

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:13

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How To Win a Muslim to the Lord Finding a Common Ground

When I go soul winning at bus stops, I come upon many people who I offer a tract to and they say "I am a Muslim" The conversation usually ends right there, but it doesn't have to. This Bible help is based on a sermon by Raymond Abou-Mekhael

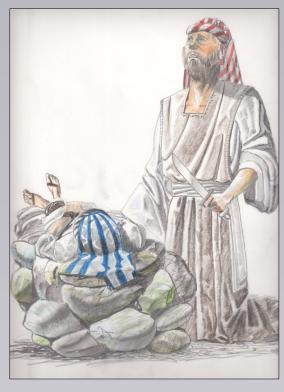
Muslims can be divided into three groups. 60% of them are Muslim by culture and religion, but hey do not necessarily practice the Muslim religion. 30% of them are practicing Muslims and 10% of them are radical Muslims. Since the 10% speak so loud with the beheadings, etc., we think all Muslims are like them, but hey are not. It is very hard to get a Muslim to break his dedication to the Quran (the Muslim bible), even if he is not a practicing Muslim. The key to getting a Muslim saved is not to disagree with him and his beliefs, but to find a common ground upon which he can be saved.

The Muslim has a feast day called the *Adha Feast*. This is based on the sacrifice that Abraham made of his son Isaac, even though the Muslim believes the son who was sacrificed was Ishmael. In this part of scripture, <u>Genesis 22:1-14</u>, Abraham brings his son to be sacrificed to God at God's command to show his faithfulness. Just as Abraham was about to slay his son, the angel spoke to him and prevented him. Then Abraham looked and saw a ram in a thicket caught by his horns, and Abraham sacrificed the ram as a *substitute* for his son.

This Adha Feast is very important to all Muslims, whether they be the 60% or 30% or 10%. It is therefore a good point from which to get to know your Muslim friend and establish a good relationship with him first. Muslims think of Christains as one of two kinds of people: either we are catholic and worship Mary and the Saints (which they do not) or we are Hollywood Christians who sin all the time and expect to be forgiven. By first acknowledging something sacred to the Muslim you can win him over to yourself and explain to him that you are not in one of these two categories of "Christians."

First, ask your Muslim friend about the Adha Feast. Get him to talk about his religion and explain it to you. Once he is thinking about it you can tell him that it is also in your Bible that Abraham sacrificed his son and then found a ram as a substitute. Now you can compare the substitute to Jesus Christ. You can explain that Christ went to the cross in our place just as Abraham found the ram instead of his son.

Since a Muslim believes in a false doctrine that comes from the Quran (the Muslim Bible), his belief system is designed to oppose the Christian and anything pertaining to getting saved from Hell. Satan does not want people to be saved from Hell so he raised up a prophet called Mohamed to write the Quran. In Muhammad's Quran, he contradicts himself by making verses pertaining to loving Christians when he first set out to write and



was trying to appeal to Jews and Catholics with his Bible (before there were any Muslims). Later on, when the Jews and Catholics denied him, he wrote verses to hate and kill Christians, and those are where the 10% of Muslim radicals get there scripture orders to kill Christians.

The Christian world today faces great persecution by the Muslims radicals— the 10% of the Muslim population that kills and tortures Christians. This is going on in many Middle eastern countries where there is no freedom of religion. In Lebanon, where Raymond Abou-Mekhael has his ministry there is a freedom of religion which allows Raymond to expand as a church planter all over Lebanon.. He is also reaching some of the prohibited countries

Raymond says that *the gospel is unstoppable*. It is seen all throughout the book of Acts. Even with human limitations, government limitations and other limitations, the Gospel has not stopped its widespread voice since the death of Jesus on the cross over 2000 years ago.

So, whenever you witness to a Muslim, keep in mind the

concept of common ground and the Adha feast.

