (75), ayaat (verses) 22-23]

For those that had seen Christ when he was alive, it will be no big deal to see him again, as they saw him at the transfiguration as well as when he was resurrected in his glorified body. So how would this be a reward? Don't you as a Christian want to see the God (the 'Father') who sent

Jesus into the world, the same one who spoke to Adam in the Paradise, gave Moses the Torah and gave the other prophets their revelations?

CONTINUING IN SIN

2. Christians are taught by their text that once they are saved once, they never have to be saved again.

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

[Hebrews 9:27-28]

The Almighty has made it clear that salvation is only once for the one who comes to Him,

Whoever feared the Most Merciful in the unseen and came with a pure heart, (it will be said), Enter the Paradise in peace and that is the Day of Eternity.

[Surah Qaaf (50), ayaat (verses) 33-34]

Therefore, if someone should be a Christian, what happens if they sin again, or if they do a sin such as fornication, drunkenness and other mortal sins? Jesus can never be crucified twice, so how will the sins be forgiven again? There is only one sacrifice at Calvary for the Christian. However, there is no need for sacrifice according to our Lord, for once you have been saved, He forgives sins again and again!

I call you to the Exalted, the One who forgives again and again

[Surah Ghaafir (40), ayah (verse) 42]

SACRIFICE AND BLOOD

3. Christians as well as Jews are adamant that there must be a blood sacrifice for the remission of sins.

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

[Hebrews 9:22]

But Our Creator and our Lord never wanted that, for He explains to us,

It is neither their meat, nor their blood that reaches Him, but the righteousness from you.

[Surat ul-Hajj (22), ayah (verse) 37]

ANGELS

4. Christians as well as Jews believe that Angels have sins as well as disobey the Lord, commit offences, rape, criminal acts and so on.

And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority, but abandoned their own home, these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgement on the Great Day...they serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire

[Book of Jude, verse 6]

However, the Lord has always told us that the angels are sinless and that they never disobey Allah.

They do not disobey Allah in what He has ordered them and they do as they are told.

[Surat ut-Tahrim (66), ayah (verse) 6]

In fact, angels are in charge of bringing the scriptures.

Say, whoever is an enemy to Jibril (Gabriel), for he is the one who brings down the revelation to your heart by the permission of Allah...

[Surat ul-Baqarah (2), ayah (verse) 97]

Therein the angels and the spirit descend by the Permission of their Lord with every decree.

[Surat ul-Qadr (97), ayah (verse) 4]

With the understanding of this doctrine of sinning angels, there is a theological problem with the Christian. Since angels sin, then how can we be sure that the texts that we have, be they the Bible, the Qur'an or any other book, is

from God and not Satan, who himself was an angel according to the Christian texts.

And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

[2 Corinthians 11:14]

How then can we know that the texts that we have are from God at all, for how are we sure that the angels did not change it, alter it or even lie and lead the human race astray. As a Christian, you may say, 'If you look at the Bible, then you will know what is the truth.' However, who revealed the Bible? God has entrusted a great deal of revelatory data to ANGELS, who then gave it unto us through messengers or visions. But the main point is that the angels are in many instances the intermediaries in the process of revelation.

Therefore, to repeat the question again, how will you know truly the definition of salvation, revelation, truth, righteousness and many other spiritual necessities if you cannot even be sure whether the angels that you are trusting are part of the one third that Satan took with him when he was expelled from heaven or they are righteous ones? How will you trust the angels and in which angels will you put your trust when you hold the belief of sinning angels?

WORKS FOR SALVATION

5. Both Christians and Jews depend on works for salvation. Jews depend on their own deeds for salvation, whereas Christians depend on the deeds of Christ for their salvation,

And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

[1 Corinthians 15:14]

For what I received I passed onto you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures...

[1 Corinthians 15:3]

There is no one we can depend on for Salvation other than the Lord Almighty, Allah the Exalted. What has He said about eternal salvation and the ramifications of accepting it?

That no one may carry the burden (sin) of another; that man will have nothing but what he strives for in life.

[Surat un-Najm (53), ayaat (verses) 38-39]

The Prophet Muhammad SAW also said,

No one will enter the Paradise with his deeds.

The companions of the Prophet Muhammad SAW used to teach their students to say that,

They were saved from the Fire by Grace and Pardon, admitted into the Paradise by Mercy and arranged in different levels and ranks based on deeds.

[Important Message regarding those admitted into Paradise, pgs. 144-152]

With this said, what direct promise from the Lord do you have that you will enter His Presence?

Ibn `Abbas RAA, the first cousin of the Prophet Muhammad SAW, referred to all upright Muslims in his time as, "*Ahl us-Sunna*," which in English would be interpreted as, *Muslim Orthodoxy*.

[Sahih Muslim, V. 1, Muqaddamah (introduction)]

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